

Gender Data and the Sustainable Development Goals: Political Action Toward 2030

GOOD POLICY REQUIRES GOOD DATA

Comprehensive, valid, unbiased gender data allows policymakers to better understand the needs and aspirations of women and girls and develop policies that advance progress across the full 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.



Quality gender data strengthens economies

When governments have better data about women's work and employment, both paid and unpaid, leaders can make targeted investments to increase women's labor force participation and contribute to poverty reduction and economic growth.



Complete data leads to resource efficiency

Comprehensive data about both women and men ensures policymakers have the right information to effectively deploy limited resources and maximize efficiency to advance progress on all 17 Sustainable Development Goals.



Data-informed policies help us achieve gender equality

Understanding what challenges women and girls face allows decision-makers to make interventions where they are needed most.

DID YOU KNOW?

Gender data is data that is disaggregated by sex, as well as data that pertains to women and girls exclusively or primarily.

Only 13% of countries worldwide have a dedicated budget for collecting and analyzing gender statistics.

Data is available for **less than one-quarter** of key gender indicators across the SDGs.

But data is “ready to measure” and available for **20 indicators** to track progress on gender equality. See data2x.org/ready-to-measure for more information.

Learn more at data2x.org

WHAT POLITICAL LEADERS CAN DO

- 1 Prioritize gender data**, including sex-disaggregation in official statistics, by investing in national statistical systems and the statisticians who collect and analyze gender data.
- 2 Close the usability gap** by building stronger linkages between government ministries and national statistics offices. Include finance, health, development, planning, education, gender, and other key ministries in the conversation.
- 3 Champion data-informed policy** and foster leadership and political will to link gender data to policy change.