

2022 FACTSHEET



WHERE WE STAND

- Global gender equality by 2030 is **off track** and the socioeconomic fallout of the pandemic placed it further out of reach.
- Despite the effective and inclusive leadership of women in responding to COVID-19, they are **still excluded from decision-making and leadership positions**.
- Many countries around the world **lack comprehensive systems to track gender equality**, limiting the allocation of public resources to implement laws and policies to support equality.



FACTS AND FIGURES

- **Over 100 million** women aged **25 to 54** years, with small children at home, were left out of the global workforce **in 2020**, including **more than 2 million** women who left the labour force due to the increased pressures of unpaid care work.
- Working women accounted for **39.4 per cent** of total employment before the pandemic **in 2019**, but made up **nearly 45 per cent** of global employment losses **in 2020**.
- Accelerated progress is needed to strengthen gender-responsive budgeting to align public financing with gender equality objectives. According to data reported by **105** countries and areas for the period **2018–2021**, only **26 per cent** of countries have comprehensive systems in place to track public allocations for gender equality, **59 per cent** have some features of such a system, and **15 per cent** do not have the minimum elements of such a system.
- Globally, **over 1 in 4 (26 per cent)** ever-partnered women aged **15 years and older-- 641 million** women-- have been subjected to physical and/or sexual violence by a husband or intimate partner at least once in their lifetime **in 2018**.
- The prevalence of child marriage has declined globally by about **10 per cent** in the past **five** years. However, **one in five** young women worldwide (**19 per cent**) were married in childhood in **2021**. Due to COVID-19 impacts, **up to 10 million** additional girls are at risk of child marriage in the next decade.
- As of **1 January 2022**, the global share of women in lower and single houses of national parliaments reached merely **26.2 per cent**, up from **25.6 per cent in 2021**.
- Mobile phone ownership is an important tool for women's empowerment. In **30 of 70** countries with data for **2017–2021**, gender parity in mobile phone ownership has been achieved, and in **13 more** countries, more women than men own a mobile phone.
- Available data from **36** countries for **2009–2020** show that, in **30** countries, less than **50 per cent** of women have ownership and/or secure tenure rights over agricultural land. In **18** countries, the corresponding share of men was **twice** as high.

5 GENDER EQUALITY



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Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

SDG5 is one of the five Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) under in-depth review at the 2022 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF), held under the theme **"Building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development"**.



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SPOTLIGHT

Engineer Girls of Turkey (EGT)

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The Engineer Girls of Turkey (EGT) Project concentrates on developing a private sector driven gender equality mainstreaming program to promote female students participation in engineering professions, and empowering female engineering students. Project evolves around three main components.

- First component is formulating an analytical framework to show obstacles and developing a long-term evaluation plan.
- Second component is implementing a support program for both female engineering students and high school students.
- Third component is to develop institutional inclusive work models to adopt and advocate gender sensitive approach.



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- [SDG Good Practices Database](#)
- [SDG Acceleration Actions Database](#)
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UN SYSTEM IN ACTION

- Working with Governments, corporations and business organizations, the International Trade Centre (ITC)'s **SheTrades initiative** achieved its objective of connecting 3 million women entrepreneurs to markets in more than 20 countries. In addition, SheTrades has launched a 9-step action plan to ensure women entrepreneurship in build-back-better efforts and a digital tool that helps to assess, monitor and improve the policy ecosystem for women's economic empowerment.
- The project "**Equipping gender-based violence response services to meet the needs of women and girls within the COVID-19 outbreak**", implemented by the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict (OSRSG-SVC), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) and United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), works in close collaboration with local and national women-led organizations in Jordan, Iraq and Lebanon and seeks to strengthen the quality and accessibility of life-saving psychosocial and health services for conflict-related sexual violence and gender-based violence survivors and those at-risk.
- The **Catalysing Women's Entrepreneurship programme** led by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) has been instrumental in lifting the barriers to access finance for women-led Micro-, Small-, and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs) who are key to the economy yet more vulnerable to crises. In 2021, the programme introduced financing initiatives that help women entrepreneurs access funds and take advantage of digital innovations. Additionally, the programme provided fundings to pilot solutions that can help women entrepreneurs to access and adopt digital solutions and finance technologies.
- In 2020, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) released a guide highlighting **six critical actions to put gender equality at the center of the Covid responses**. The guide is designed to provide recommendations to governments to confront the gendered and discriminatory effects of COVID-19.
- UNFPA has introduced a number of disruptive innovations for women and girls in the past two years. For example, **Safe YOU** is an innovative, all-in-one platform launched in Armenia, Georgia, Iraq helping women connect with a community that supports survivors of gender-based violence. **iCivil** is a digital Civil Registration and Vital Statistics platform launched in Burkina Faso to register births in real-time. **YouthConnect** is a toolkit that helps countries adapt digital solutions to meet the needs of women, adolescents and the most vulnerable. The **Geospatial Dashboard on Intimate Partner Violence** is an open source platform that helps governments, researchers and service providers use data to better understand the connections between gender-based violence, poverty, education and SDG indicators related to UNFPA's mandate.



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