Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals: The gender snapshot 2021

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Note: SDG 5 has 14 official indicators but 18 are assessed in the tracker given 5.1.1 and 5.5.1 have multiple sub-indicators.

**Leave no women or girl behind**

Note: Data on COVID-19 vaccinations are changing rapidly as countries administer more and more doses every day. Thus, the figures provided should be interpreted in the context of the timeline that is mentioned. For Israel and Venezuela vaccine data are for June 2021 while for Austria and Papua New Guinea the data are from July 2021. The data on vaccinations in India are as of August 2021. Women’s population share in India is 48.2% and that of men is 51.7%. Yet of all the doses administered, women received only 47 per cent of all the does and men received 53% of all doses. Population figures are as per the latest available 2011 census of India.


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Goal 2

Note: The estimates on hunger included at the beginning of this section are based on the upper bound of the estimates presented in the FAO SOFI 2020 report. The report projects that between 720 and 811 million people in the world faced hunger in 2020. Considering the middle of the projected range (768 million), around 118 million more people were facing hunger in 2020 than in 2019 – or as many as
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**List of gender-specific indicators**

Note: Indicator 12.8.1 ‘Extent to which (i) global citizenship education and (ii) education for sustainable development are mainstreamed in (a) national education policies; (b) curricula; (c) teacher education; and (d) student assessment’ is not listed as gender-specific under Goal 12 in this chart so as not to double count the identical indicator 13.3.1 in the section on Goals 12-15 on page 18.