

# Major Groups' Recommendations on Gender Equality

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# Focus Area 5: Gender Equality

- Attain gender equality, **the full realization of women's human rights**, and the empowerment of **all women and girls** everywhere

# Gender Specific Targets

a) by 2030 end all forms of discrimination based on gender and against all women and **girls** of all ages, **including by revoking all gender discriminatory legislation, policies and practices** that contribute to gender inequalities, inhibit access to services and rights, and criminalize or stigmatize young people, women, people of diverse sexual orientations and gender identities, and others, providing access to justice, and ensuring effective mechanisms to address violations of their human rights.

b) by 2030 end **all forms of gender-based violence and violence** against women and girls **in all their diversity and end impunity for gender-based violence**.

c) by 2030 ensure equal access to education (36) **including a commitment to universal, quality and free education for all women and girls** at all levels, **life-long learning and comprehensive sexuality education**.

d) by 2030 ensure equal employment opportunities for women and equal pay for (~~delete:equal~~) work **of equal value** (37)

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e) by 2030 ensure equal access to, **ownership, inheritance**, and control of, productive assets and resources, including **land, credit**, and natural resources management [\[38\]](#), that promote fair asset redistribution.

f) **by 2020** ensure equal **and full** participation and leadership of women **and girls** in decision-making **at all levels based on the principle of parity** in public and private institutions (39) **and spheres, including in conflict and disaster-affected settings**

g) by 2030 **end harmful practices, including** child, early and forced marriage, **female genital mutilation and honor killings.**[\[40\]](#)

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h) by 2030 reduce **and redistribute** the burden of unpaid **domestic and** care work (41) **through shared responsibility by states, private sector, communities, women and men.**

i) by 2030 ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health and rights, including by guaranteeing that women and girls of all ages are free from stigma, violence, coercion and discrimination, **in order to ensure women's and girls' sexual, bodily and reproductive autonomy.**

i bis) **Removal of legal and policy barriers that hinder access to sexual and reproductive health care services, and eliminate laws and harmful practices that criminalize sexuality and reproductive autonomy.**

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h) by 2030 reduce **and redistribute** the burden of unpaid **domestic and** care work (41) **through shared responsibility by states, private sector, communities, women and men and incorporate care work into social protection systems through allowances,** benefits and investments in public services such as in child care, education and elderly care in order to eliminate the sexual division of labor that maximize women's autonomy, and guarantee their rights, dignity, well-being and enjoyment of leisure time.

i) by 2030 ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health and rights, including by guaranteeing that women and girls of all ages are free from stigma, violence, coercion and discrimination, **in order to ensure women's and girls' sexual, bodily and reproductive autonomy.**

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j) Promote the availability of gender and **age** disaggregated data to improve **the formulation, monitoring and evaluation** of gender equality policies, **laws and programs**, including gender sensitive budgeting<sup>43</sup>

We believe that financial resources for gender equality and women's rights need to be addressed separately. As such, we suggest an additional target, which would read as follows:

**K) By 2020 gender sensitive planning and budgeting are integrated into national and local legal and policy frameworks, and ensure effective and continuous ODA as well as innovative financing for gender equality.**