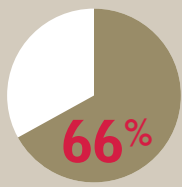
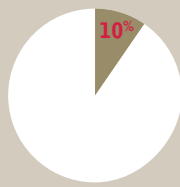


WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD



WOMEN WORK
66% OF THE
WORLD'S
WORKING
HOURS,



YET EARN
ONLY **10%**
OF THE
WORLD'S
INCOME.¹

THE INCREASE IN FEMALE EMPLOYMENT

... in the developed world has been the main driving force of economic growth in the past couple of decades, contributing more to global GDP growth than new technology or China and India.²



In international development, an extra year of

p r i m a r y s c h o o l

boosts a girl's eventual wages by 10–20%.⁴

WHEN
**WOMEN
AND GIRLS**

EARN INCOME,
THEY REINVEST

90%

INTO THEIR
FAMILIES,

COMPARED WITH
30–40%

FOR A MAN.³



235

MILLION
OF THE WORLD'S

WOMEN

WOULD LIKE
TO CAP THEIR

FAMILY

SIZE

BUT HAVE

NO ACCESS

TO FAMILY

PLANNING.⁶

The Asia-Pacific region is losing
\$44–47 billion annually as a result of
restrictions on women's access to employment
opportunities, and another **\$16–30 billion**
per year because of gender gaps in education.⁵



ONE MILLION CHILDREN

worldwide die each year
because their mothers have
died. When a mother dies
in childbirth, her children
under the age of



are twice as likely to die.⁷

¹ UNICEF, 'Gender Equality – the Big Picture', 2007.

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