Current state of gender inequality and the SDGs

Persistent inequities for women & girls
Growing humanitarian crises
Lack of data on gender
Limited financial resources
Competing priorities

Global recognition of gender equality by a range of partners
Global momentum and frameworks for gender equality
Significant progress for women and girls in health, education, etc.

**SDG 4**: Poorest girls still miss out on completing primary; **29 million girls** of lower secondary age not in school.

**SDG 5**: Up to 280 million girls at risk of **child marriage**; at least 200 million girls and women subjected to FGM/C.

**SDG 3**: About **16 million girls** aged 15–19 give birth each year; complications related to pregnancy/child birth are leading cause of death for girls 15–19.

3 of 4 **new HIV infections** in sub-Saharan Africa are among girls aged 15-19.
GENDER ACTION PLAN 2014-2017

1) Targeted Priorities: Empowering Adolescent Girls

- Gender-responsive adolescent health
- Girls’ secondary education
- Ending child marriage
- GBV in emergencies

2) Focused gender mainstreaming in 7 outcomes areas

- **HEALTH** e.g. Maternal health, gender equality in child survival
- **HIV and AIDS** e.g. PMTCT coverage & ART coverage for HIV positive women
- **WASH** e.g. Access to water and sanitation at home
- **NUTRITION** e.g. Improved maternal nutrition, anaemia reduction
- **EDUCATION** e.g. Gender equality in education, ECD & caretaking
- **CHILD PROTECTION** e.g. Reduction in gender-based violence, child labour
- **SOCIAL INCLUSION** e.g. Social protection benefits to women & girls

3) Institutional strengthening to deliver results

- Resources
- Staffing and capacity
- Systems and partnerships
- Knowledge sharing and communication
Summary of Programmatic Results: Targeted & Mainstreaming

Growing set of programs reaching large numbers of women and girls, with some areas such as maternal care, nutrition, and child marriage making tremendous progress.

Increasing recognition of the importance of strengthening systems rather than undertaking isolated projects in order to reach scale and sustainability on gender programming.

UNICEF’s work in growing range of emergencies facilitated by GAP framework for gender responsive programming—especially on providing WASH services & addressing gender based violence.
Progress on Programming Priorities

88% of all Country Programmes included results on one or more targeted gender priorities in 2016 (13% increase from 2014)

Figure 1: Percentage of countries that include results on one or more major targeted gender priorities (by region)

80% of all Country Programmes included one or more gender mainstreaming result in 2016

Figure 2: Percentage of countries that include one or more gender mainstreaming results (by region)
Progress on Programme Area 1: Empowering Adolescent Girls

**Leveraging national framework for results at scale**

- **Girls secondary education:** 62,000 girls receive cash transfer in India; MHM programming in 1,000 schools
- **Adolescent Girls’ Nutrition:** 41 countries with anaemia plans
- **Child marriage:** 1 million girls reached; 11 countries with budgeted national strategies
- **GBViE:** 4.6 million women, girls and boys reached across 53 countries
- **FGM/C:** 2 COs with 10%+ reduction
- **Adolescent Pregnancy Care:** 80% births w/ skilled provider in 54 COs
- **Adolescent – HIV/AIDS:** 28 COs with Prevention programmes

**Increased connection across targeted priorities**
Progress on Programme Area 2: Gender Mainstreaming

Important results in key sectoral programmes:

1.3 million girls accessing WASH facilities in schools
1,650 health care centers with WASH facilities
74% of pregnant women with HIV in 10 countries receive lifelong ART
Cash transfer programmes in 70 countries
40 countries with 50% or higher breastfeeding rate

Effective responses to humanitarian crises:

162 million people reached with messages to prevent Zika
130,700 pregnant and lactating women affected by Nepal earthquake receive IFA
335,000 girls accessing education in Iraq
Progress on Programme Area 3: Institutional Strengthening

**Staffing**
- All 7 Regional Gender Advisors in their posts
- 14 Gender specialists (7 in 2015) but short of target of 50
- 76 gender focal points
- Gender Parity: 48% women in P5 or higher posts

**Country Programme Management Plans with accountability for gender**
- 2014: 58%  - 2015: 65%  - 2016: 76%

**Knowledge sharing & Communications**
- Functioning gender network
- 4 billion people reached through #DayoftheGirl Twitter hashtag
- ‘Harnessing the power of data for girls’ publication
Partnerships

- UNICEF/UNFPA Global Programme to End Child Marriage
  - UNGEI, GAVI, H6
- Every Woman Every Child
- UN Women—United to End Violence Against Women
- ALL IN, Together for Girls
- Global Partnerships for Education
- UNFPA/UNICEF Joint Programme on FGM/C
- Girls not Brides Alliance

UNICEF’s complementary contributions
150+ country offices
Multi-sector expertise
Focus on next generation

SDG 1: End Poverty
SDG 2: End Hunger Improve Nutrition
SDG 3: Health
SDG 4: Education
SDG 5: Gender Equality
SDG 6: WASH
In 2016, the Gender Thematic Fund received its first contribution from the Government of Luxembourg.
Lesson Learned & Shaping GAP 2.0 to Align with Strategic Plan 2018-2021

**Strengths**

- Steady adoption of gender results by CO’s
- Resonance of targeted priorities around adolescent girls’ empowerment
- Critical role of gender experts at HQ and RO’s
- Coherence but flexibility in GAP framework fosters “bottom up” field-based adaptations & nuances of good gender programming

**Challenges**

- Limited resources and capacity on gender continue to be important limitations
- Dedicated gender funds are most essential for:
  - Accelerating Gender capacity
  - Promoting cross-sector programming on gender
  - Collecting and utilizing gender data and indicators
  - Catalyzing innovative solutions to advance gender equality
GAP 2018-2021 Focus

**Programmatic Results**

*(Gender in the “What” in 5 Goals)*

- Adolescent girls’ well-being and empowerment through “Targeted Priorities”
- Gender integration in all results with focus on:
  - Gender equality in life outcomes & socialization for girls and boys 0-18
  - Gender responsive communities and systems supporting women and children

**Results on Institutional Strengthening**

*(Mainstreaming Gender in “How & Enablers”)*

- Programming excellence on gender
  - Gender analysis for programming at scale
  - Gender focused innovation, data and evidence
  - Gender focused resources and partnerships
  - Gender focused communication and advocacy

- Capacity & accountability on gender
  - Capable and learning organization on gender
  - Organizational accountability for gender results
Thank you!