

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 5

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"Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls"

The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) includes one goal specifically on gender equality.

SDG5 has nine targets:

5.1 End all forms of discrimination against all women and girls everywhere

5.2 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

5.3 Eliminate all harmful practices, such as child, early and forced marriage and female genital mutilation

5.4 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

5.5 Ensure women's full and effective participation and equal opportunities for leadership at all levels of decision-making in political, economic and public life

5.6 Ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights

5.a 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

5.b Enhance the use of enabling technology, in particular information and communications technology, to promote the empowerment of women

5.c 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

GENDER EQUALITY AND THE SDGS

SDG5 is an important lens through which to assess progress towards gender equality, but gender equality is present across all 17 goals -- it is a cross-cutting issue that must be addressed in order to achieve sustainable development for all people.

Realizing gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls will make a crucial contribution to progress across the goals and targets.

Achieving the SDGs requires systematic gender-wise interventions that tackle persistent inequalities and change systems that perpetuate inequality.

In order to achieve equal outcomes for women and men we must recognize their different needs and interests, and redistribute power and resources accordingly.

Bringing the gender perspective to policy, planning, and implementation processes will eliminate inequalities and create the social justice.

GRASSROOTS PARTICIPATION

To achieve the SDGs we need to develop a better understanding of gender relations and adopt proper mechanisms to allow genuine and equal participation for both women and men in the development process.

This means that the participation of grassroots women's rights and gender equality organizations must be supported with access to decision-making spaces and funding for advocacy activities. The expertise and experiences of these groups is vital to fully achieve SDG5 and the rest of the goals.