Some advancements in the enrollment of girls in primary schools have been made, but it is still the case that proportionally fewer girls are enrolled in school than boys. Girls are removed from school at an earlier age. Girls’ enrollment rates have actually declined in the past decade in several countries where war, economic hardship, and declining international donor assistance makes their education seem a luxury that cannot be afforded in hard times.

In several Sub-Saharan African countries, the average number of years of total schooling for girls remains below one full year.

Djibouti has the lowest percentage of girls enrolled in primary school—just 36%.