PROGRESS ON THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

GENDER SNAPSHOT 2022
Snapshot of gender equality across the Sustainable Development Goals

1. **No Poverty**
   - Globally, over 380 million women and girls are in extreme poverty, living on less than $1.90 a day. If current trends continue, in sub-Saharan Africa, more women and girls will live in extreme poverty by 2030 than do today.

2. **Zero Hunger**
   - Globally, nearly 1 in 3 women experienced moderate or severe food insecurity in 2021. Rising food prices are likely to exacerbate hunger around the world.

3. **Quality Education**
   - Protracted conflicts, wars and renewed efforts to keep girls out of school perpetuate gender gaps in access to school and learning. 54% of girls who are not in formal education worldwide live in crisis-affected countries.

4. **Good Health and Well-being**
   - Unsafe abortion is a leading but preventable cause of maternal mortality and morbidity. Today, over 1.2 billion women and girls of reproductive age live in countries and areas with some restrictions on access to safe abortion.

5. **Gender Equality**
   - At the current rate of progress, it may take another 286 years to remove discriminatory laws and close prevailing gaps in legal protections for women and girls. Globally, more than 1 in every 10 women and girls aged 15–49 were subjected to sexual and/ or physical violence by an intimate partner in the previous year.

6. **Clean Water and Sanitation**
   - The lack of clean water claims the lives of more than 800,000 women and girls every year.

7. **Affordable and Clean Energy**
   - Affordable and clean energy, key to lifesaving care and productivity, remains out of reach for millions of women and girls in Asia and sub-Saharan Africa. Rising energy prices are making matters worse.

8. **Decent Work and Economic Growth**
   - Women’s labour force participation in 2022 is projected to remain below pre-pandemic levels in 169 countries and areas.

9. **Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure**
   - Women hold only 2 in every 10 science, engineering and information and communication technology jobs globally. They comprise only 16.5% of inventors associated with a patent.

10. **Reduced Inequalities**
    - By the end of 2021, some 44 million women and girls had been forced to flee their homes due to climate change, war, conflict and human rights violations.

11. **Sustainable Cities and Communities**
    - The majority of the world’s women live in cities. 49% of women in urban areas report feeling unsafe walking alone at night since COVID-19 began.

12. **Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions**
    - Strong institutions that support just and peaceful societies are not possible without women. But women globally hold just 42% of judicial positions and make up a tiny share of police forces - a mere 16%.

13. **Partnerships for the Goals**
    - Funding for gender equality is not keeping pace with the increasing severity of global challenges and backlash against women’s rights.

14. **Gender Equality in the News**

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And yet we can change this!

Over 150 million women and girls could emerge from poverty by 2030 if governments implement a comprehensive strategy to improve access to education and family planning, achieve equal wages and extend social transfers.
Women’s food insecurity levels were 10% higher than men’s in 2020, compared with 6% higher in 2019.

Conflict, climate and COVID-19 have converged, posing a triple threat to food security.
LEAVE NO WOMAN OR GIRL BEHIND

The goal of achieving universal, high-quality education for all girls remains out of reach.

A sample of 29 countries with recent data on upper secondary school completion by sex, location and wealth uncovered gaps in completion rates among the poorest rural girls and the richest urban girls ranging from 11.5 to 72.2 percentage points.

Women aged 20-29 who have completed upper secondary school, by location and wealth, selected countries, 2015-2019 (percentage)

The pandemic has tested and even reversed progress in expanding women’s rights and opportunities.

Reports of violence against women and girls, a “shadow” pandemic to COVID-19, increased in many parts of the world, particularly at the height of lock-downs.
Are we on track to achieve SDG5 by 2030? Latest global assessment reveals a long road ahead.

Number of indicators*

- Moderate distance to target: 8
- Insufficient data: 5
- Far or very far from target: 3
- Close to target: 2
- Target met or almost met: 0

*SDG 5 has 14 official indicators but 15 are shown given 5.1.1 and 5.5.1 have multiple sub-indicators.

UN Women/UN DESA, Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals: The Gender Snapshot 2022

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