

Can SDGs be Achieved **without** Gender Equality?

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- o Underscores that the goals and targets, “including the means of implementation are universal, indivisible and interlinked”.
- o For the realization of Goals implementation is inter-dependent

SDG 5

- o Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.
- o Important Target 5.4

Recognize and value unpaid care and domestic work through the provision of public services, infrastructure and social protection policies and the promotion of shared responsibility within the household and the family as nationally appropriate.

Cannot implement 5.4 without other targets

- o 1.4 on equal rights and access to basic services; 2.2 ending all forms of malnutrition, for children, pregnant and lactating women and others; 6.1 on safe and affordable drinking water, 6.2 on adequate and equitable sanitation; 7.1 on universal access to affordable, reliable and modern energy sources; 7b on expansion of infrastructure and upgrade technology for sustainable energy; 11.1 on access to adequate, safe and affordable housing and basic services and upgrade slums

Another example SDG 8 Target 5

...achieve full and productive employment and decent work for all women and men, including young people and persons with disabilities and equal pay for work of equal value.

Cannot Achieve 8.5 without

1.3 implement nationally appropriate social protection systems and measures for all...; and 1.4 ensure that all men and women, particularly the poor and the vulnerable have equal rights to economic resources, as well as to basic services, ownership and control over land and other forms of property, etc.

Limitations in SDGs

1. Do not identify policy frameworks needed to implement gender-inclusive goals. See recommendations from UNRISD flagship publication of 2016.
2. Framed in present-day economic model which is also responsible for current problems – ecological devastation, deepening poverty and inequality – focus on more profits.

The way ahead to **gender-responsive** SGD implementation

1. Fundamental structural change in all institutions
2. New eco-social policy frameworks based on human rights & environmental integrity
3. Gender dis-aggregated data collection and indicators
4. Stop illicit financial flows
5. Equitable tax regimes
6. End military spending



Thank-you