

## DECRYPTAGE

# Education: the price of inaction

The lack of education has serious consequences.

UNESCO, the OECD and the Commonwealth Secretariat have published a report entitled: "The Price of Inaction".

This report indicates that we lose approximately **10 trillion dollars** a year because of children's lack of basic skills.

The number of children without access to education remains high.

**128 million boys and 122 million girls** are excluded from the school system.

## DROPOUTS AND SKILL DEFICITS

### 250 million children

and young people around the world do not attend school:

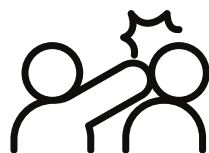
- 128 million boys
- 122 million girls

57% of students do not have basic skills

## SOCIAL IMPACT



**39% increase**  
in the number of thefts



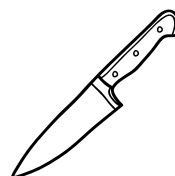
**37% increase**  
in the number of  
physical assaults



**38% increase**  
in the number of inactive  
young people



**27% increase**  
in the number of cases of  
sexual violence



**57% increase**  
in the number of homicides

## EFFECTS ON THE ECONOMY

UNESCO estimates that by 2030, the global cost of school dropout and lack of education will be **10 trillion dollars** per year.



That's more than the combined annual GDP\* of France and Japan.



The country's economy will improve if the number of young people who leave school too early or lack basic skills is reduced by 10%. GDP could increase by 1 to 2% each year.

## CONSEQUENCES FOR GIRLS

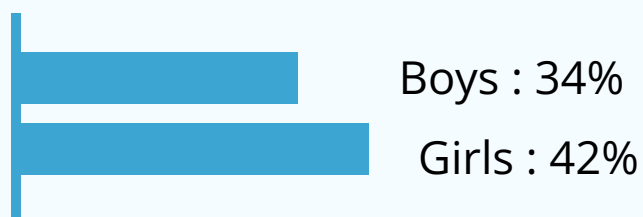
Worldwide, girls who do not learn basic skills at school are **69% more likely to become pregnant at an early age.**



Each additional year of secondary school reduces the risk of a girl marrying or having a child before the age of 18.

### Effects of a lack of basic skills on future employment, education and training:

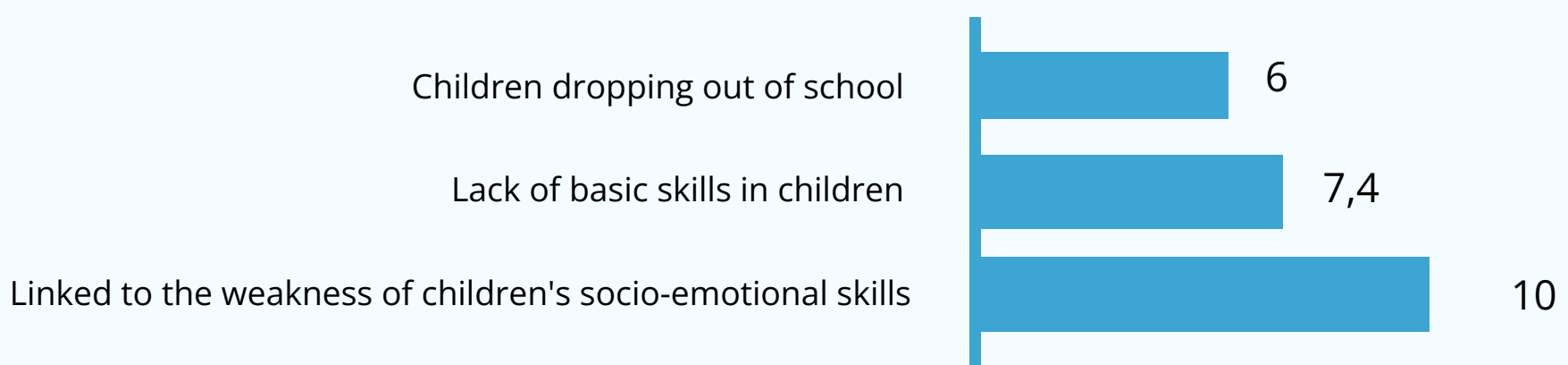
No job, no education or training:



The lack of cognitive skills has more serious consequences for girls than for boys.



### Annual worldwide cost (in trillions of dollars):



**The GDP** - the wealth that the country produces each year with the products manufactured and the services offered.