



GWI United Nation Representative Advocacy Report 2025

GWI advocacy goals

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.

By 2030 100% of United Nations low-income Member States have increased access to tertiary education for girls and women by 50%.

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.

Influence the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 4.

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, UN Reps are also invited to promote GWI key messages on areas where especially relevant e.g., women in STEM, securing investment in women teachers, addressing barriers to girls' education such as child marriage.

UNICEF's ANNUAL REPORT 2024

Below is a summary of some of the highlights of the above report:

It was a difficult time to be a child in 2024. With deepening violent conflict, climate shocks and poverty, children faced skyrocketing needs while the resources to respond continued to shrink. But as this year's Annual Report shows, across more than 190 countries and territories, UNICEF delivered clean water and sanitation, protection and psychosocial support, health, nutrition, and immunization services, and education and skills development.

Some of the major achievements of the year were as follows:

- Over 1.5 billion polio vaccine doses were delivered to 87 countries.
- Across 448 emergencies in 104 countries, millions of children were reached with humanitarian assistance.
- 251 million children under 5 were reached with early detection services for wasting.
- 26 million out-of-school children and adolescents gained access to education.
- Over 18 million people gained access to basic sanitation services and more than 33 million to safe water.
- The full report can be accessed at www.UNICEF.org.

Empowering women and girls through lifelong, quality education and training. GWI, formerly International Federation of University Women (IFUW), in special consultative status with ECOSOC since 1947 and an NGO maintaining official relations with UNESCO and ILO

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