

Every day, in villages, towns and cities all over the Commonwealth, ambitious, determined and courageous women and girls are transforming their lives, as well as the lives of others.

Women agents of change

*Invest in women
Transform the world*

GOVERNANCE
RESPECT
EQUITY
FOOD
EDUCATION
RIGHTS
DEVELOPMENT
HOUSING
WATER
DEMOCRACY
PEACE
EMPLOYMENT
HEALTH
EQUALITY
JUSTICE
EMPOWERMENT
DIVERSITY
STABILITY



Women and girls make up over half of the world's population. In the Commonwealth, that is more than one billion people. By making sure all women and girls have the life-changing opportunities of education and access to health care, as well as making sure they have rights and protection, we can go a long way towards creating a fairer and more prosperous world.

Women and girls should participate at all levels of decision-making to ensure that their voices are properly heard. *This will benefit us all.*

We need to recognise the contribution of women to society because where they prosper, their communities prosper. Where women suffer, so do the communities in which they live.

By investing in women and girls, we can speed up social, economic and political progress.

Women are agents of change.

**WOMEN
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CHANGE**

Every year 26 million girls are born in the Commonwealth. Of these, far too many don't get the chance to grow up and become healthy, educated women who can make a positive difference to their own lives and to the lives of others.

WHAT IF...

WHAT IF WE LIVED IN A WORLD WHERE EVERY MOTHER HAD ACCESS TO MEDICAL CARE AND HER BABY WAS BORN HEALTHY?

WHAT IF HER BABY GIRL GREW UP IN A SAFE HOME WITH GOOD FOOD, CLEAN WATER AND ACCESS TO A HEALTH CLINIC?

WHAT IF SHE COULD ATTEND SCHOOL WHERE SHE LEARNED IMPORTANT SKILLS, COULD MAKE FRIENDS AND PLAY SPORT?

WHAT IF SHE STAYED ON AT SCHOOL, GAINING THE RESPECT OF HER COMMUNITY AND LEAVING WITH THE SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE TO EARN HER OWN INCOME?

WHAT IF SHE KNEW ABOUT HIV AND AIDS AND COULD MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS ABOUT HER HEALTH AND RELATIONSHIPS?

WHAT IF SHE BECAME A YOUNG WOMAN WHO COULD HAVE EXPECTATIONS ABOUT HER LIFE AND THE OPPORTUNITIES TO ACHIEVE THEM?

WHAT IF HER COUNTRY HELD ELECTIONS AND SHE HAD THE RIGHT TO VOTE AND DECIDE ABOUT HER FUTURE?

WHAT IF SHE WAS ABLE TO GET A BUSINESS PLAN TO START HER OWN BUSINESS?

WHAT IF THIS BUSINESS THRIVED AND SHE WAS ABLE TO OFFER JOBS, TO OTHERS IN HER COMMUNITY, BRINGING STABILITY AND HOPE?

WHAT IF THE COMMUNITY CHOSE HER TO REPRESENT IT AS THEIR LEADER?

WHAT IF SHE WAS ABLE TO CHANGE THE LIVES OF OTHER GIRLS?

TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE?

The Commonwealth believes this can happen and is working to give women and girls the opportunity to become the agents of change we need.

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