

Approaching universal enrolment in elementary education

Percentage of 12-year-old children attending school

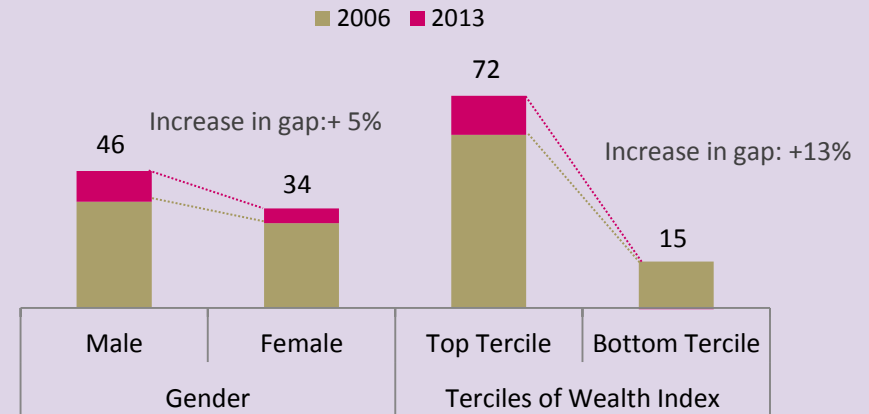


Improvement in access has particularly benefited girls and Scheduled Caste children.



Growth of the private sector, but unequal access

Percentage of 12-year-old children attending private schools



Gaps are widening between boys attending private schools and girls, and between children from better-off households and poorer children.

Learning standards are falling

Average percentage of 12-year-old children who answered 3 maths questions correctly



Example of one of the questions:

Which of this is equal to 342?

- a. $3000+400+2$
- b. $30+40+2$
- c. $300+40+2$
- d. $3+4+2$

Only half the children were able to answer our maths questions correctly in 2013, compared with two-thirds of children in 2006.