ARE WE THERE YET?
GIRLS AND WOMEN FACE DISPROPORTIONATE CHALLENGES

A woman dies from complications in pregnancy or childbirth EVERY TWO MINUTES

On average, women earn 77% of what men earn

Girls spend 30 TO 50% more time helping around the house than boys

GENDER EQUALITY: A FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT THAT BENEFITS US ALL

Every dollar spent on maternal, newborn and child health would bring up to $120 in benefits

Closing gender gaps in work would add up to $28 TRILLION to the global economy

Educating girls in sub-Saharan Africa through secondary school would save 1.8 MILLION lives a year
WHEN THE FACTS DON'T SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES
Millions of girls and women are currently ‘invisible,’ preventing them from fully participating in their communities. Incomplete or missing data about the barriers they face, their potential to transform societies and what works to improve their well-being exacerbates this issue.

Equal Measures 2030 – an independent civil society and private sector-led partnership – envisions a world where no girl or woman is invisible.

Equal Measures 2030 connects data and evidence with advocacy and action, helping to fuel progress towards gender equality. That means making sure girls’ and women’s movements, rights advocates and decision makers have easy-to-use data and evidence to guide efforts to reach the Global Goals by 2030.

The partnership is a joint effort of: Asia-Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women (Arrow), Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Data2X, the African Women’s Development and Communication Network (FEMNET), International Women’s Health Coalition, KPMG International, ONE Campaign, Plan International and Women Deliver.

**OUR DATA APPROACH**

We aim to create a data tracking tool to monitor a set of priority targets and indicators crucial to measuring progress towards gender equality. Using insights from the tracker, we will provide critical analysis and unique perspectives, highlighting gaps – including where data are not being collected or not being disaggregated by sex and age.

Our analyses will rely on the official indicators developed by the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on SDG Indicators (IAEG-SDGs). These provide essential information about the real experiences of girls and women, but do not capture the full picture on their own. Therefore, as necessary, we will also use complementary indicators from other data sources – including citizen-generated data, data from NGOs, development agencies, and the private sector, and perceptions-based or values surveys – to help paint a fuller picture of progress and challenges.

Each of the Global Goals and targets is important on its own and each is meaningful to girls and women. But to maintain clarity and create a manageable and useful tool, Equal Measures 2030 aims to focus on a selection of targets reflecting key issues at various ages and stages of girls’ and women’s lives. The tracker currently includes 47 targets and 63 indicators covering 13 of the 17 Global Goals, including all of the targets under Goal 5, with its specific focus on gender equality.
As with any selection process, some important decisions had to be made about what to include and what to leave out. To ensure our framework will become a solid reflection of the lives of girls and women during the Global Goals era, we welcome comments and feedback on key areas we may have overlooked, or on ideas for how to plug the existing gaps in our tracker with complementary data sources.

**OUR ADVOCACY APPROACH**

Social movements can be a powerful force for change when advocacy is backed by information and arguments that mobilize wide public support and also resonate with decision makers who have the power to act.

At the global and regional level, Equal Measures 2030 will campaign for improved measurement, investment and action for girls and women. This will include joining calls to advocate with United Nations agencies and other international organizations to address gaps in data quality, availability and use. The partnership will also encourage and facilitate the use of data for accountability by equipping advocates with the evidence needed to spur action for girls and women. Equal Measures 2030 will also join calls for strong and well-financed national statistics offices in all regions.

Download our draft data tracker at equalmeasures2030.org and share your thoughts in our online survey.
In an initial six focus countries – Colombia, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Nicaragua and Senegal – we will work closely with those who understand the local context to identify key national and regional influencing opportunities, create data tracking and advocacy tools, and build capacity so that decision makers are held accountable.

countries, complemented by supporting quality citizen-generated and qualitative data that reflect the reality of girls and women.

Equal Measures 2030 will go beyond the numbers by presenting compelling and clear content – including stories, visualizations and more – that bring data to life. Our approach will be tailored to meet the needs of girls’ and women’s movements and rights advocates, particularly at local and national levels, but will also be made accessible to decision makers, business leaders, media, the private sector, the data community, academia and the general public.

Since we value transparency, we will ensure open access to our data, over time making Equal Measures 2030 a go-to resource for evidence-based policy and advocacy on gender equality as well as a broader resource for tracking gender and development-related progress.
OUR VISION
A world where gender equality is achieved, and every girl and woman counts and is counted.

OUR MISSION
We fuel progress towards gender equality by making sure girls’ and women’s movements, rights advocates and decision makers have easy-to-use data and evidence to guide efforts to reach the Global Goals by 2030 and leave no one behind.

OUR VALUES
We work collaboratively and innovatively with a wide range of stakeholders who are committed to achieving the deep transformation needed for gender equality. We are independent, bold, transparent, participatory, inclusive and agile.

OUR OBJECTIVES

COMPILE DATA AND EVIDENCE AND PROVIDE ANALYSIS
using a range of quantitative and qualitative sources – to highlight gender gaps in outcomes, measure progress for girls and women, and identify evidence-based solutions.

WORK WITH GIRLS’ AND WOMEN’S MOVEMENTS
and other rights advocates, particularly in an initial six focus countries, to influence policies and decisions and achieve the Global Goals for girls and women through evidence-based advocacy.

ENGAGE DECISION-MAKERS WITH IMPROVED DATA, EVIDENCE AND ANALYSIS
and advocate for better and more consistent gender data collection, analysis and use to accelerate progress towards gender equality.
JOIN US: LET’S BUILD THIS TOGETHER
At Equal Measures 2030 we are dedicated to working with a wide range of individuals and organizations. We are hungry for new ideas, inspiration and innovations and look forward to working together to inform, inspire, co-create, advocate and empower.

There are a number of ways we can join forces. We welcome interested individuals, NGOs, grassroots networks, companies, researchers, donors, academics, data designers, governments and multilaterals and others to get in touch.

If you are an individual

Stay connected to gender data.
Sign up today to receive our newsletter and follow us on Twitter to keep up with all the latest news, find out about upcoming events and get involved in global campaigns.

If you are part of a girls’ or women’s movement or a rights advocate

Connect with us to access critical tools and resources to use in your local advocacy efforts, help us identify key national and regional influencing opportunities, share data with us and support research by and for girls and women.

If your organization has data that tell important stories about girls and women

Help us paint a fuller picture. Together we can generate a comprehensive understanding of the lives of girls and women and monitor whether progress towards equality is truly being made. Contact us to see how we can collaborate.

equalmeasures2030.org
If you are a journalist or data visualizer
Show us how you make data meaningful.
If you have recently written about or visualized data for your own audiences, share your work with us so we can share it with others! Or get in touch to see how we can work together to bring new data stories to life.

If you are a policy maker
Take action for girls and women.
Make gender equality a reality by implementing national plans to reach the Global Goals and leave no one behind. Support calls for greater investment in improved gender data production and use. Make all plans, policies, budgets and data related to implementation of the Global Goals publicly available, transparent and accessible to non-technical audiences.

If you are from the private sector
Harness your brand power. Leverage your skills, expertise, resources and passion for gender equality by joining us to raise awareness, build capacity, share data and work with key decision makers who can make transformational change possible.

If you are an interested donor
Seize the opportunity to invest in gender equality. Support Equal Measures 2030 to achieve its vision of a world where no girl or woman is invisible.
Asia-Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women (ARROW), a regional non-profit women’s organization based in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, strives to enable women to be equal citizens in all aspects of their life by ensuring their sexual and reproductive health and rights are achieved.

Data2X is a collaborative technical and advocacy platform, housed at the United Nations Foundation and dedicated to improving the quality, availability and use of gender data in order to make a practical difference in the lives of women and girls. Data2X works to close gender data gaps, promote expanded and unbiased gender data collection, and use gender data to improve policies, strategies and decision-making in support of gender equality.

The African Women’s Development and Communication Network (FEMNET) is a regional, membership-based NGO set up in 1988 to share information, experiences, ideas and strategies among African women’s NGOs to strengthen the capacity of women to participate effectively in the development of our continent. This is done through advocacy, capacity building, communication and networking.

The work of Equal Measures 2030 is supported by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The foundation is committed to removing barriers so women and girls can thrive and to working with partners toward a world where every person has the opportunity to live a healthy and productive life.
International Women’s Health Coalition (IWHC) advances the sexual and reproductive health and rights of women and young people, particularly adolescent girls, in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. IWHC furthers this agenda by supporting and strengthening leaders and organizations working at the community, national, regional and global levels, and by advocating for international and U.S. policies, programs and funding.

KPMG International brings extensive cross-industry expertise in responding to today’s challenges and delivering bold solutions to meet the Global Goals. KPMG has a deep appreciation for the transformative impact of empowering women and girls. The company is engaged across the public and private sector in implementing solutions and working in partnerships that seek to create a more prosperous, resilient and inclusive world.

ONE Campaign is an organization of more than 7 million people around the world taking action to end extreme poverty and preventable disease, and tackle gender inequality. ONE’s ‘Poverty is Sexist’ campaign aims to influence leaders to adopt the key policies and decisions that place girls and women at the heart of the global development agenda.

Plan International is an independent development and humanitarian organization that advances children’s rights and equality for girls. Striving for a just world, the organization works together with children, young people, supporters and partners to deliver significant change for girls and boys, putting a special emphasis on gender equality.

Women Deliver believes that when the world invests in girls and women, everybody wins. As a leading global advocate for girls’ and women’s health, rights and well-being, Women Deliver brings together diverse voices and interests to drive progress, particularly in maternal, sexual and reproductive health and rights. It builds capacity, shares solutions and forges partnerships, together creating coalitions, communication and action that spark political commitment and investment in girls and women.
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