



GWI United Nation Representative Advocacy Report 2021

GWI advocacy goals

1. 100% of United Nations Member States commit to policy, legislation, budget and infrastructure to facilitate transition of girls from primary to secondary school and ensure gender parity and gender equality throughout secondary education by 2030.
2. By 2030 100% of United Nations low income Member States have increased access to tertiary education for girls and women by 50%.
3. 100% of United Nations Member States commit to and implement policies for continuing education to empower women throughout the life course, within the formal and informal economies.
4. Influence the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 4.
5. All 17 SDGs will include girls' education targets.

Please bear in mind these five overarching, long-term goals during any United Nations intervention that you make on behalf of GWI. Any intervention should push these five goals further.

NB: *Although these goals represent GWI's mission, our United Nations Representatives are should always promote all GWI key messages and represent GWI professionally.*

UNICEF – 2nd Executive Board Session – September 7-10, 2021

Highlights from Day One:

UNICEF is celebrating its 75th year.

UNICEF's Executive Director, Henrietta Fore, is leaving office. She was commended by multiple countries for, among other things, addressing sexual harassment both within the organization and in the field, for innovation, for emphasizing the importance of big data and analysis when creating policy, for her work in the field, for her willingness to consider new forms of funding, and for establishing multiple national offices.

UNICEF's Strategic Plan 2022-2025 will place particular emphasis on **children and young adults with disabilities** and **girls/young women** as it implements the following five goals:

1. To increase access to adequate health care systems, early childhood development, immunization, mental health services, and sexual and reproductive health services
2. To ensure that adolescents learn and acquire skills for the future through *Generation Unlimited*
3. To protect children by preventing violence, abuse, neglect, and harmful practices

4. To provide communities and families with safe and equitable *WASH* services and supplies while living in a safe and sustainable climate and environment (Child Climate Risk Index)
5. To access inclusive social protection, free of poverty.

UNICEF views the COVID crisis as the worse crisis it has confronted since its founding, calling it a child rights' emergency. In addition to the disruption to economies, health care systems, and unimaginable illness and death, COVID continues to disrupt education systems, with all schools currently still closed in 19 countries, affecting 156 million children and adolescents. We have yet to learn how many children and adolescents left school never to return.

UNICEF is particularly proud of its efforts to immunize against COVID, providing vaccines to 236.2 million in 139 countries, through COVAC, while also continuing to vaccinate against measles (77 million) and other long-existing contagious diseases.

Children with disabilities as well as girls need full inclusion and equitable education. Global learning with a modernized curriculum demands quality digital learning – 3.5 billion children should be connected by 2030. There is a need, however, to identify and bring to scale best practices for online learning.

UNICEF has increased its efforts to partner with national governments, the private sector, and other NGOs in part to raise the necessary funds to carry out its goals.

UNICEF continues to face a major challenge - how to effectively and innovatively carry out humanitarian, education, development, and peace goals for the good of the world's children.

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