

SRHR AND GOAL 10:

Reduce inequality within and among countries

- 10.2** By 2030, empower and promote the social, economic and political inclusion of all, irrespective of age, sex, disability, race, ethnicity, origin, religion or economic or other status
- 10.3** Ensure equal opportunity and reduce inequalities of outcome, including by eliminating discriminatory laws, policies and practices and promoting appropriate legislation, policies and action in this regard

Achievement of Goal 10's mission requires Governments and policy makers to enshrine equal opportunity and ensure access to a range of health and education services. Enabling the sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) of all people contributes to a prosperous and equal society and promotes social and economic inclusion.



It is critical to support investment in national health priorities, including contraception services, cervical cancer screening and treatment and a national comprehensive sexuality education curriculum. Improving access to SRHR reduces inequality by enabling all people, especially women and girls, to participate in meaningful work, civic duties and education opportunities. In turn, this contributes to significant economic gains for individuals, families and nations.

Reducing inequality requires everyone in a society to have the same opportunities for education, employment and health. Economic independence is an enabler for both women and men to exercise control over their lives and make informed choices. At an individual level, the benefits of increasing women's workforce participation rate include additional financial security for women and their families, increased savings for retirement and the ability to contribute to a prosperous and equal society. Enabling women to work and engage meaningfully within the labour force and lowering the fertility rate also allows families to invest more in each child's health and education.

Actions

- Support cervical cancer screening for all women, and collect demographic data to improve targeting of resources to ensure no one is left behind
- Recognise that sexual and reproductive health interventions are key to overcoming systematic inequality, violence, and discrimination against women
- Ensure that national sexual and reproductive health strategies are up to date, evidence based, and provide women with access to the full suite of health services
- Ensure all young people have access to comprehensive sexuality education curriculum that is aligned with the 2018 UNESCO technical guidelines



FURTHER INFORMATION

[Family Planning NSW's Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights and the Sustainable Development Goals Reports](#)

[United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal 10 Factsheet](#)