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Progress Made In Women's Health, Education But Gaps Remain In Reaching Equality, U.N. Report Shows

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News outlets report on the [World's Women 2015 report](http://unstats.un.org/unsd/gender/worldswomen.html)

(<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/gender/worldswomen.html>), released on Tuesday by the U.N. Statistics Division.

[Al Jazeera America](http://america.aljazeera.com/articles/2015/10/20/fertility-rates-decline-marriage-age-delayed.html) (<http://america.aljazeera.com/articles/2015/10/20/fertility-rates-decline-marriage-age-delayed.html>): Global fertility rates declining, U.N. report finds

“Households across the globe look differently than they did 20 years ago, with women in most regions of the world marrying later, having fewer children, and increasingly raising children in committed partnerships without getting married at all, according to a United Nations report released on Tuesday...” (Taylor, 10/20).

[The Guardian](http://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2015/oct/20/two-thirds-of-worlds-illiterate-adults-are-women-report-finds) (<http://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2015/oct/20/two-thirds-of-worlds-illiterate-adults-are-women-report-finds>): Two-thirds of world's illiterate adults are women, report finds

“...Of the 781 million adults over the age of 15 estimated to be illiterate, 496 million were women, the World's Women 2015 report found. Women made up more than half the illiterate population in all regions of the world...” (Ford, 10/20).

[Thomson Reuters Foundation](http://uk.reuters.com/article/2015/10/20/uk-un-women-report-idUKKCN0SE1WP20151020) (<http://uk.reuters.com/article/2015/10/20/uk-un-women-report-idUKKCN0SE1WP20151020>): U.N. report shows women inching slowly, unevenly towards equality

“...Among the findings, women's life expectancy has risen globally to 72 from 64, and women's average age at marriage has risen by about a year to 25 since 1995. Maternal deaths dropped overall by 45 percent between 1990 and 2013, it said, but remain high in southern Asia and sub-Saharan Africa. Child marriage — before age 18 — declined to 26 percent of young women in 2010 from 31 percent in 1995 but remains a significant problem in southern Asia and sub-Saharan Africa as well, it said...” (Wulfhorst, 10/20).

U.N. News Centre (<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=52318#.VieM7KL9Gty>):
Women worldwide live longer, healthier lives with better education, says new U.N. report

“... ‘We cannot achieve our 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, without full and equal rights for half of the world’s population, in law and in practice,’ said U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon at a recent event on gender equality organized on the margins of the Sustainable Development Summit...” (10/20).

VOA News (<http://m.voanews.com/a/women-marrying-later-living-longer-united-nations-report/3015905.html>): U.N. Report: Women Marrying Later, Living Longer

“...An average of one in three women has experienced physical or sexual violence, while around the world two out of three partner- or family-related homicide victims are women...” (Scott, 10/20).

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