SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

ACHIEVE GENDER EQUALITY AND EMPOWER ALL WOMEN AND GIRLS

52 COUNTRIES do not guarantee gender equality in their constitutions

70% of all human trafficking victims are female

21% of girls between 15 and 49 experienced physical/sexual violence in 2015 in 52 countries

200 million girls have been subjected to female genital mutilation/cutting in 30 countries

DEFINITION OF GENDER EQUALITY

Gender equality means that everybody has equal rights, regardless of gender. This doesn’t only involve aligning laws so that women can work, inherit and have access to public services, but also changing policies and practices that directly or indirectly discriminate against women. For example, in many places it is legal and also expected that a woman works. However, it is often also expected that a woman take on most of the housework and the child rearing duties in the home. This means that women have double the amount of work of men, and often leads them to giving up their career.

TARGETS

End all forms of discrimination against all women and girls everywhere
Eliminate all forms of violence against all women and girls in the public and private spheres, including trafficking and sexual and other types of exploitation
Eliminate all harmful practices, such as child, early and forced marriage and female genital mutilation
Recognize and value unpaid care and domestic work through the provision of public services, infrastructure and social protection policies and the promotion of shared responsibility within the household and the family as nationally appropriate
Ensure women’s full and effective participation and equal opportunities for leadership at all levels of decision-making in political, economic and public life
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
Undertake reforms to give women equal rights to economic resources, as well as access to ownership and control over land and other forms of property, financial services, inheritance and natural resources, in accordance with national laws
Enhance the use of enabling technology, in particular information and communications technology, to promote the empowerment of women
Adopt and strengthen sound policies and enforceable legislation for the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls at all levels

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