Annual report on the implementation of the UNICEF Gender Action Plan, 2018–2021

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Adolescent girls aged 10-19 account for 3 in 4 new HIV infections among adolescents.

# adolescent girls provided with services to prevent anemia and other forms of malnutrition through UNICEF-supported programmes (in millions)

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% pregnant adolescent girls (aged 15-19) receiving at least four antenatal visits stayed constant in 2020

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In 2020, nearly 6 million adolescent girls benefited from child marriage prevention and care support. 31 countries have costed National Action Plans.

Sana Farooq Khan, Sara Khan and Mahin Usman are part of the "Red Code" team that won the GenU Youth Challenge in Pakistan. They developed a hybrid pad, modelled on the commercial pad format which is eco-friendly, economical and ensures menstrual hygiene.
RESULTS ACHIEVED: GENDER-SENSITIVE SOCIAL PROTECTION AND FAMILY-FRIENDLY POLICIES

The number of countries implementing gender-sensitive social protection tripled from 2019 to 2020.

In Botswana, UNICEF worked with a regional bank - FNB - to adopt family friendly policies across its offices.

In 2020, UNICEF supported 46 countries to adopt family-friendly policies.
IMPROVED UNICEF CAPACITY TO MEET INSTITUTIONAL BENCHMARKS

In 2020, 68% of UNICEF offices (87/128 offices) met the GAP institutional benchmarks, compared to 62% in 2019 and 49% in 2018 (baseline).

Between June 2020 and February 2021, the percentage of UNICEF country offices reporting disaggregated data increased from 5 per cent to 23 per cent.

Percentage of country offices reporting disaggregated data
MAKING UNICEF A GENDER TRANSFORMATIVE ORGANIZATION, 2022–2025

How

- Gender analysis in all contexts
- Gender responsive M&E and measurement
- Investment in gender equality results
- Partnerships with women and girl networks and organizations
- Inter-agency coordination on gender equality

Who

- Strong and accountable leadership at all levels
- Dedicated gender expertise in sectors
- Well-resourced gender architecture
- Gender parity at all levels

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