

Madam Chair

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	Madam Chair,	
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	of girls in schools which has the ability to control early marriage and fertility. For example Gross enrolment rate for girls at the lower basic and upper basic school	
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	stands at 98 % and 60% respectively, while completion rate at the same levels of education stands at 73% and 63% respectively. In addition, the Gambia government	
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