

WORLD POPULATION DAY 2023

CONSTITUTIONAL OVERVIEW

184 out of
194 countries

guarantee equality between women and men in their Constitutions as of 2016

Yet, discrimination against women persists in many areas.

This includes through:

Law and Policies Social Norms and Practices Gender Based Stereotypes

CEDAW: The Women's Bill Of Rights

The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) is considered **The women's human rights treaty.**

Very importantly, it:

- defines the meaning of discrimination against women
- legally-binds countries that have ratified the Convention to eliminate all forms of discrimination against women in public and private life, including within the family
- aims to achieve substantive equality where women are able to enjoy their human rights in practice, and are given equal access to opportunities and an enabling environment to achieve equal results

Ratified by 189 countries

This makes it second most ratified international human rights treaty!

“Unleashing the Power of Gender Equality: Uplifting the Voices of Women and Girls to Unlock Our World’s Infinite Possibilities.”

Today, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development expressly acknowledges that sexual and reproductive health and gender equality are essential for unlocking a more prosperous and sustainable future.

THE DATA

Gender discrimination has far-reaching and profound effects on the lives of women and girls.

Nationality

In more than **50** countries, women are denied the right to acquire, change or retain their nationality



Unpaid Care & Domestic Work

Women spend **3x** as many hours as men each day in unpaid care and domestic work



Education

Globally, **750** million adults are illiterate. Two thirds of them are women



Health

More than **1 in 10** women, aged 15–49, of reproductive age worldwide have an unmet need for family planning



Politics

Women occupy only **26.2%** of parliamentary seats worldwide



Wages

Women earn **23%** less than men globally



Employment

Job losses during the pandemic disproportionately hit women

Women accounted for **39%** of total employment in 2019 **but** **45%** of global employment losses in 2020



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