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***Girl child empowerment:  
A challenge for all***

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**School: empowerment key?**



**Challenges for those who take decisions**

**Governments: do your homework**

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**International and local civil society organization: push on top, push on bottom**

## **Educational system: how to make changes faster**

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