A New Era for South Asia’s 294.5 Million Girls

25 YEARS AGO

Nearly 18 million girls were born in South Asia in 1995 – the year the world committed to gender equality through the Beijing Platform for Action.

**Life expectancy at birth**
61.2 yrs

**EDUCATION AND LITERACY**

Number of girls out of school

- Primary: 24M
- Lower Secondary: 21M
- Upper Secondary: 41M

Female youth literacy
(Proportion of female youth aged 15-24 who are literate)
54%

**CHILD MARRIAGE**

(Proportion of women aged 20–24 years who were married or in a union before age 18)
3 in 5

**HEALTH**

New HIV infections
(Among girls aged 10-19)
11,000 new infections

Overweight
(Girls aged 5-19)
1.7%

Adolescent birth rate
(Deaths per 1,000 girls aged 15-19)
82

Family planning
(Demand satisfied by modern methods among girls aged 15-19)
18%

TODAY

Nearly 17 million girls are expected to be born in South Asia in 2020, and they are still far from enjoying their full rights.

**Life expectancy at birth**
71.1 yrs

**EDUCATION AND LITERACY**

Number of girls out of school

- Primary: 7M
- Lower Secondary: 7M
- Upper Secondary: 31M

Female youth literacy
87%

**CHILD MARRIAGE**

3 in 10

**HEALTH**

New HIV infections
4,100 new infections

Overweight
7%

Adolescent birth rate
26 births per 1,000 girls aged 15-19

Family planning
43%