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- **2022 International Women's Day:**
- **Together Women Rise...Again!**
- Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> March 2022



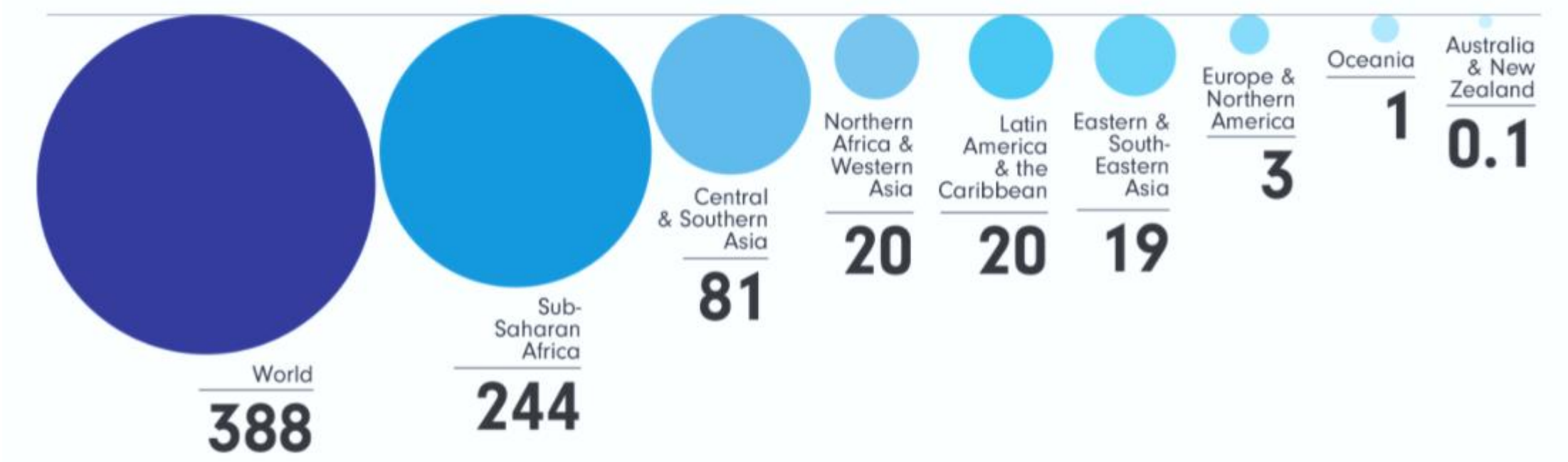


Globally, nearly **1 in 10** women aged 15 and over are living in extreme poverty.

SOURCE | UN Women/UNSD, Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals: The gender snapshot 2021



Female population living in extreme poverty, by region, 2022 (in millions)



And yet we can change this!

Over 150 million women and girls could emerge from poverty by 2030 if governments implement a comprehensive strategy to improve access to education and family planning, achieve equal wages and extend social transfers.



In 2020,  
employed  
women fell by  
**↓ 54 million.**

Women out  
of the labour  
force rose by  
**↑ 45 million.**

SOURCE | UN Women/UNSD, Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals: The gender snapshot 2021.

**8** DECENT WORK AND  
ECONOMIC GROWTH

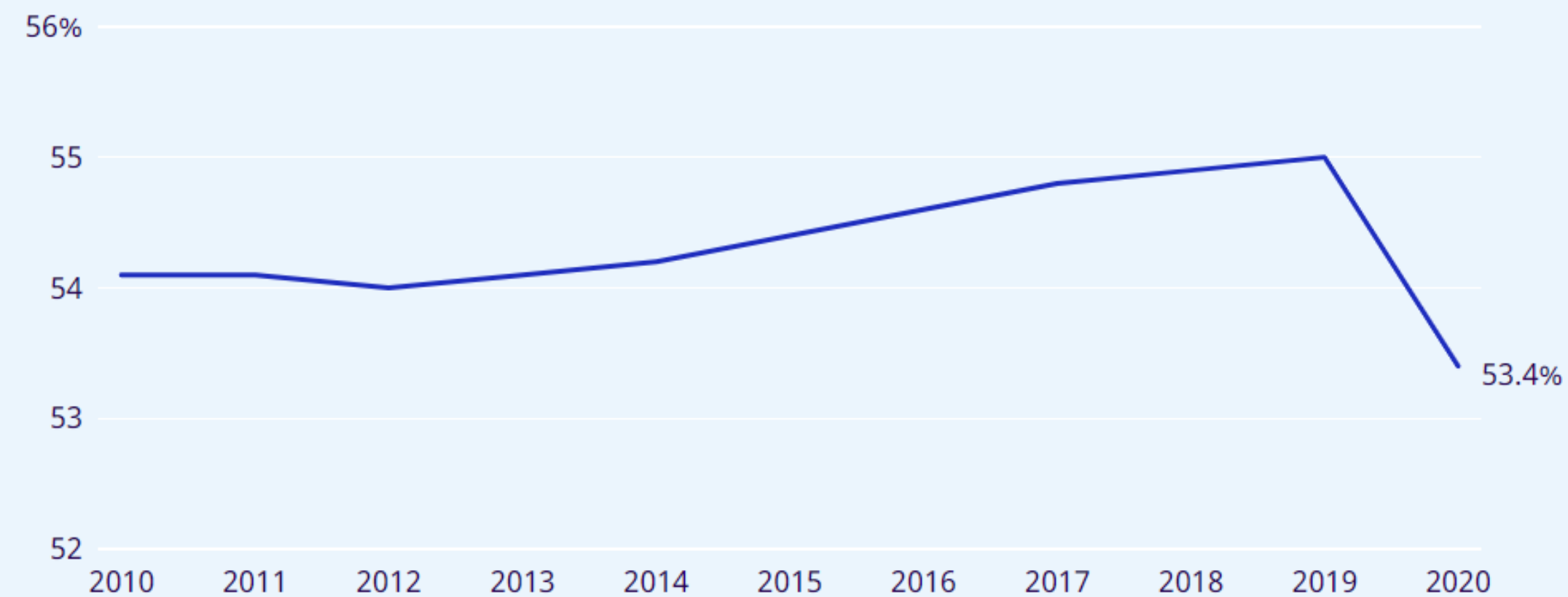
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Women have suffered steeper job losses than men, along with increased unpaid care burdens at home.

In 2020, the pressures of juggling work and family, coupled with school closures and job losses in female-dominated sectors meant even fewer women were participating in the workforce.

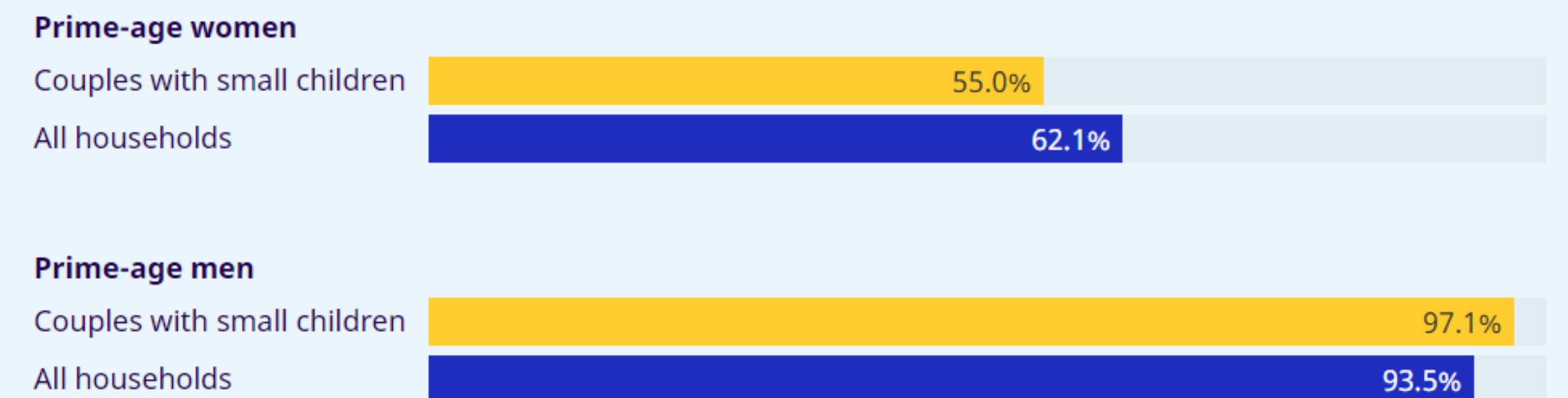
About 113 million women aged 25–54, with partners and small children, were out of the workforce in 2020.

### ► Labour force participation rate of prime-age women in couple households with small children



Source: [ILO modelled estimates, ILOSTAT](#) • [Get the data](#)

### ► Labour force participation rates, 2019 global estimates



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**Small-scale farmer households  
headed by women earn on average  
30% less  
than those headed by men.\***

\*based on a sample of 28 countries.

SOURCE | UN Women/UNSD, Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals: The gender snapshot 2020

Women's food insecurity levels were 10% higher than men's in 2020, compared with 6% higher in 2019

**In the first year of the pandemic,  
there were an estimated**



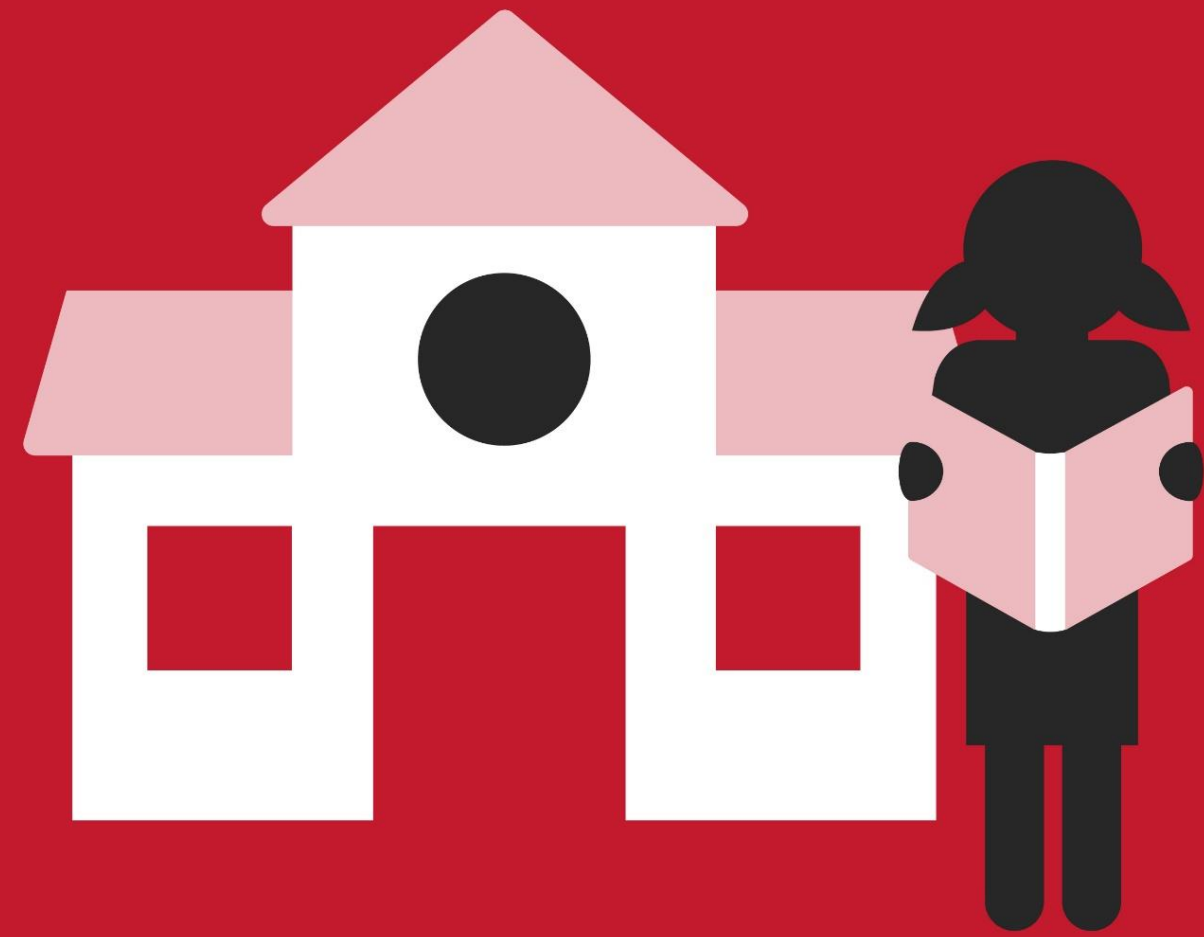
**1.4  
million**

**additional unintended  
pregnancies in lower-and  
middle-income countries.**

Disruptions in essential health services due to COVID-19 are taking a tragic toll on women and girls.

Response to the pandemic must include prioritizing sexual and reproductive health services, ensuring they continue to operate safely now and after the pandemic is long over.

SOURCE | UN Women/UNSD, Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals: The gender snapshot



# Half

**of all refugee girls enrolled in secondary school before the pandemic will not return to school.**

SOURCE | UN Women/UNSD, Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals: The gender snapshot 2021.

**4** QUALITY  
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School closures spell lost opportunities for girls and an increased risk of violence, exploitation and early marriage.

Yet less than half (42 per cent) of 131 countries and territories are taking at least one measure to support girls in returning to school.

**While in transit to their new destination, 53% of migrant women report experiencing or witnessing violence, compared to 19% of men.\***



**By the end of 2020, 26.4 million people had fled their countries and become refugees, the highest level ever recorded.**

**Almost half are women and girls.**

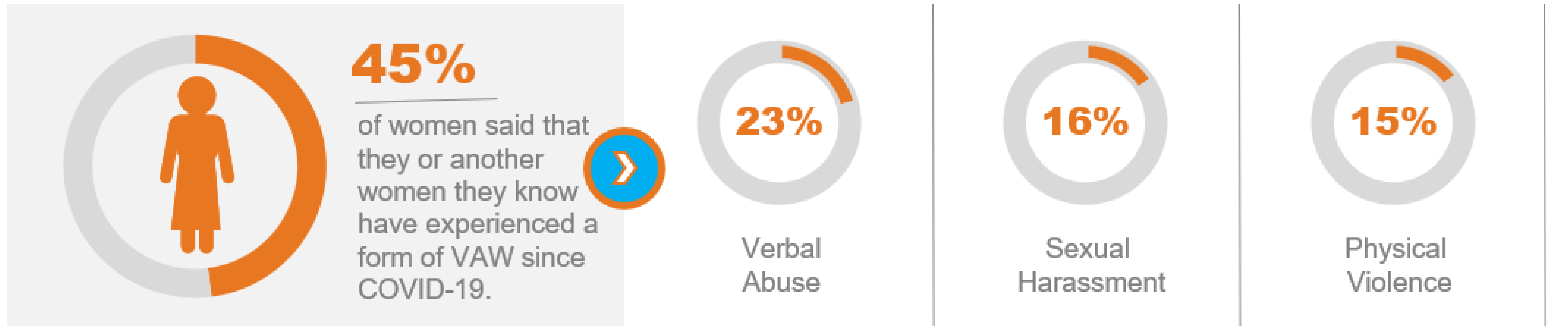
\*data are for those travelling along Western and Central Mediterranean routes.

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## WOMEN REPORTING OWN EXPERIENCES OR KNOWLEDGE OF OTHER WOMEN EXPERIENCING VAW

Nearly 1 in 2 women reported that they or a woman they know have experienced a form of VAW since COVID-19



# Are we on track to achieve SDG5 by 2030?

## Latest global assessment reveals a long road ahead.



\*SDG 5 has 14 official indicators but 18 are shown given 5.1.1 and 5.5.1 have multiple sub-indicators.

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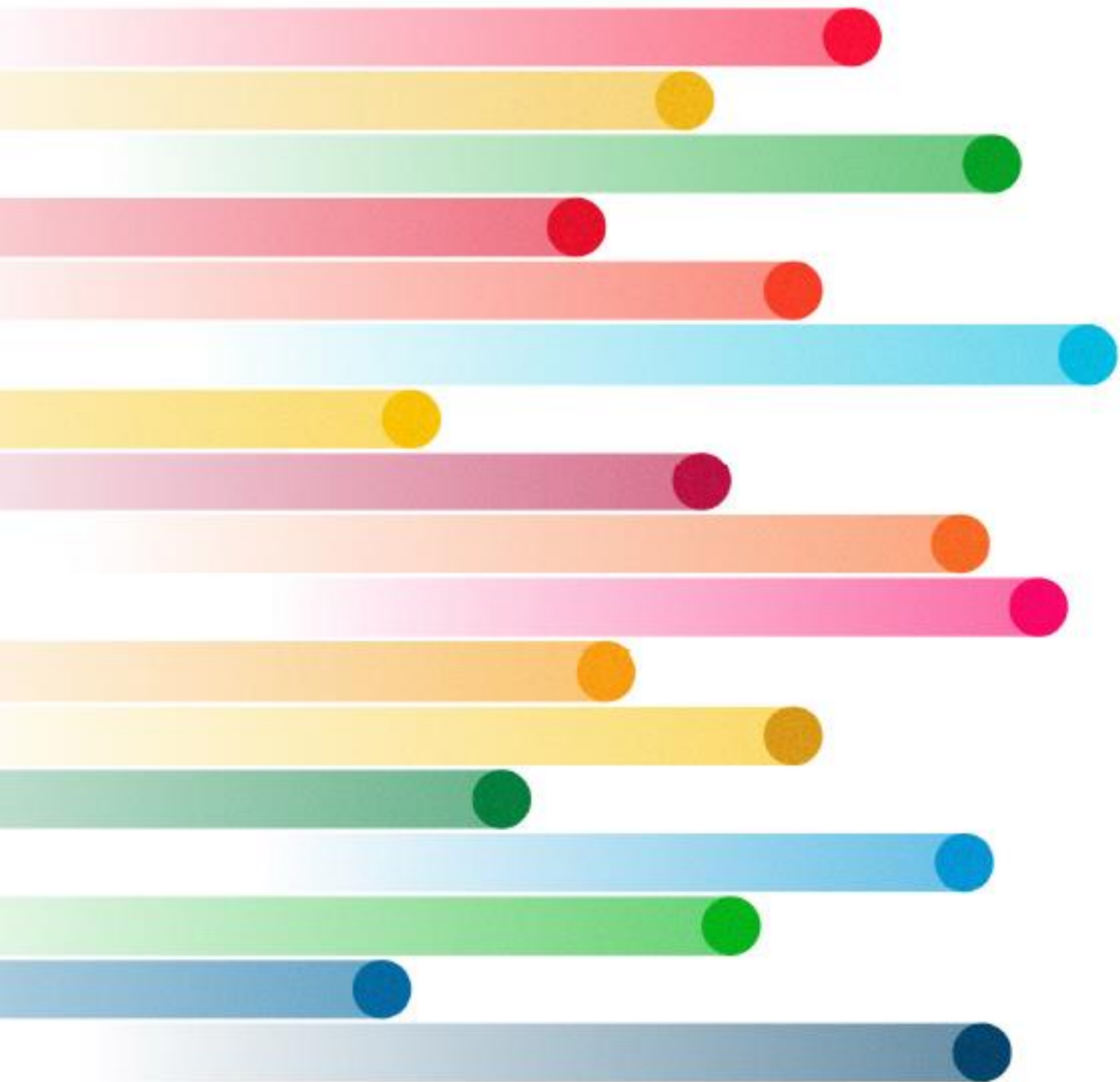
# CHARTING THE WAY FORWARD

# WE HAVE THE TOOLS TO ADDRESS THIS CRISIS

- ✓ Introduce economic support packages for vulnerable women and measures to confront women's increasing time and income poverty. This includes efforts to recognize, reduce and redistribute the increased burden of unpaid care and domestic work.
- ✓ Prioritize prevention and redress of violence against women and girls in COVID-19 responses and ensure that services for survivors are deemed essential and remain accessible and adequately funded.
- ✓ Close glaring gaps in social protection. In response to the pandemic, only 54 out of 195 countries and territories have introduced new or amended social protection measures targeting women and girls. Many more are needed. Long-term investments in social protection systems that reach all women and girls are key to economic recovery and future resilience.
- ✓ Eliminating inequality in the labour market is more urgent than ever, including to address occupational segregation, gender pay gaps and inadequate access to affordable childcare.
- ✓ Protect women's health and well-being, including ensuring access to sexual and reproductive health services.



PROGRESS ON THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS:  
THE GENDER SNAPSHOT 2021



*Latest available evidence on gender equality across all 17 Goals*

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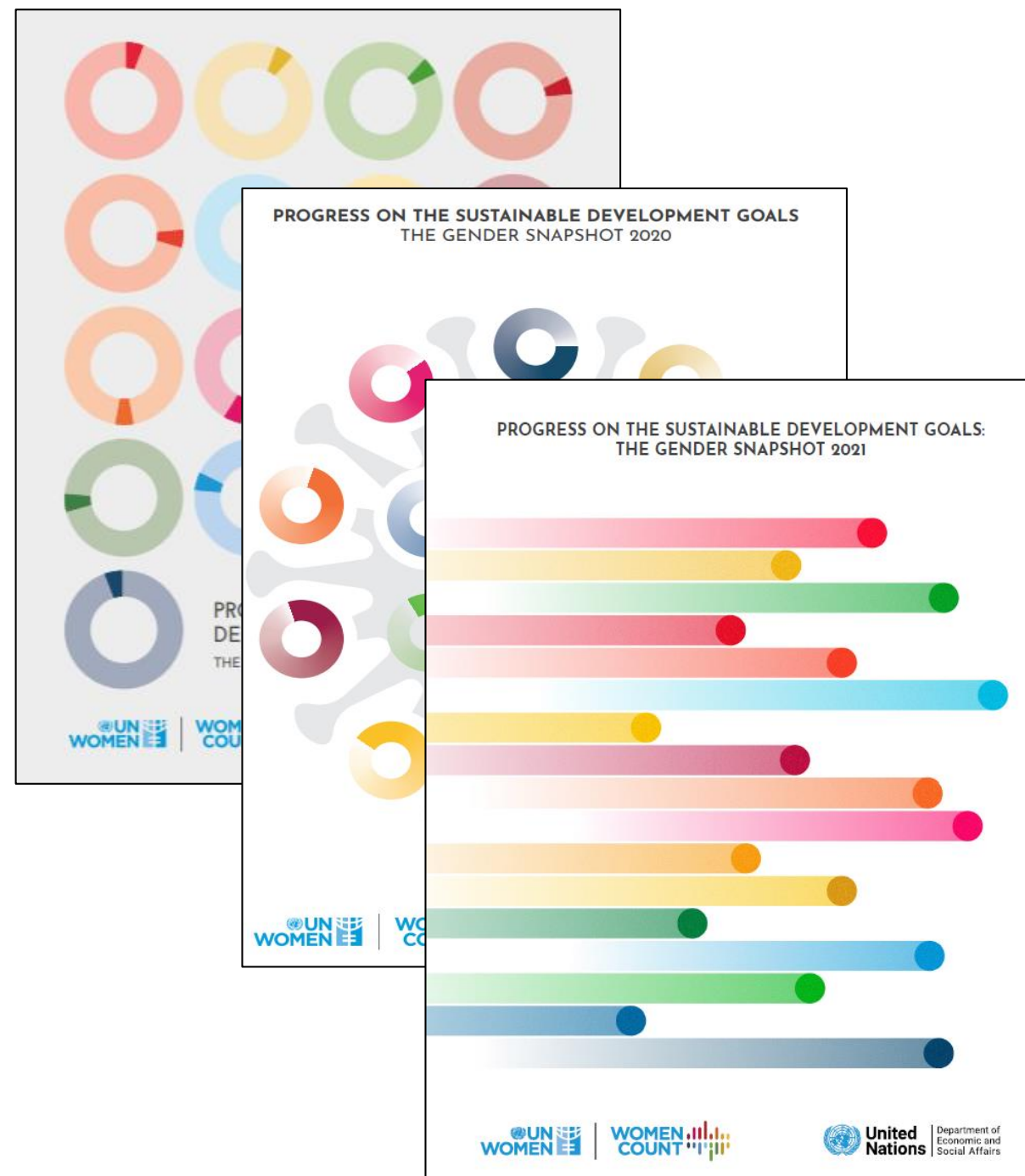
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Report is available in EN, FR, ES

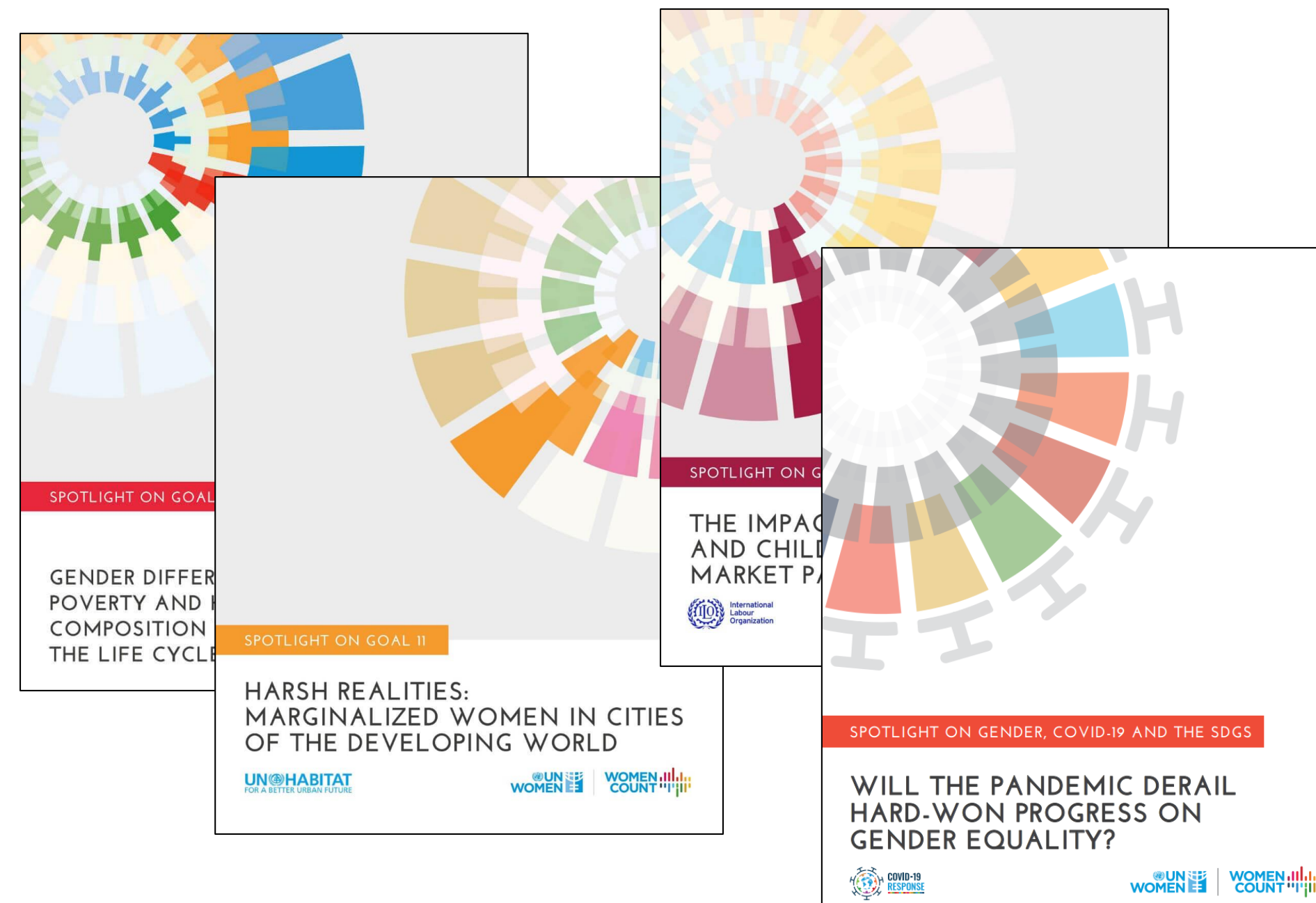
# Gender equality essential for achieving all 17 SDGs

## PROGRESS ON THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS: The Gender Snapshot (2019, 2020, 2021)



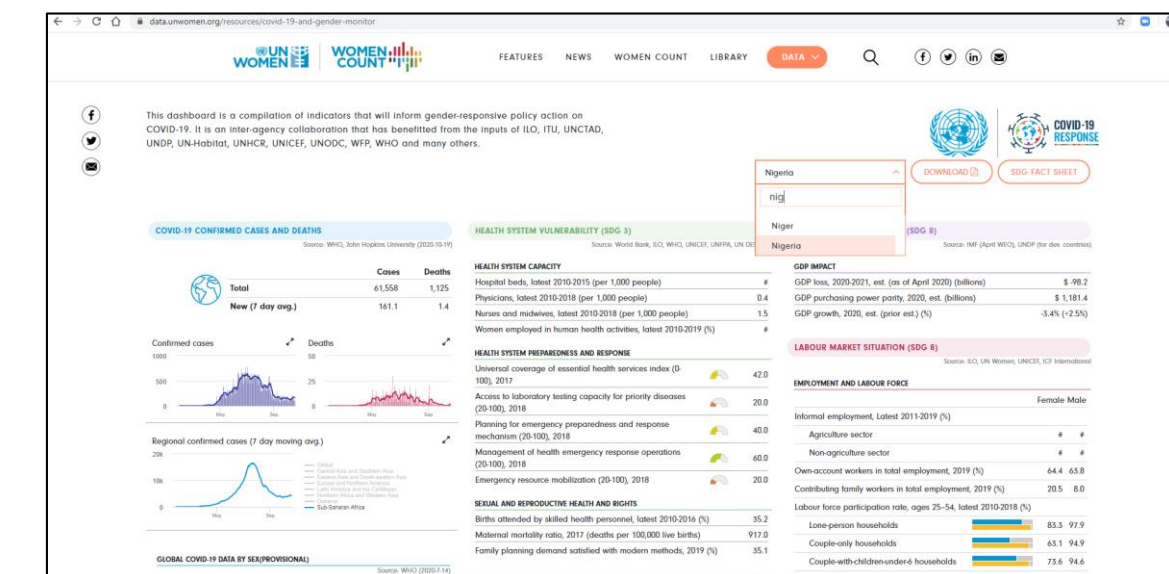
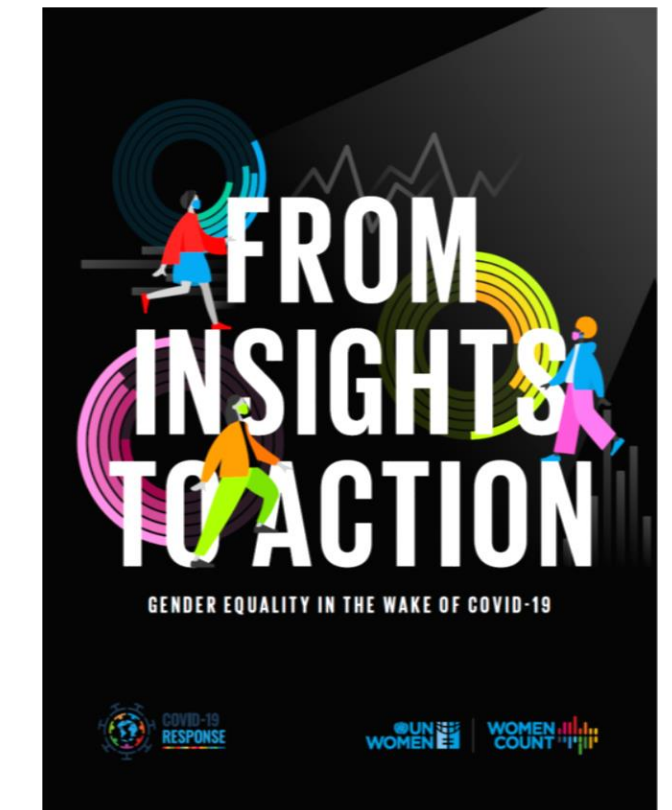
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## SDG SPOTLIGHT SERIES: GOALS 1, 8, 11 + COVID-19



UN Women & various partners

## COVID-19 & Gender



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## UN Women Resources

[The Gender Snapshot 2021](#)

[SDG Spotlight Series](#)

[COVID-19 and the Gender Monitor](#) (database)

[From Insights to Action: Gender Equality in the Wake of COVID-19](#)

[COVID-19 and Gender Policy Tracker](#)

# THANK YOU



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# Together Women Rise Grant 2018: Micro-credit for poultry farming, Shohratgarh





# SoCCs help operationalize 3 Types of Wealth



Financial  
Capital



Ecological  
Capital



Social  
Capital





# The community currency for social good



# Users create their own SoCCs Earning and Redeeming menus during SoCCratic Dialogues



Pune, India

Washington DC, USA

SoCC Earning Menu

|  |   |
|--|---|
|  Cleaning streets                   |  Attending computer skills classes   |
|  Painting public walls              |  Greening the neighbourhood          |
|  Sending children to school         |  Teaching neighbourhood children     |
|  Getting vaccinations               |  Story telling/ passing down skills  |
|  Attending hygiene/health workshops |  Waste management                    |
|  Caring for the elderly             |  Attending skills training workshops |

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|--|--|
|  Getting a kiosk              |  Getting provisions               |
|  Public amenities             |  Mobile phone talk time           |
|  Setting up community library |  Getting better community toilets |
|  Health checks                |  Community activities/ teashop    |
|  Children's playground        |  Childcare                        |
|  School supplies              |  Women's empowerment programmes   |

SoCC Redeeming Menu



# SoCCs™ App and platform help encourage, record, verify, trade and analyze SoCCs™ activities



# Revolving loans for goat rearing, Bundelkhand: Provided income and nutrition during Covid



# Kitchen Gardens provided nutrition during Covid-19 lockdowns in India and Kenya



# Livelihood Resilience Projects: Building rainwater harvesting check-dams



# SoCCCs™ Cascade of Learning





# Raspberry Pi: a low cost alternative to laptops for our Learning Centers



# Tech devices for on-line classes delivered to our neighborhood Pods



# **Cascade of Upskilling:** **550 women learning organic agriculture,** **teaching 1100 farmers who will teach others**



# Mobilizing Self-help-groups for food distribution, and Covid awareness campaigns



# Asia Initiatives Projects & Awards Received



# Thank You

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Our mission is to amplify the voices, work and collective impact of community-driven organizations focused on investing in the power and potential of adolescent girls.



# AMPLIFY Girls: A Collective of Community Driven Organization Partners

Founded in 2018 by 18 CDOs, AMPLIFY is a self-governed collective of grassroots organizations in East Africa, who came together to document collective impact and advocate for local solutions on the global stage.





# AMPLIFY Girls: How we do our work



## **SUPPORT**

Strengthen organizations through resources & sharing of best practices



## **DEMONSTRATE**

Document the impact of CDOs through locally driven research and evaluation.



## **ADVOCATE**

AMPLIFY the impact of local solutions and shift investment to locally-led organizations.

# 2020 Study: Understanding the Barriers to Girls' School Return in East Africa

- Interviews (FGDs and IDIs) with 382 girls
- 108 IDIs with girls who had failed to return to school post reopening
- 90% of whom pregnant

## Study Districts





Girls are dropping out at extraordinary rates

- Girls' dropout is on the rise.
- Driven by extreme situations of economic precarity.
- Common experiences of protracted trauma.
- Loss of hope about the future.

# Research to Action: Education and Innovation Fund

**Understanding the Barriers to Girls' School Return: Girls' Voices from the Frc Pandemic in**

**Stemming Pandemic-Related Losses in Girls' Education: Promising Practices from the AMPLIFY Collective**

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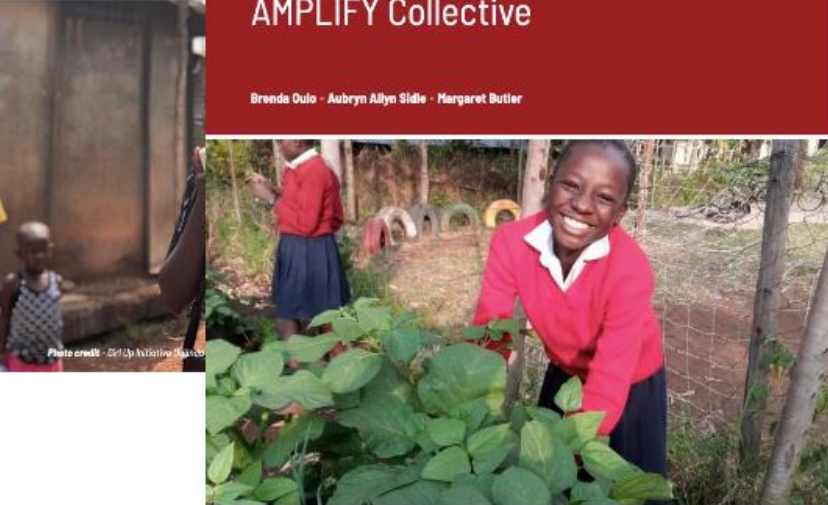
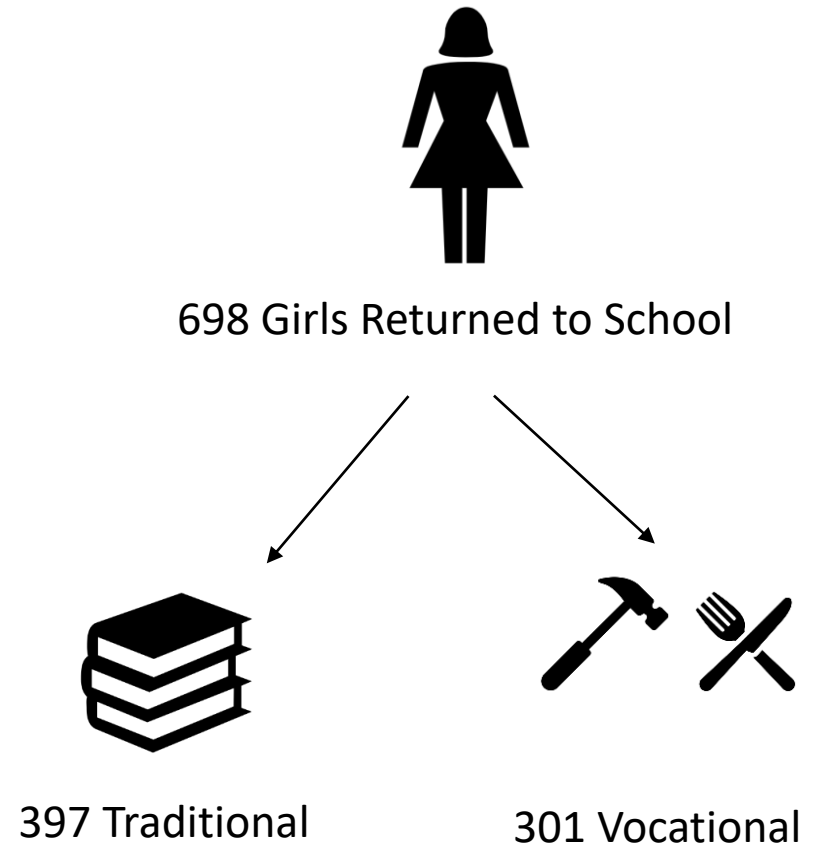
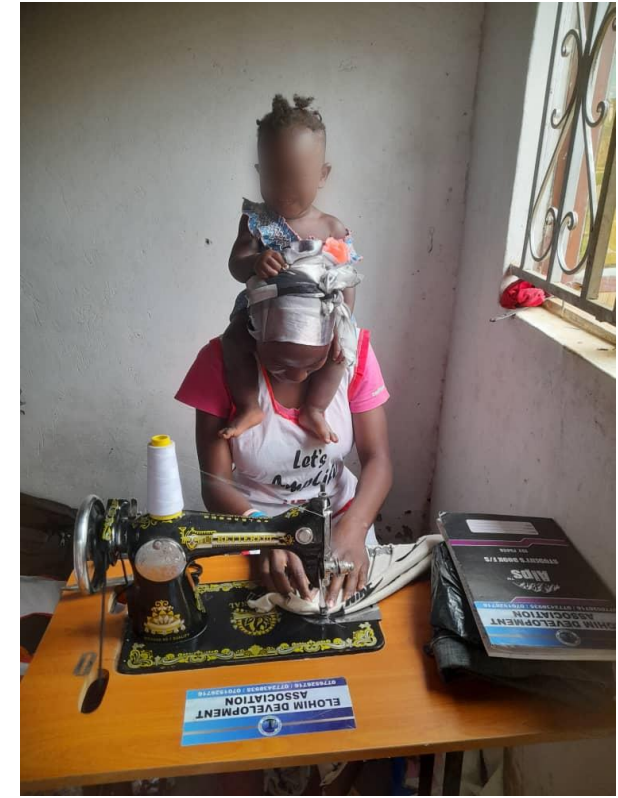


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## Stories of Impact: Uganda

Longest school closures in the world (2+ years)

645,000 teen-pregnancies registered in Uganda in 1<sup>st</sup> 6 months of the pandemic

