

# A New Era for South Asia's 294.5 Million Girls

## 25 YEARS AGO

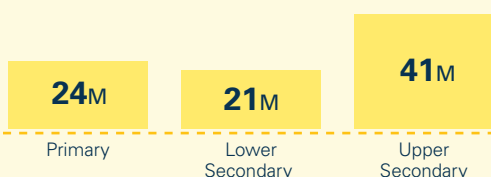
Nearly **18 million** girls were born in South Asia in **1995** – the year the world committed to gender equality through the Beijing Platform for Action.

### Life expectancy at birth

**61.2** yrs

### EDUCATION AND LITERACY

### Number of girls out of school



### 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

**82** births per **1,000** girls aged 15-19

### 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



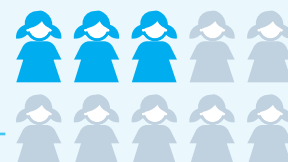
### Female youth literacy

**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%**

