

Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights for All: Tracking Progress through SDG 5.6

Concept Note

4 March 2020 1:15 - 2:30 pm | Venue: UNFPA Orange Café

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development provides important and new targets and indicators on women's reproductive rights. For the first time an international development framework includes not only targets on sexual and reproductive health services, but also targets that address the barriers and human rights based dimensions of sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights (SRHRR), through SDG target 5.6 *Ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights as agreed in accordance with the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome documents of their review conferences.*

Target 5.6 is measured by two indicators: indicator 5.6.1 and 5.6.2, which measure the legal and regulatory framework for SRHRR, as well as women's reproductive autonomy. Combined, they provide a comprehensive picture of key dimensions of SRHRR with SDG 5.6.2 reflecting the extent to which prevailing laws enable or disable women's and men's full and equal access to SRHRR, while SDG 5.6.1 reflects whether women, irrespective of the country's legal framework, are able to decide on their SRHRR.

SDG 5.6.1 data have been collected since 2018, with 57 countries reporting as of today. Data for SDG 5.6.2 have been collected and published for the first time this year, with new data available for 107 countries.

UNFPA, together with four national governments (Sweden, Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Philippines, and Georgia), will host a side event at the forthcoming 51st session of the UN Statistical Commission to launch the new data for SDG 5.6. A panel consisting of a UNFPA SRHRR data expert, representatives from National Statistics Offices and a representative from civil society will present and discuss the new data available on SDG 5.6, the methodologies behind these indicators, and how the data can be used to support action at the national and global level for advancing gender equality and women's rights.

Objectives:

- Share and raise attention to new SRHRR data provided by SDG indicators 5.6.1 and 5.6.2
- Discuss practical implications of data for 5.6 on national and global efforts to advance gender equality and women's rights
- Support efforts to broaden global reach and coverage for SDG indicators 5.6.1 and 5.6.2