The Affects of Covid-19 on Girls Education in Nigeria

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Schools at the moment in Yobe and Lagos State, Nigeria 2/4/2020
6 main impacts of Covid-19
The Context

Currently, Nigeria has 184 confirmed cases, 2 deaths and 20 recovered cases.

Schools have been ordered to close down.

3 states are on complete shut down.

Many are still in disbelief of being infected by the virus.

The government is not prioritizing education in general and especially for the marginalized.

Girls and boys are facing severe challenges during this trying time.
1. No Safe Environment: sex abuse, unwanted pregnancy, stigmatization, drop out, arranged marriage.

School is a safe environment for girls

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Society can be an unsafe environment for girls
2. Peer Pressure: sex for money, deviant behaviors

Current situation in Yobe State Nigeria.
3. Increase in child labour: more chances for the spread of the virus

Yobe, Nigeria

Lagos, Nigeria
4. House chores shift girls focus from studying
5. Limited knowledge and skills about technology
Measures to be taken

1. More solidarity and collaboration should be fostered to ensure girls continue to receive an education.

2. The problem must be addressed through locally available resources.

3. Basic home supplies must be provided to support families and unburden girls so that they can focus on their education.

4. Stakeholders should engage young people in the development of solutions to address the situation.
Many thanks and I stand in solidarity with girls in Nigeria and globally!