

Some facts on global gender inequality:

1. In 2015, less than 50% of the world's working-age women are in the labour force, compared to 77% of working-age men.
2. Women with full-time jobs still earn only about 60-75% of their male counterparts' earnings.
3. African-American women earn 64 cents and Latina women earn 56 cents for every dollar earned by a Caucasian man in the USA.
4. In 2017, only 28% of senior management roles in South Africa were held by women - just two percent more than in 2004.
5. 62 million girls are denied an education all over the world.
6. Women bear a much heavier responsibility for unpaid care work (housework, caring for children, the sick and the elderly). When paid and unpaid work are combined, women work much more than men, especially in developing countries women are more likely than men to work in informal employment. More women than men work in vulnerable, low-paid and undervalued work.
7. Both female and male learners are susceptible to all forms of violence but female learners experience more incidents of sexual assaults than their male counterparts.
8. In many countries, laws exist to restrict the types of jobs available to women.
9. In South Africa women work, on average, 48 minutes more per day than men do and more than half of their work is still unpaid.
10. Women control less land than do men, and have limited access to seeds, credits and extension services.
11. Every year, an estimated 15 million girls under 18 are married worldwide, with little or no say in the matter.
12. 4 out of 5 victims of human trafficking are girls.
13. At least 250,000 maternal deaths and as many as 1.7 million newborn deaths would be averted if the need for both family planning and maternal and newborn health services were met.
14. Female genital mutilation affects more than 125 million girls and women alive today.
15. Women around the world aged 15-44 are more at risk from rape and domestic violence than from cancer, car accidents, war and malaria.
16. Around the world, only 22% of all national parliamentarians are female.
17. The National South African Household HIV Survey conducted in 2012 showed that 11.4% of young women compared to 2.9% of boys in the 15-24 year age group were HIV positive.
18. More than 43 million people around the world are forcibly displaced as a result of conflict and persecution. Half of all refugees are women.
19. Only 30% of the world's researchers are women.
20. One in three women worldwide have experienced either intimate partner violence or non-partner sexual violence in their lifetime.
21. According to Stats SA, of the reasons for not attending an educational institution in 2014, family commitments (such as getting married, minding children and pregnancy), were much more likely to be cited by girls and young women than boys and young men (21,8% compared to 1,0%).