



# BRIDGING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE

An urgent call to action for equitable digital skills development

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\$7

Amount earned by Mercy for 12 hours of work in the Mathare slum in Nairobi.

# 1.3 billion

Number of young people aged  
15-24 who are building their skills  
for a secure livelihood.

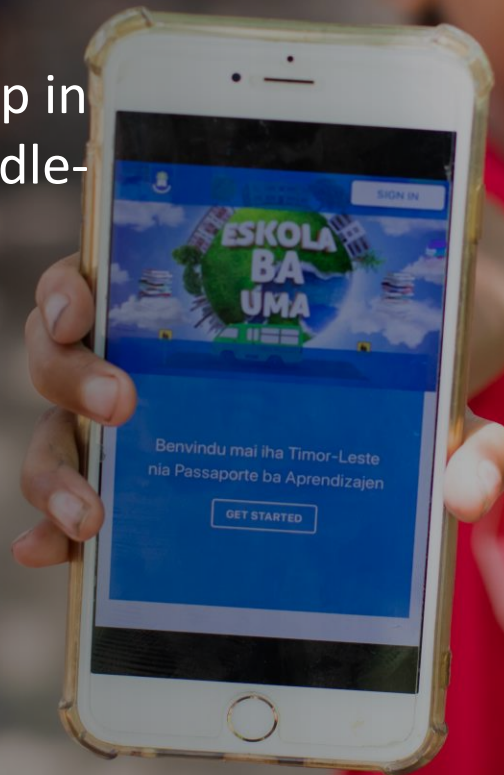
unicef   
for every child



# \$700 billion

Value which could be added to the global GDP by closing the gender gap in mobile internet use in low- and middle-income countries - over five years.

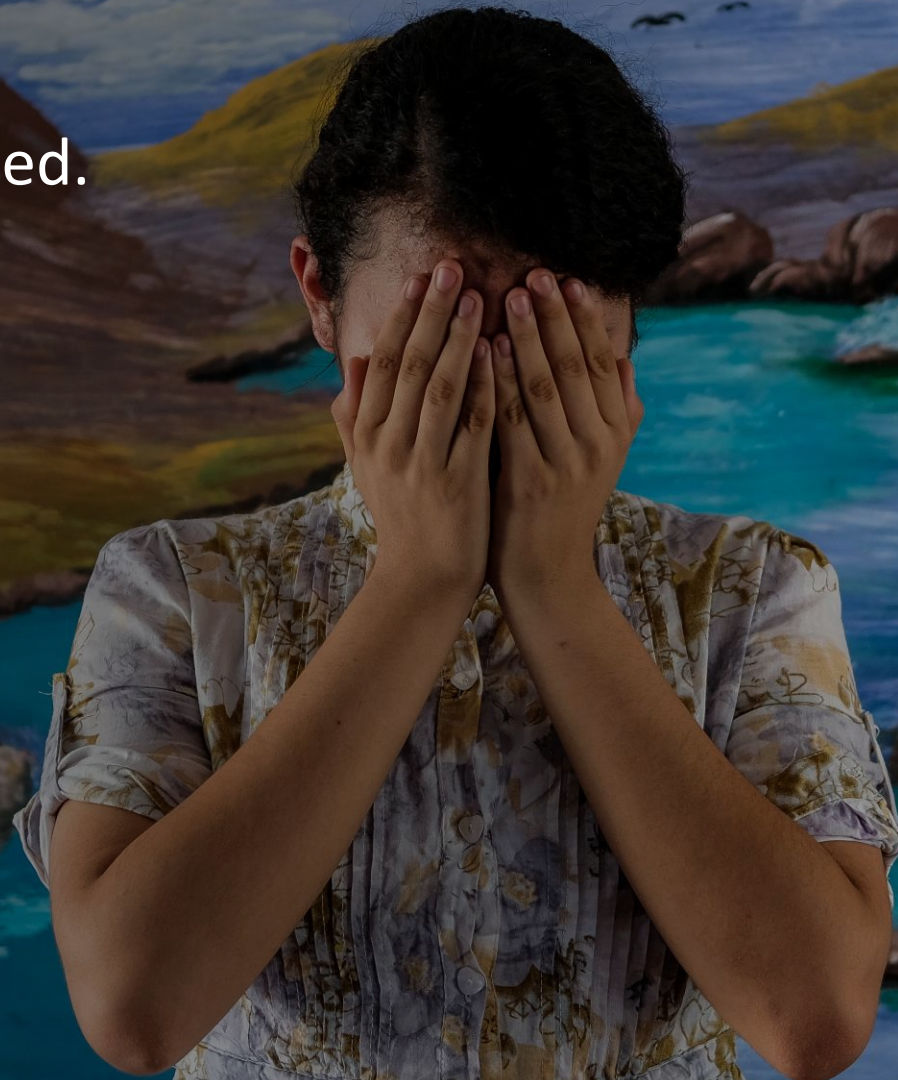
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# 1 in 3

Proportion of youth who reported being cyberbullied.

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# 40%

Expected percentage of  
emerging economies'  
occupations under threat.





2 billion

Number of youth who will be seeking livelihood opportunities throughout the world by 2030.



**Thank you**

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