



**COVID-19, insecurity near the school and teachers not being paid** were the most common reasons for school closures in 2020-21



only **2%** of Headteachers reported that all students enrolled in their school attended every day



**Costs associated with school, marriage, pregnancy and cattle rearing** were the most common reasons for learners dropping out of education

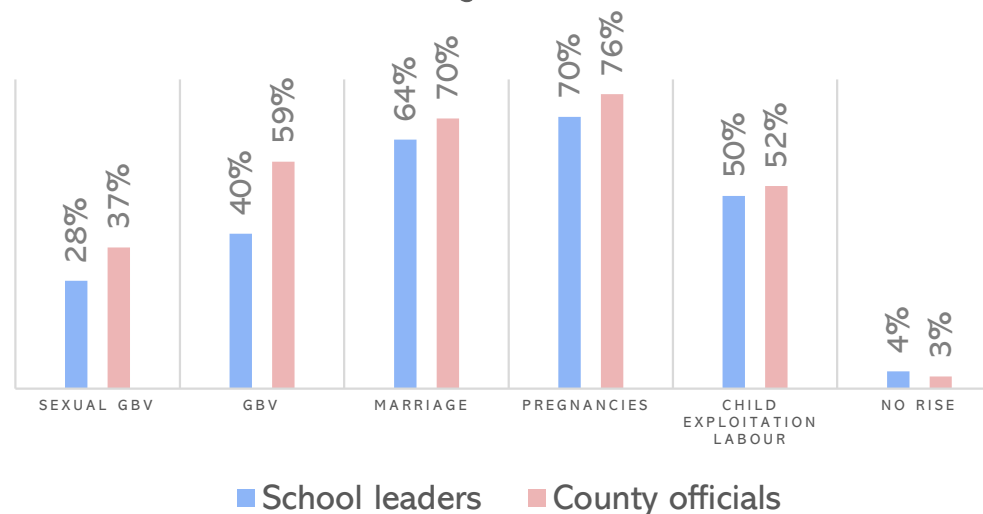


only **15%** of Headteachers reported students having both a pen/pencil and exercise book



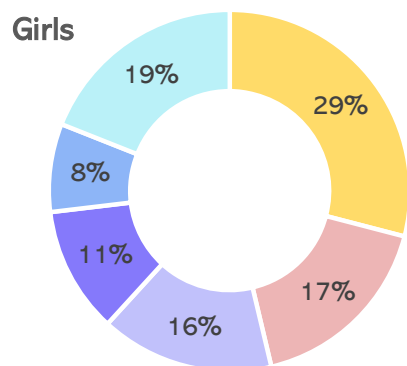
**66%** of schools had fewer teachers present on the day of the assessment compared to the start of the year. No or delayed salaries was the biggest reason for teacher absenteeism

Protection cases increases during COVID-19 school closures



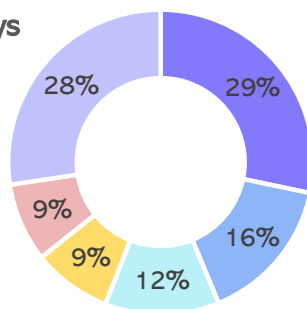
Top reasons for learners not returning to school:

Girls



- Pregnancy
- Marriage
- Lack of food
- Couldn't pay fees
- Domestic duties
- Other

Boys



- Couldn't pay fees
- Cattle rearing
- Looked for or found a job/work
- Lack of food
- Lack of food



**49%** of Schools reported their classrooms were not accessible for CwDs and **60%** reported latrines were not accessible for CwDs



**64%** of Headteachers reported students do not receive a meal in school or to take home and **60%** reported that almost no children get a meal before coming to school