



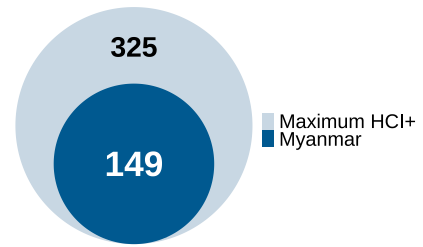
MYANMAR

Region: East Asia & Pacific
Income Category: Lower-middle Income

Human capital - people’s knowledge, skills, and health - drives productivity and growth. The Human Capital Index Plus (HCI+) measures the human capital a child born today can expect to accumulate over their working life, extending the original HCI by incorporating tertiary education and work experience. This brief summarizes **Myanmar’s** HCI+ score and its performance in building human capital.

What is Myanmar’s HCI+ and what does it mean?

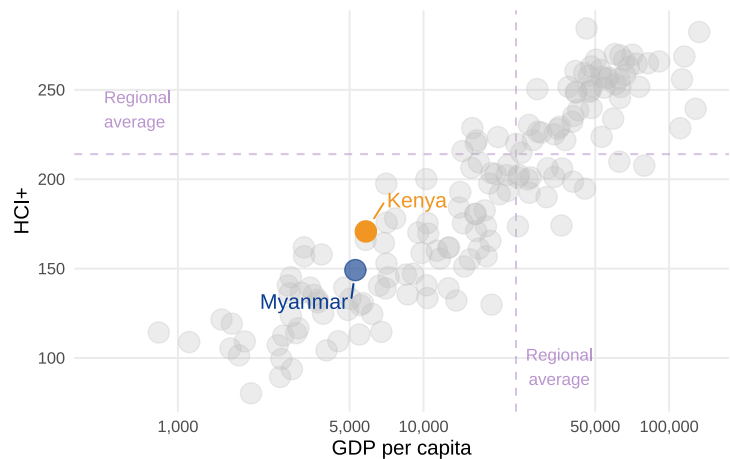
Myanmar’s HCI+ score is 149 (out of a maximum of 325), reflecting its investments in health, education, and employment. A 10-point increase in the index would translate into approximately 10 percent higher future income. Closing the current gaps in these areas relative to high-performing countries with similar GDP per capita would boost future income by 44%.



How does Myanmar’s HCI+ compare to other countries?

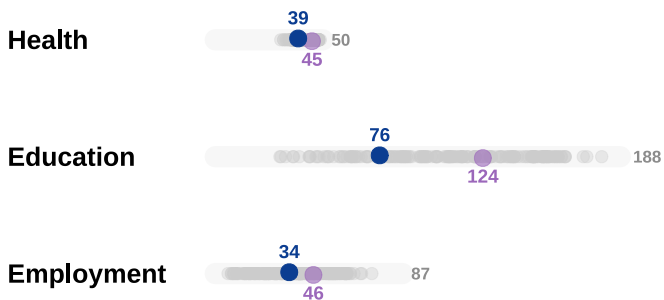
Myanmar’s HCI+ is lower than the average for the **East Asia & Pacific region (215)** and lower than the average for **lower-middle-income countries (153)**.

Among Myanmar’s income level peers, **Kenya is the top performer in HCI+.**



What explains Myanmar’s HCI+?

The HCI+ has three components corresponding to health, education, and employment.



The HCI+ score for the **Health pillar is 39**, lower than the **regional average of 45**.

The HCI+ score for the **Education pillar is 76**, lower than the **regional average of 124**.

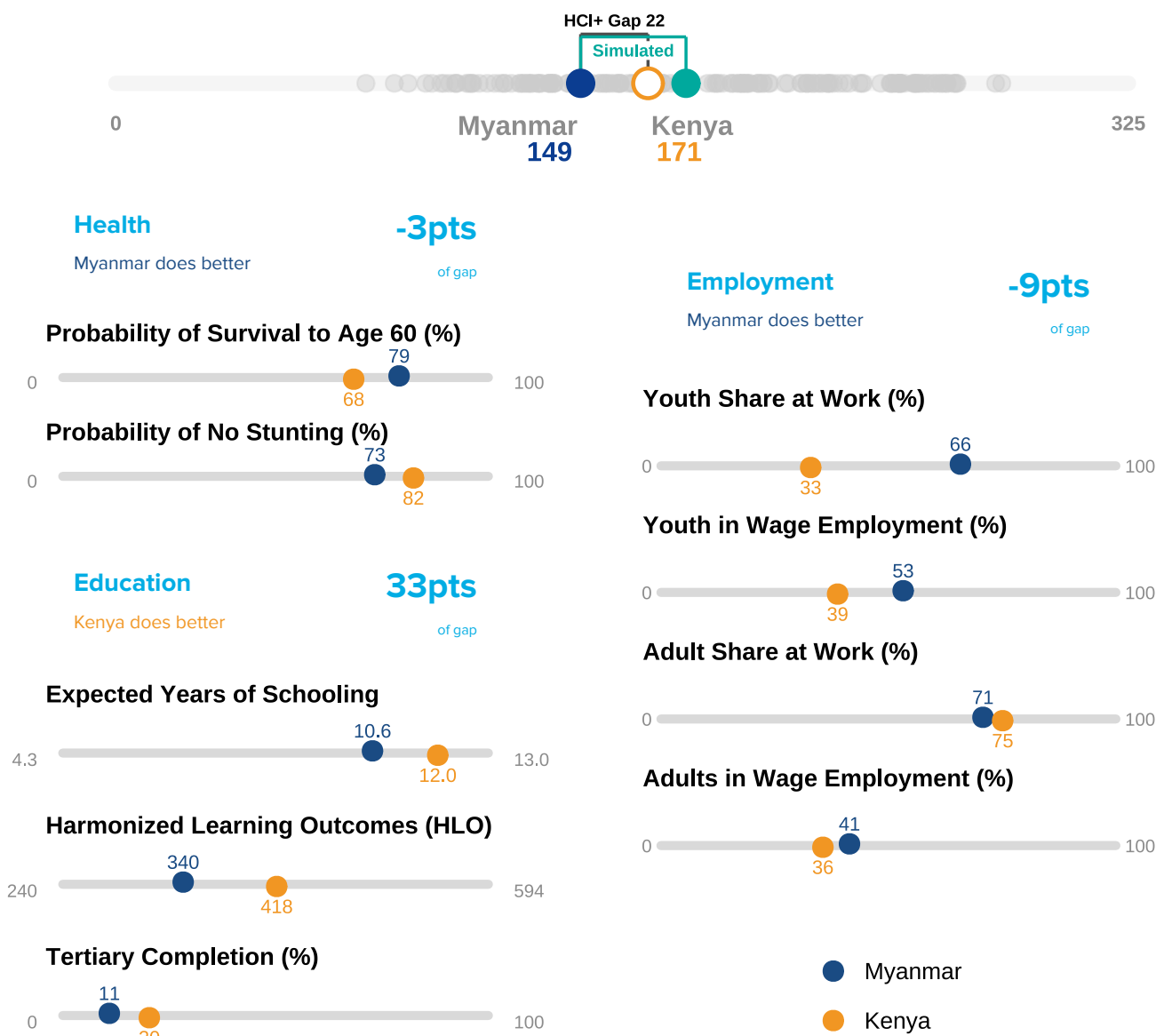
The HCI+ score for the **Employment pillar is 34**, lower than the **regional average of 46**.

Note: Data should be interpreted with caution, given the country’s classification by the World Bank as a conflict-affected situation.



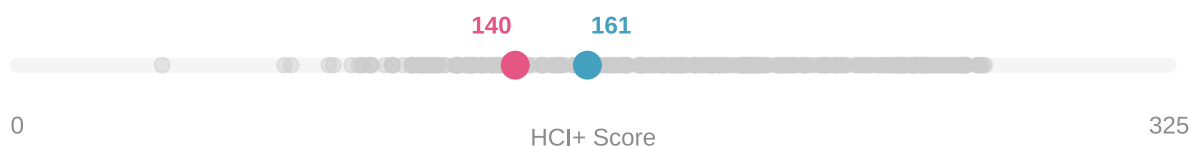
What indicators are responsible for Myanmar's HCI+ gap with Kenya?

Myanmar's HCI+ score (149) is lower than Kenya's (171). The indicators that account for the largest share of the HCI+ gap between Myanmar and Kenya are **Harmonized Learning Outcomes (HLO), expected years of schooling, and tertiary completion**. Raising these indicators to Kenya's levels would increase Myanmar's score to **183**, boosting future income by approximately 33.4%.



What is Myanmar's HCI+ gender gap?

The HCI+ score for **women in Myanmar is 140** compared to **161 for men**. The 21-point gap indicates that women's earning potential will be 21% lower than men's due to differences in the human capital acquired by men and women in Myanmar.



Note: All values are derived from internationally comparable public datasets.

