

Applying the Gender Lens

Inequities between men and women is evident from the statistics below and show how much work there is to be done to ensure the world benefits from its female population in ways that are respectful and equitable.

STATISTICS ON WOMEN AND GIRLS

- Australian women are 2.5 times more likely than men to live in poverty during their old age
- Lifetime wages of a 25yr old woman will be \$1million less than those of a 25 yr old man (41.4m and \$2.4m respectively)
- Violence is the leading cause of death, disability and illness of Australian women aged 15-48
- In Australia, maternal mortality rates for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women are more than 2.5 times as high as for other women
- Women do two thirds of the world's work, receive less than 55% of the world's income and own less than 1% of the world's property
- Worldwide, women constitute about 70% of the absolute poor – those living on less than one dollar per day
- The total value of women's unpaid house and farm work adds one third to the world's GNP (gross national product)
- Each year – an estimated 800,000 people are trafficked across borders – 80% of them are women and girls, who mostly end up in the commercial sex trade

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