UNESCO’s latest information on COVID-related school closures

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School closures caused by COVID-19

188 country-wide school closures
1.54 million affected learners

88.2% of total enrolled learners from pre-primary through higher education

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<td>TOTAL LEARNERS</td>
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School closures in Least Developed Countries

Over 233.4 million enrolled learners (F:112m, M:121.4m)
School closures in countries in humanitarian crisis

Nearly 197.8 million enrolled learners (F:94.3m, M:103.5m)
School closures in Sub-Saharan Africa

Nearly 242.4 million enrolled learners (F:116m, M:126.3)
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258 million children, adolescents and youth were already out of school
Girls were already more likely to remain completely excluded

According to UIS data

9 million girls compared to about 3 million boys

Never set foot in a classroom
Gender disparities already existed in adult literacy

2/3 of the illiterate adults are women
Gender disparities in crisis settings

Girls ½ as likely as boys to enroll in secondary
For more information on COVID-related school closures

https://en.unesco.org/covid19/educationresponse