

One of the solutions that resonated with me of the Project Drawdown is:

<http://www.drawdown.org/solutions/women-and-girls/educating-girls>

WOMEN AND GIRLS – EDUCATING GIRLS

Kenya has made significant gains in education, with more than 80 percent of all boys and girls currently enrolled in primary schools. In secondary schools, the rate of enrollment drops to 50 percent for both boys and girls. Poverty is the main cause of low overall enrollment, and given socioeconomic norms, boys receive priority for higher education when there are financial constraints.

Education lays a foundation for vibrant lives for girls and women, their families, and their communities. It also is one of the most powerful levers available for avoiding emissions by curbing population growth. Women with more years of education have fewer and healthier children, and actively manage their reproductive health.

Educated girls realize higher wages and greater upward mobility, contributing to economic growth. Their rates of maternal mortality drop, as do mortality rates of their babies. They are less likely to marry as children or against their will. They have lower incidence of HIV/AIDS and malaria. Their agricultural plots are more productive and their families better nourished.

Today, there are economic, cultural, and safety-related barriers that impede 62 million girls around the world from realizing their right to education. Key strategies to change that include:

- make school affordable;
- help girls overcome health barriers;
- reduce the time and distance to get to school; and
- make schools more girl-friendly.

This solution resonated with me because I'm a girl with the opportunity of having an education, and I didn't realize how the education of less fortunate girls somehow contributes to the "drawdown" of the atmosphere's carbon load. That's definitely what surprised me the most, since maybe I don't have that sort of scenarios around me, yet that doesn't mean it's not happening somewhere.

Something I would do to enhance the solution is providing schools with specialized programs for girls to thoroughly show them what their education can make for the world, not only for themselves.



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