

# SDG5 PARTICIPATION & GRASSROOTS ADVOCATES

your  
**SDG5**  
toolbox

## WHAT THE DATA SAYS

A recent survey of 150 grassroots women's rights organizations in 30 countries showed that grassroots advocates are knowledgeable and prepared to participate in the implementation of the SDGs:

**95%** are aware of the SDG framework and believe that SDG5 is a useful tool for holding their government accountable to addressing gender equality; and

**97%** want to advocate for the implementation of SDGs in their country.

However, they are being left out of national SDG-related decision-making processes.

**67%** do not believe their governments' have included grassroots women in the design of national policies related to the SDGs; and

**73%** have not been consulted on SDG5 implementation decisions.

## GRASSROOTS ADVOCATES DESERVE A SEAT AT THE TABLE

Globally, grassroots women's rights advocates are consistently left outside the decision-making processes yet they have vital expertise and experience that governments need. For example, their deep ties to communities and understanding of women and girls' needs, solutions, and priorities will contribute to more effective and sustainable policies that implement the SDGs, eradicate poverty, and reduce inequalities.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Urge governments to respond to and engage with grassroots gender equality advocates directly in their events and meetings for planning SDG implementation especially SDG5, to ensure grassroots women and girls' needs are heard and heeded.

Support the creation of spaces that offer greater and more meaningful opportunities for grassroots women's rights groups to engage with mechanisms implementing the SDGs at local, national, and global levels (such as the U.N.)

Invest in and strengthen networks and coalitions of grassroots women's rights groups and gender equality advocates so they are able to advocate for stronger implementation of the SDGs.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Ensure the voices of grassroots women and girls are heard in decision-making and across all fronts.

Your engagement with and support of grassroots women's rights organizations around the world will amplify their tireless work to ensure gender equality is achieved by 2030.

- Join our #InTheRoom campaign by tweeting why YOU think grassroots women's rights groups should be a part of SDG implementation and decision-making.
- Incorporate grassroots women's groups in the design and implementation of your organization's programs for gender equality.
- Share our Global SDG Scorecard report with your local, state, and/or national decision-makers to urge them to take action in ensuring grassroots groups are consulted.