



# ACHIEVE GENDER EQUALITY AND EMPOWER ALL WOMEN AND GIRLS

PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN AREAS...

## DECREASE IN CHILD MARRIAGE

GIRLS MARRIED BEFORE AGE 15

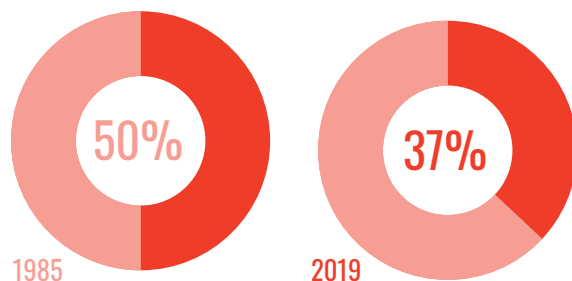


GIRLS MARRIED BETWEEN AGES 15–18



## DECREASE IN FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION

It is estimated that over **200 million** girls and women worldwide have undergone Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting (FGM/C). Thankfully, the rate has gone down in recent years. Below is the percentage of girls aged 15 to 19 years who have undergone FGM/C from the 31 countries with representative data. \*\*



BUT WOMEN ARE STILL DENIED CONTROL OVER THEIR OWN BODIES

When will 100% of women have autonomy regarding personal health decisions?

## ABILITY TO MAKE DECISIONS OVER HEALTH CARE



75.2%  
WORLDWIDE



24.8% of women lack control over their own health care. In Central & Southern Asia, the situation is worse at 40.1%.

## FREEDOM TO SAY “NO” TO SEX



75.1%  
WORLDWIDE



24.9% of women aged 15-49 who are married or in a union cannot freely say no to sex. In Africa the situation is worse at roughly 30%.

## FREEDOM TO DECIDE CONTRACEPTION USE



91.1%  
WORLDWIDE



There has been improvement in freedom to decide on contraception use, but 9.9% of women worldwide still lack control over contraception decisions.

## CONTROL OVER SEXUAL & REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS



55.0%  
WORLDWIDE



45% of women aged 15-49 who are married or in a union do not have autonomy in decisions regarding their sexual and reproductive health rights. In Central & Southern Asia, this rate is dire at 57.4%.

International commitments to advance gender equality have brought about improvements in some areas: child marriage and female genital mutilation (FGM) have declined in recent years... But the promise of a world in which every woman and girl enjoys full gender equality, and where all legal, social and economic barriers to their empowerment have been removed, remains unfulfilled.

—SDG Report 2020\*