

Report on implementation of the UNICEF Gender Action Plan

2022-2025

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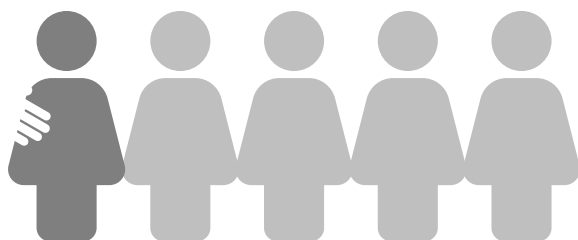
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Girls and women confront persistent challenges to their rights and wellbeing



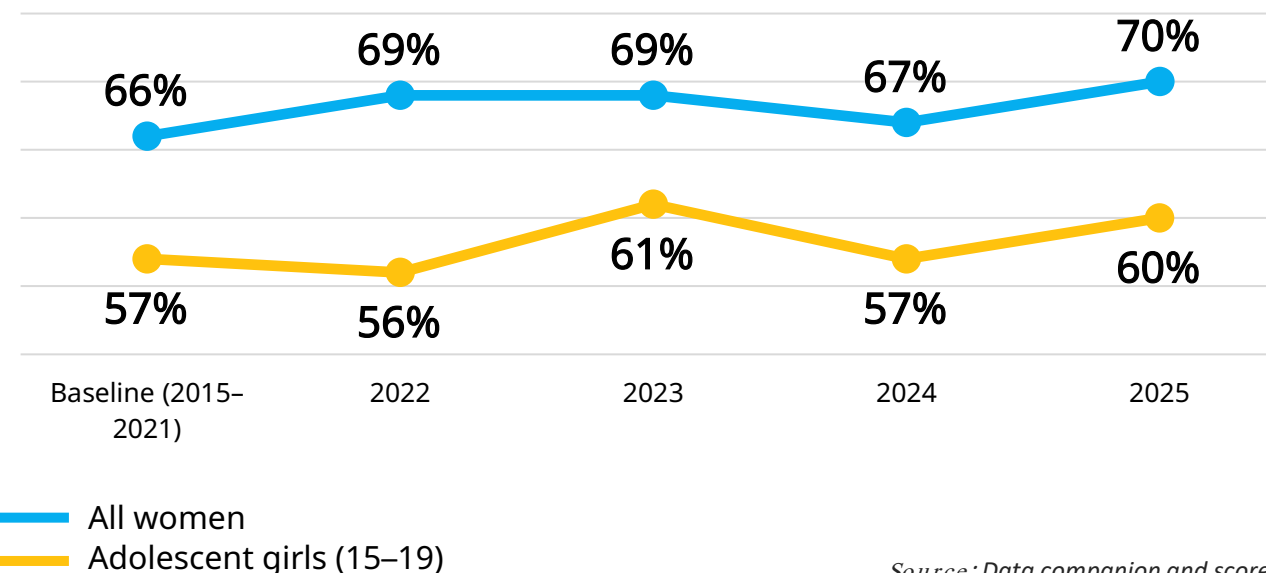
1 in 5 girls and women alive today were subjected to sexual violence in childhood



18% of adolescent girls (15-19) are not in employment, education or training, 2x the rate of boys

In almost every sphere of their lives, girls – especially adolescent girls – suffer disproportionate inequalities.

Percentage of adolescent girls and women receiving ante-natal visits



Adolescent girls: a strategic priority



100 million+
girls vaccinated
against cervical
cancer

in 54 low-income
countries



35.5 million

adolescent girls and
77 million parents and
caregivers engaged
through the global
Girl Goals campaign



17.4 million

girls reached
cumulatively through
skills-building and
empowerment
programmes since 2022



Expanding service coverage for girls and women despite budget constraints 2022–2025 (1)



4.8 million
community health workers skilled and supported



275 million
girls benefited from programmes for anemia prevention



46 million
women and girls supported with menstrual health and hygiene services



86 million
girls supported to access education



69 countries
supported social protection programmes for women and girls



60 million
parents and caregivers reached with programmes tackling violence



The out of school rate for girls decreased from 20% in 2021 to 15% in 2025



Girl-focused programs for girls in Nepal are showing reductions in child marriage and gains in girls' education, self confidence and agency. The Government of Nepal is co-financing several initiatives focused on promoting gender equality and girls' and women's empowerment. © UNICEF/UNI730584/Laxmi-Prasad-Ngakhushi

Expanding service coverage for adolescent girls and women despite budget constraints 2022–2025 (2)

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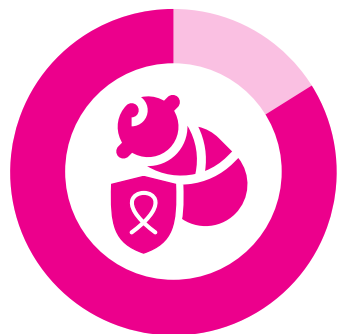
86%

of live births attended by skilled health personnel, reducing maternal deaths and improving newborn survival



45%

of pregnant women in priority countries benefited from UNICEF-supported programmes for anaemia prevention, up from 37 per cent in 2021



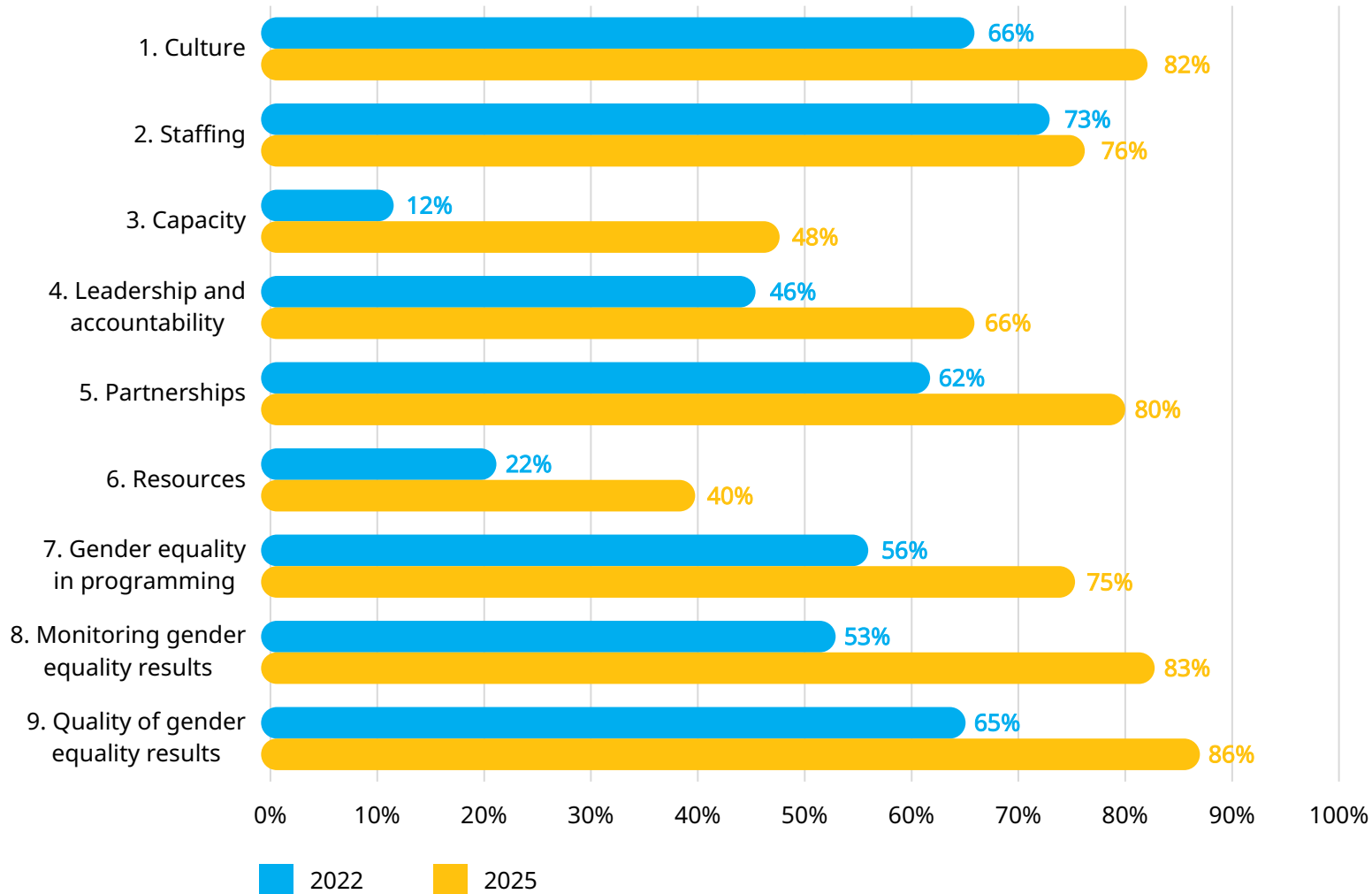
84%

of pregnant women with HIV received antiretroviral drugs to prevent vertical transmission of HIV to their children



A UNICEF-supported health care worker at Bitaale Health Center, Somalia, supports a mother and her child with post natal care and support. ©UNICEF Somalia/UNI991514/Mohamed Yasin

Performance on GAP standard benchmarks 2022 and 2025



Kevin, 2, is held by his father Christophe, at the tea plantation where he works in Rwanda. Kevin and Christophe's lives and those of many other families in their community, were transformed by on-site care facilities for employees' children. UNICEF also supports parents with valuable information on nutrition, hygiene and other parenting skills. © UNICEF/UN0306241/Sokol

2026 priorities: A focus on domestic and innovative financing... and crisis response

When girls and women thrive, whole societies prosper. The UNICEF Gender Equality Action Plan 2026-2029 strengthens systems and services that benefit every child, family and community, including in crises.

- Equipped **community frontline workers** deliver better care for girls, boys and families.
- **Quality maternal health and nutrition services** improve survival, growth and lifelong well-being for all children.
- **Affordable, quality education** unlocks opportunities for girls and boys alike.
- **Stronger social protection and care systems** support families through crisis, poverty and change.
- **Violence prevention programmes** keep girls, boys and women safe in homes, schools and communities.
- **Gender-responsive climate financing** builds resilience that benefits every generation.



We are strong in our family and strength is essential for us," says Juana Corio from Guatemala. "We need resilience to handle it all."
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Cidra, 16, walks home from the
UNICEF-supported Adolescent
Development and Participation
centre in Aleppo, Syria
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