GENDER EQUALITY: WHERE ARE WE TODAY?

POLITICS

The percentage of women in parliament has doubled in the last 20 years.

- THEN: 25%
- NOW: 50%

But this only translates into around 23% of women in parliament today.

CONFLICT

In 2000, the pioneering UN Security Council resolution 1325 recognized that war impacts women differently and stressed the need to increase women’s participation in peace talks.

- But from 1992 to 2011 only 9% of negotiators at peace tables were women.

WAGES

And globally women earn 24% less than men.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

In 1993, the UN General Assembly Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women provided a framework for action on the pandemic.

- But more than 20 years later, 1 in 3 women still experience physical or sexual violence, mostly by an intimate partner.

SENIOR MANAGEMENT

21 women CEOs lead Fortune 500 companies today, compared to only 1 in 1998.

- 1998: 0.5%
- 2016: 21%

But this is a mere 4% of all CEOs on the list.

MEDIA

Women’s presence as news subjects in print, radio, and television has only increased to 24% in 2015 from 17% in 1995.

- But in 1995 figures based on a study of 71 countries.
- 2015 figures based on a study of 114 countries.

MATERNAL DEATHS

But 830 women still die every day from preventable pregnancy-related causes. 99% of these deaths occur in developing countries.

- In 2014, 50% of the world’s working age women (15 or over) are in the labour force, compared to over 75% of working age men.

EDUCATION

All developing regions have or have almost achieved gender parity in primary education.

- But the gender disparity widens at the secondary and tertiary school levels in many countries.

ACCESS TO CLEAN WATER

But women still spend 16 million hours per day collecting water in 25 sub-Saharan countries.

- In 2014, 91% of the global population now uses an improved drinking water source.

LITERACY

The adult literacy rate has risen to 85% from 76% in 1990.

- But women account for over 60% of the world’s illiterate.

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