Improve Data and Accountability for Girls and Women

THE WORLD TODAY

BIG COMMITMENTS
LITTLE ACTION

Despite government commitments **to improve the health and wellbeing of girls and women,** there has been too little action

Over 100 low- and middle-income countries are **lacking adequate civil registration and vital statistics systems**

13%

Only 13% of countries have a **gender statistics budget**

THE INVESTMENT CASE

$3 TRILLION

Open data could unlock an estimated $3 trillion in **annual economic potential** in seven areas of the global economy

EXAMPLE:
Using open data in education could create $1 trillion in economic value every year

SOLUTIONS

National statistics systems to improve collection of gender statistics

Accountability mechanisms that hold governments accountable to their policies, commitments, and budget allocations

Use of big data to close the gender data gap

Strategic litigation to hold governments accountable to international human rights agreements

Girls and women count and must be counted. Reliable, timely data collection and management is a critical tool to help citizens hold governments accountable.

ASKS

Ensure that all policies, plans, data, budgets, and audits related to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and other strategies are **publically available, transparent, and accessible** to non-technical audiences.

Disaggregate all data by gender, age, income, and geography in order to strengthen policymaking, programming, and accountability, and to leave no one behind.

Align data collection approaches, national censuses, and internationally supported surveys, with best practices, including the Agenda for Humanity, to track the status of all of the Sustainable Development Goals and indicators.

Facilitate partnerships between governments, multilateral organizations, civil society, and other stakeholders to share experiences around demands for data collection and to support data collection, data management, and accountability efforts.

Monitor progress of policy commitments and budget allocations at national and sub-national levels and advocate for adjustments to these policies and budgets as needed.

Support global and national advocacy and accountability through a **thriving civil society,** including the women's movement.

Develop data collection frameworks that can account for the increased vulnerabilities of women in **emergency contexts.**

RIPPLE EFFECT

More efficient investments

Greater economic prosperity

Increased gender equality

Better informed decision and policy making

More equitable societies