

CURRENT STATUS

Globally **over 230 million** children go to primary schools without any electricity, **217 million** live in **sub - Saharan Africa, South Asia** and **Latin America**.

Globally about **103 million** young people still lack basic literacy skills, almost **60 % of them female**.

Youth literacy levels tend to be lower in countries with **electrification rates below 80%**

Efforts to electrify schools have lagged behind, leaving **millions of children** without access to electricity.

The benefits of SUSTAINABLE ENERGY at educational facilities

- Lighting, cooking, heating, cooling, water access..
- ICT & DRR
- Extended operating hours (study, teacher prep., training)
- Better learning environment – better health
- Increased energy savings
- Supports a mindset of low-carbon development for future generations

→ **School attendance and performance levels increase**

PRIORITY ACTIONS

- ⇒ Quantitative and qualitative **data and information** on energy access in educational facilities
- ⇒ **Enabling policies** that incentivise and prioritise investment in energy access in the education sector
- ⇒ Reinforce **collaboration** and coordination among stakeholders to facilitate energy and education infrastructure and services
- ⇒ Catalyse support through **stakeholder engagement, public advocacy** and outreach to influence decision makers
- ⇒ Enhance **public awareness and education** to adults and children on sustainable energy, and encourage youth innovation