Leave No Girl Behind is a new initiative announced in July 2016 as part of the Girls’ Education Challenge. This initiative will support interventions providing literacy, numeracy and skills relevant for life and work to highly marginalised, adolescent girls who have never attended or have already dropped out of school.

So far, the Girls’ Education Challenge has reached over one million disadvantaged girls. We want to reach more. We are looking for organisations who can develop new and innovative solutions or scale up and adopt successful existing interventions to deliver quality education and skills to the hardest to reach girls.
**FUNDING PRINCIPLES:**

- Improving literacy, numeracy and skills relevant for life and work
- Tackling harmful social and gender norms that contribute to girls being out of school
- Engaging with the private sector, governments, civil society and other donors
- Conducting thorough evaluation of interventions to understand what really works and how future policies and programmes can be better designed

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**Which girls do we want to reach?**

Girls aged between 10 and 19 who are located in one of countries where DFID works and who are:

- **Highly marginalised:** Girls who experience complex marginalisation because of their circumstances. These include orphans, married or young mothers, girls with a disability, nomadic girls, refugees, those from the poorest communities and those with no access to education.

- **Out of school:** Girls who have never attended or have dropped out of school.

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**Who can apply?**

We welcome applications from individual organisations, or consortia, representing the non-profit and private sectors.

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**How to apply**

Applicants will be invited to submit Concept Notes outlining their proposed intervention, the planned duration and expected cost, using a template provided by the Fund Manager. The deadline for submission of Concept Notes will be 20 December 2016. For a copy of the Concept Note template and for further information, please email girlseducationchallenge@uk.pwc.com.

Short-listed applicants will then be invited to submit a Full Proposal by 3 March 2017.

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