



What Girls Want in a Post 2015 Agenda

RESPONSE TO OPEN WORKING GROUP 12

The Working Group on Girls (WGG) affirms the multiple references to girls in the June 2, 2014 document, “Introduction and Proposed Goals and Targets on Sustainable Development for the Post 2015 Development Agenda.” We would like to see a strengthening of the following topics which have direct influence on the lives of girls:

Page 1 In the 4th introductory paragraph, we ask that the phrase “women’s empowerment” is broadened to **empowerment of women and girls**.

In the 5th paragraph, the WGG urges the chairs of the 12th OWG to consider including the following amendments: **Taking from the 1995 Copenhagen World Summit for Social Development**, ‘we acknowledge that people are at the centre of our concerns for sustainable development’¹ **and thus reaffirm our commitment to the Convention on Rights of the Child, The Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, and the Convention to Eliminate All Forms of Violence against Women**. We strive for a world that is just, equitable and inclusive, and we commit to work together to promote sustained and inclusive economic growth, social development and environmental protection and thereby to benefit all.

The WGG furthermore encourages consideration of the following changes to the targets:

- 3.1 by 2030 reduce the maternal mortality ratio to less than 40 per 100,000 live births, **paying particular attention to detrimental effects of pregnancy in girls under the age of 18**
- 4.9 enhance the quality of learning **by providing adequate resources** and training for teachers, **particularly preparing qualified teachers to address the untapped potential of girls and have sensitivity to their specific experience in school**
- 5.6 reduce and redistribute unpaid care and domestic work **between men and women, without shifting the responsibility to girls**

¹ Copenhagen Declaration and Programme for Action World Summit for Social Development Para 8

- 5.10 promote the availability of gender **and age** disaggregated data to improve gender equality policies, including gender responsive budgeting
- 8.3 by 2030 achieve full and productive employment and decent work for all women and men, including for young **adults** and persons with disabilities
- 8.4 by 2020 halve the number of youth not in employment, education or training, **with particular attention to of gender equality**
- 16.2 by 2030, end abuse, exploitation and violence against children, **with particular attention to girls**
- 16.3 **eliminate without exception all forms of human trafficking. Decrease** illicit financial flows by x% and reduce money laundering and all forms of organized crime, including illicit trade in arms, drugs, and wildlife.
- 17.15 by 2020 **eliminate school fees in primary and secondary education**, expand by x % globally the number of scholarships **equitably for all genders in tertiary education**, with a particular focus on science, engineering, health, economics, finance, management and sustainable development
- 17.17 increase financial resources and services across all sectors to achieve gender equality, empowerment of women **and girls**, and the realization and enjoyment of women's and girls' human rights
- 17.36 by 2020, substantially strengthen capacities for data collection and statistical analysis relevant to sustainable development with a focus on generating timely and high-quality data disaggregated, as appropriate, by income, gender, age, race, ethnicity, and rural/urban location, **with gender and age being a constant point of intersectionality**

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