



# GENDER EQUALITY AS A DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGE AND A DEAR PRIORITY

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# Some initial ideas:

- Progress on women's rights is progress on human rights
- Societies that give women an equal chance are more peaceful and prosperous.



# International Agenda:

The DEAR should not ignore gender equality as a problem to be solved by a global society.

The international agenda is placing gender equality at the forefront.



# Progress towards achieving gender equality

- All developing regions have or have almost achieved gender parity in primary education
  - But:** gender disparity widens at the secondary and tertiary school levels (70 girls per 100 boys in Sub-Saharan Africa)
- 45% fewer maternal deaths worldwide than in 1990
  - But:** 800 women still die every day from preventable pregnancy-related causes (99% occur in developing countries)
- The average proportion of women in parliament has nearly doubled over the past 20 years.
  - But:** still only one in five members is female.



# Challenges to face

- Women typically experience higher levels of poverty than men do.
- Violations of women's rights occur on a daily basis.
- 1 in 3 women still experience physical or sexual violence mostly by an intimate partner.
- Rape is used as a weapon of war.
- Women and girls are being trafficked, enslaved and even sold as merchandise
- Harmful practices such as Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) continue to exist.



# Challenges to face

- Women still do not earn the same wages as men and do not have the same access to , or control over, productive resources such as land (globally women earn 24% less than men)
- Social norms lock girls and women into unequal power relations.
- Discriminatory laws, practices or norms often limit girls' and women's social, economic and political participation.



# Conclusions:

- The assessments revealed important gains in some areas. But advances were unacceptably slow and uneven among regions and within countries.

**No country has achieved gender equality.**

- There has been a critical gap between those who draw up the commitments and those who carry them out.
- Lets close this gap and challenge this problematic with our action in DEAR

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