



# World Teachers' Day

5 October 2023



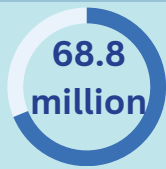
“World Teachers' Day (WTD) is held annually on 5 October to celebrate all teachers around the globe. Qualified teachers make a transformative and lasting impact on the lives of students, communities and nations.”

## Did You Know?

WTD marks the International Labor Organization (ILO) and United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) signing of the 1966 Recommendation on the Status of Teachers to highlight the significance of teachers and addresses global standards related to education personnel policy, recruitment, training, employment, and working conditions.

Nearly 85 million teachers are employed globally, with 9.4 million working in pre-primary, 30.3 million in primary, 18.1 in lower secondary, 14.0 in upper secondary, and 12.5 in university education.

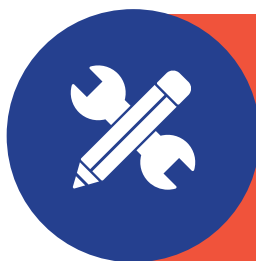
Source: World Bank



By 2030, 68.8 million teachers will need to be recruited for primary and secondary schools worldwide.

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## How can you support teachers?



Enhance teachers' skills with meaningful and impactful professional development opportunities.



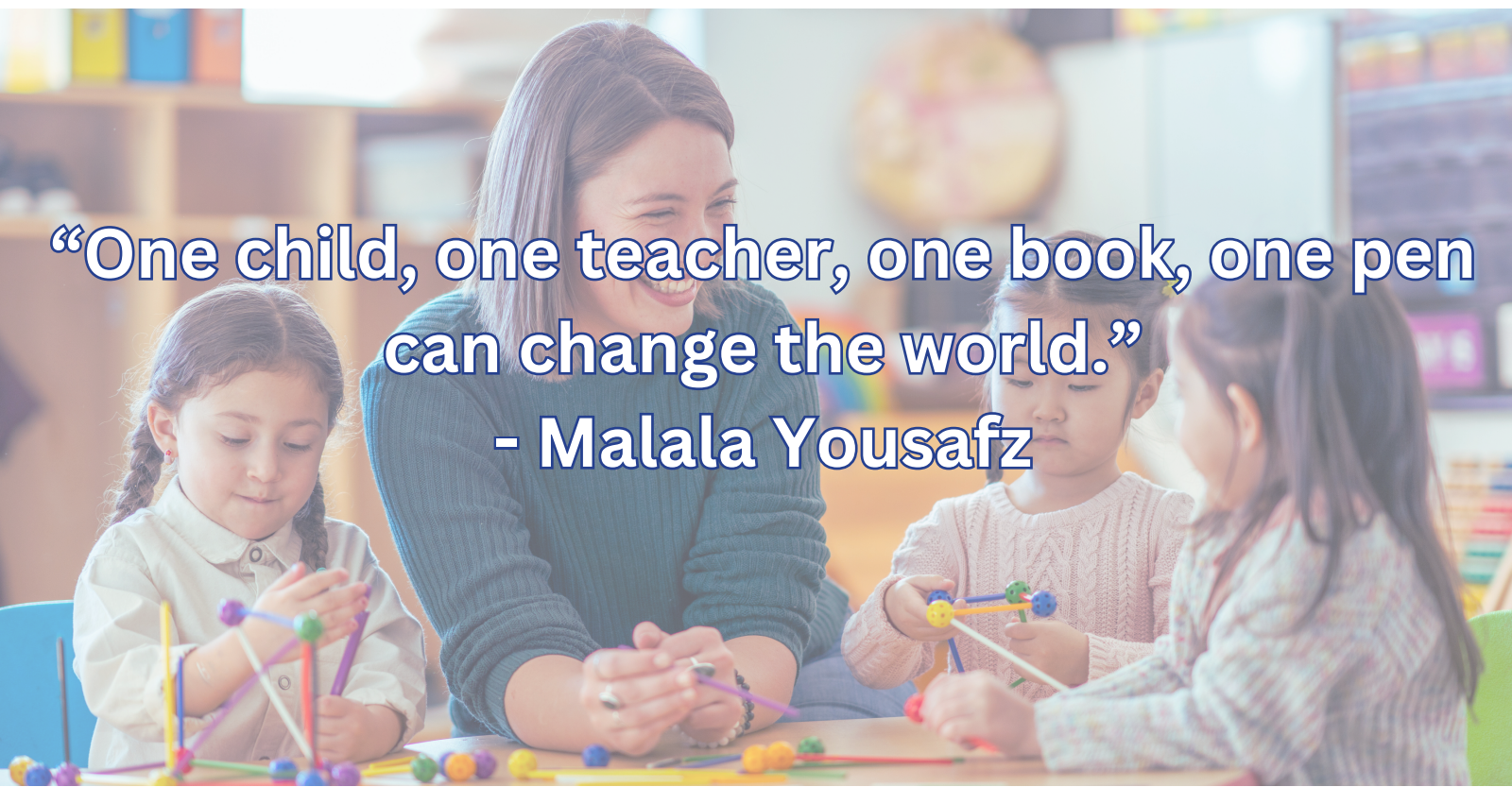
Empower teachers by reinforcing the invaluable role they play as an investment in future leaders.



Champion the rights of teachers and advocate to policymakers for equitable compensation and rights.



Donate to organizations, such as GWI, that actively promote and advance teacher education.



“One child, one teacher, one book, one pen can change the world.”  
- Malala Yousafzai

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## United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)



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GWI believes that the SDGs and women and girl’s access to education are inextricable. Female teachers, as role models, inspire girls to challenge cultural barriers, overcome gender discrimination, and encourage parents to send their daughter’s to school.  
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### SDG 4: Quality Education

Teachers play a vital role in providing knowledge and skills to students. They are the key drivers of educational progress. By supporting teachers we enhance the overall quality of education.



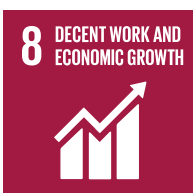
### SDG 1: No Poverty

Education is a way out of poverty, empowering students to improve their economic situation. Teacher-led awareness fosters a sense of responsibility and empathy for others among students.



### SDG 5: Achieve gender equality

Teachers foster an inclusive classroom where they ensure girls have equal access to educational opportunities.



### SDG 8: Decent work and economic growth

Teachers prepare future workforce with knowledge, ensuring students are equipped with skills they need to succeed in the global economy. Decent work condition has a positive impact on teachers, therefore students.



### SDG 10: Reduced inequalities

By integrating inclusive learning, teachers help to bridge a gap between the students regardless of their race, gender and socio-economic status. Furthermore, teachers should receive fair remuneration and opportunities.



### SDG 13: Climate action

Teaching about climate change and sustainability empowers the next generation to be eco-conscious citizens, with teachers and students taking action against climate change.



### SDG 16: Peace, justice and strong institutions

Teachers educate children about their rights against violence, human rights, rule of law and knowledge about building a more just, peaceful and inclusive world.

## GWI Policy Resolutions

As an ECOSOC-accredited NGO with over 104 years of experience, GWI is committed to adopting and enforcing policy resolutions, particularly in the area of education. Here are a few examples:

### [GWI 34th Triennial Policy Resolutions \(2022\)](#)

**Resolution 1:** Securing Increased Domestic Funding for Education to Include Equal and Safe Access to Digital Learning

**Resolution 2:** Promoting and defending human rights of women in universities and other post-secondary forms of education

**Resolution 3:** Workplace Harassment

**Resolution 7:** Climate Change and Gender

### [GWI 33rd Triennial Policy Resolutions \(2019\)](#)

**Resolution 1:** Diversity in Teacher Education

**Resolution 2:** Building Peace through Women’s Education

**Resolution 4:** Women and Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) solution 5 Strategic Advocacy Plan: Human Rights for Refugee and Migrant Women and Children

**Resolution 7:** Sexual Harassment in the Workplace



## How can you support GWI?

GWI’s Teachers for Rural Futures program is increasing the number of qualified female student teachers in Uganda by providing scholarships and mentoring to young women from rural areas for them to become qualified teachers and ambassadors for girls’ education. You can click [HERE](#) to donate and support the program.

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