

WORLD STATS – WOMEN & GIRLS



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 GDP 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.

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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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³ *Child marriage*. (2022, May). UNICEF. <https://data.unicef.org/topic/child-protection/child-marriage/>

⁴ *Key water.org facts: for use in 2021-2022*. (2021). water.org. https://water.org/documents/223/FY22_Key_Water.org_facts.pdf

⁵ *Maternal mortality*. (2023, February 22). World Health Organization. <https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/maternal-mortality>

⁶ *Facts and figures: Ending violence against women*. (2022, February). UN Women. <https://www.unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violence-against-women/facts-and-figures>

⁷ *Literacy*. (n.d.). UNESCO. <https://uis.unesco.org/en/topic/literacy>

⁸ *Girls' education: Gender equality in education benefits every child*. (n.d.). UNICEF. <https://www.unicef.org/education/girls-education>

⁹ *Female labor force participation*. (2022, January 9). World Bank. <https://genderdata.worldbank.org/data-stories/flfp-data-story/>

¹⁰ *Gender norms and unpaid work*. (2022, January). UNICEF. <https://data.unicef.org/topic/gender/gender-norms-and-unpaid-work/>