



Dear world leaders,

We need to raise the bar.

You've made commitments, passed laws and shared actions to eradicate gender based violence, include women and insure equality. However, the standards are too low.

Not only are the targets not ambitious enough, they are not being reached.

The COVID-19 crisis has shown domestic violence has increased; women are those at the frontlines, yet they are also those who are not compensated correctly while still bearing most of their household burdens.

This is the hidden pandemic.

The SDGs point to a world where women are fairly treated: they have equal rights to ownership (SDG 1.4), they have access to universal healthcare (SDG 3.7) and they have access to education (SDG 4.2). We believe in a world with decent work and equal pay (SDG 8.5), increased access to financial services (SDG 9.3) and inclusion in all spheres of society (SDG 10.2). Women are instrumental in achieving sustainable lifestyles (SDG 12.8) and for this they need to be part of the decision making process (SDG 16.7).

We're not asking for promises. We're asking for accountability. We're asking for action to fund, prevent, respond and collect data.

We've asked you to act faster and to #turnitaround. We now ask you to act better.

Today we ask you to join us in making gender a priority as a crosscutting topic to achieving all SDGs, not only through laws but also through their implementation. We ask for:

1. Concrete actions to eliminate all forms of violence against ALL women and girls in the public and private spheres; including girls with disability, low income, LBT women and girls, black and indigenous women.
2. Funding to be rapidly available for women's rights organizations
3. Inclusion of women in all decision making processes not only praising them for being at the forefront of action
4. Collection of data through young people to improve current GBV services, helping elevate young voices, shaping the future through youth power and action.

We await your urgent and bettered actions. The women of our world need you.

The world youth