

Girls and women represent slightly more than half of the total population in Kenya. We must invest in solutions to advance gender equality and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

**It's not just the right thing to do. It's the smart thing to do.**

Despite having a progressive Constitution that promotes gender equality, much more can be done to prioritize girls and women in the implementation of policies, programs, and financial investments in Kenya.

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Kenya's *Big Four Agenda* offer an opportunity to accelerate efforts to deliver for good for girls and women. To leverage these decisive moments, the Deliver for Good Kenya partners have identified four priority areas for dedicated advocacy efforts. Each reveals both gaps and opportunities for greater investment.

## KENYA TODAY



### ACCESS TO RESOURCES - LAND RIGHTS

1.62%

In 2017, only 1.62% of all land in Kenya was owned by women.



### ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

80.9%

In 2016, 80.9% of women to women business partnerships were denied loans by microfinance institutions.



### SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH TO ACHIEVE UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE

18%

As of 2014, 18% of adolescent girls between 15-19 years old in Kenya had already given birth or were pregnant with their first child.



### POLITICAL PARTICIPATION

19%

In 2018, women represented only 19% of the Kenyan National Assembly and 27% of the Senate, falling below the 33% constitutional requirement.

## SOLUTIONS

**Access to Resources:** Secure equitable access to, and tenure of, land for women.

**Sexual and Reproductive Health:** Promote access to reproductive health programs and services that target adolescents and marginalized communities.

**Economic Empowerment:** Enhance access to financing for grassroots girls and women.

**Political Participation:** Accelerate affirmative action to help bring women into political spheres at all levels of government.

# *We must advocate for the implementation of policies and programs that will advance gender equality and create a ripple effect benefitting not only girls and women, but their families, communities, and all of Kenya.*

## POLICY ASKS

**We know there are clear policies in place. Now, we must work together and advocate to ensure they are budgeted for and implemented effectively.**

### **Access to Resources – Land Rights:**

Implement the National Land Policy's principles of equitable access to land and secure land tenure – in both urban and rural settings – in accordance with the Constitution of Kenya (2010).

**Sexual and Reproductive Health:** Implement the National Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health (NASRHP) policy at the sub-national level as it relates to establishing comprehensive health services, using the NASRHP Implementation Framework.

### **Economic Empowerment:**

Increase contributions to the Biashara Fund – a new government program for financial inclusion designed to offer women, youth, and people living with disabilities access to low-interest business loans – with a specific focus on girls and women.

**Political Participation:** Effectively implement the two-thirds Gender Principle at both national and sub-national levels.

## RIPPLE EFFECT

When we invest in the different aspects of girls' and women's lives, it creates a ripple effect driving positive change across other areas of her life, her family's life, and her entire community.

