SDGs In Focus: Goal 5

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Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

Progress in women’s access to leadership positions, in both political and economic spheres, remains sluggish.

Women’s Share in National Parliaments

- 2015: 22.4%
- 2022: 26.2%

It would take another 40 years for women and men to be represented equally in national political leadership at the current pace.
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- In many countries, women still lack the legal right to autonomy over their own bodies.
- Countries had in place an average of 76% of the laws and regulations needed to guarantee full and equal access to sexual and reproductive health and rights.

ONLY 57% OF WOMEN (15-49 YEARS) ARE MAKING THEIR OWN INFORMED DECISIONS ON SEX AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE (64 COUNTRIES, 2007-2021)
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Violence against women and girls is prevalent across countries and affects women of all ages

MORE THAN 1 IN 4 WOMEN (15+ YEARS) HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE (641 MILLION) AT LEAST ONCE IN THEIR LIFETIME
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Women and girls have been disproportionately affected by the pandemic

**Up to 10 million girls will be at risk of child marriage**

Over the next decade as a result of COVID-19

In addition to the 100 million who were projected to become child brides before the pandemic

Women accounted for 39% of total employment in 2019, but 45% of global employment losses in 2020
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Gender-responsive budgeting needs to be strengthened.

Many countries lack comprehensive systems to track public finance for gender equality.

- 26% have comprehensive systems
- 59% have some features of a system
- 15% lack minimum elements of such a system
Learn more in the Report: Available today, 7 July 2022