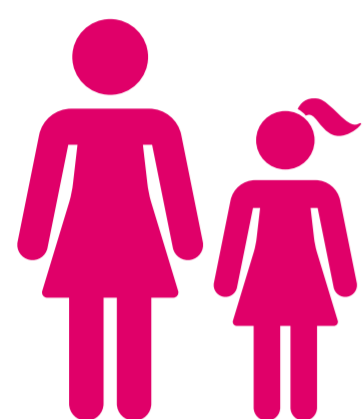


# GENDER EQUALITY

**SDG 5: To end all forms of discrimination against women and girls and to advance gender equality as a driver of economic growth and sustainable development.**



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## GENDER INEQUALITY IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH

Gender inequality is one of the oldest and most pervasive forms of inequality in the world. **It denies women their voices, devalues their work and effects the way they are treated, in the household, in the community, and at national and global levels.**



**1 in 3 women,** around 736 million, are subjected to physical or sexual violence by a partner or sexual violence from a non-partner.



More than **50 per cent** of urban women and girls in developing countries live in conditions where they lack at least one of the following: access to clean water, improved sanitation facilities, durable housing, and sufficient living area.



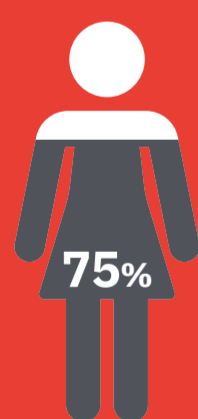
**Girls are more likely than boys never to set foot in a classroom.** Around 5.5 million more girls than boys of primary school age were out of school in 2018. **Women make up more than two-thirds of the world's 796 million illiterate population.**



**92% of employed women** in low-income countries work in informal jobs, which can leave them vulnerable to **physical and sexual abuse.**



Worldwide, an estimated **650 million girls and women** alive today were married before their 18th birthday.



**75% of women** in developing regions are less likely to have **employment contracts**, legal rights or social protection, and are often not paid enough to escape living in poverty. **600 million** are in the most insecure and precarious forms of work.

If **women farmers** had the same access to resources as men, the number of hungry people in the world could be reduced by up to **150 million.**



## COUNTRIES WHERE CONCERN WORKS:



**LEBANON & SYRIA** - Nine out of ten of the 1.5 million Syrian refugees who are resident in Lebanon are now **living in extreme poverty with women and children the worst impacted.** Concern's Protection and Psycho-social Support (PSS) Officers provide counselling sessions on self-care and parenting for mothers and on Gender-Based Violence to vulnerable women in Beirut.



**MALWAI** - In 2019, Concern worked in 30 schools in the country's Phalombe district and also with the wider community, **reaching almost 62,000 people** to address the root causes of school-related gender-based violence and encourage behaviour change.



**SIERRA LEONE** - Almost **45% of girls aged 19 are pregnant or have already given birth.** Concern are working to implement the Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health (ASRH) project, alongside integrated projects focusing on education, gender equality and School related gender-based violence.