

COVID-19 and the Global Impact of School Closures

By 2030, an estimated

622
MILLION

children will be educated under threat of war, endemic violence, or other environmental threats.

Every year nearly

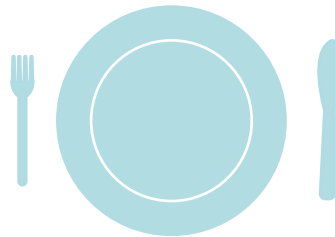
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children experience disruptions in their education due to disease outbreak and natural disasters.



1.5 BILLION
aren't in school.

MISSED MEALS



Globally, more children are missing out on school meals than there are people living in the United States.

368,495,680 children have empty plates.

A CRISIS WITHIN A CRISIS



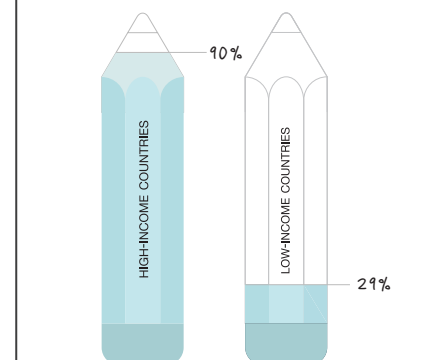
13 of the 16 countries classified as experiencing high- or medium-intensity conflict have announced nationwide school closures. Both boys and girls in fragile and conflict-affected states may face additional risks as schools close, including increased susceptibility to child labour, sexual exploitation, and recruitment to armed groups.

THE DIGITAL DIVIDE

Online learning is the most common form of distance learning, but over 60% of households in low and lower-middle income countries don't have access to Internet.



PERCENT OF COUNTRIES WITH DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAMS



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