

Gender equality

EC/UN Partnership on Gender Equality for Development and Peace

Making sure that aid delivers for both women and men and for development.

Women's rights are not a side issue, but central to the future prosperity of any developing country...Neglecting the contribution that half the population can make is an error no country can afford.

~ European Commissioner Benita Ferrero-Waldner



EC Partners

The United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM)

The International Training Centre of the ILO (ITC/ILO)

Facts and Figures

- 2/3 of children who do not go to school are girls
- 2/3 of the 900 million illiterates worldwide are women
- Approximately 70% of the world's working hours are worked by women; they earn 10% of the world revenues
- 16% of parliamentary seats worldwide are held by women



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Context

Donors and partner countries have committed themselves to increase the volume of aid and to improve aid effectiveness. Gender equality and women's rights are strong drivers of development. For example, we know that tackling HIV/AIDS is not possible without empowering women. Furthermore, improving women's education will promote the health and education prospects of their children. Yet, investment in gender equality remains insufficient. It is essential that gender equality is more widely recognized as a key component of national development strategies and of the aid planning undertaken by all the donors.

Objective

- Knowledge generation through country studies of Cameroon, DRC, Ethiopia, Ghana, Honduras, Indonesia, Kyrgyz Republic, Nepal, Nicaragua, Papua New Guinea, Suriname and Ukraine.
- Capacity building of national stakeholders and development partners on gender and aid effectiveness;
- Advocacy - to raise the visibility of gender in the lead up to the Ghana High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness and after Ghana;
- Developing technical resources and materials;
- Practice and Information sharing on gender equality and aid effectiveness.

Impact

- Gender equality has been placed at the heart of the Accra Agenda for Action on Aid Effectiveness.
- An inter-active website has been created, as well as 12 in-depth country studies and a Global Synthesis Report;
- A collection of good practices has been published, which is easy to read and focuses on lessons learnt.