GENERAL POVERTY

648 Million+
Globally, more than 648 million people live on less than $2.15 per day.¹

79%
Roughly 79% of the world’s poorest people live in rural areas.

20%
If gender employment gaps were closed, long-run GPD per capita would be roughly 20% higher.

50%
More than half of the world’s extremely poor live in sub-Saharan Africa.

2.4 Billion
Around 2.4 billion working-age women are not granted equal economic opportunity, and 178 countries preserve legal barriers to prevent a woman’s full economic participation.²

PREGNANCY, HEALTH & ABUSIVE PRACTICES

40%
In the least-developed countries, 40% of girls are married before 18, and roughly 12% are married before age 15.³

266 Million
Women and girls spend 266 million hours daily trying to find a place to go to the bathroom.⁴

1 in 49
In low-income countries, women face a higher lifetime risk of maternal death. The rates for low- and high-income countries are 1 in 49 versus 1 in 5,300 respectively.

95%
In 2020, roughly 95% of maternal deaths occurred in low- and lower middle-income countries. Most could have been prevented.⁵

37%
Approximately 37% of women aged 15 to 49 living in least developed countries have been subject to physical or sexual intimate partner violence.⁶

EDUCATION

15-25%
A girl’s income can increase by 15 to 25% for each year she stays in school.

1 in 3
Globally, 1 in 3 schools lack access to basic water and sanitation.⁴

66%
About 66% of the 773 million adults who cannot read or write are women.⁷

129 Million+
Worldwide, more than 129 million girls are out of school, including roughly 32 million primary age girls.⁸

49%
Only 49% of countries have achieved gender equality in primary education classrooms.


**WORLD STATS – WOMEN & GIRLS**

**INCOME, LABOR & OCCUPATION**

50%  
The global labor force participation rate for women is more than 50% compared to 80% for men. ⁹

Fewer Opportunities  
Women have fewer opportunities for business expansion or career progression, and when they do work, they earn less.

3x Higher  
The rates of job participation among men are more than three times higher than women in South Asia, Eurasia, and North Africa.

The Gap  
The gender gap in labor force participation is largest in lower middle-income countries.

200 Million  
Collectively, women and children spend 200 million hours collecting water every day. ⁴

160 Million  
Globally, girls 5 to 14 years old spend 160 million more hours a day on unpaid work than boys who are the same age. ¹⁰

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