



THE GENDER NUTRITION GAP

The Gender Nutrition Gap is the way in which women's and girls' unique biological needs, disparities in access to food and services, and harmful social norms have a bearing on their health and economic outcomes.

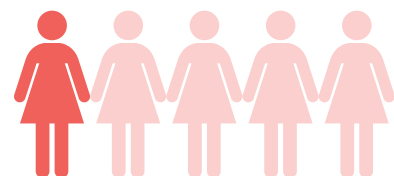
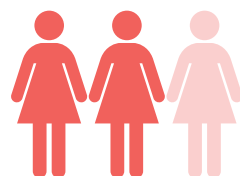
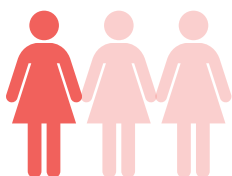
It's complex. Cultural norms, social roles, economic disparities, and discriminatory practices create and sustain this overlooked crisis. By failing to close this gap, we are jeopardizing the lives of women and girls, and our collective future.

The gap is complicated. But it is also simple. It's about who eats last and least and worst; depression and exhaustion; and mothers sacrificing when food is limited. It's about girls not being able to concentrate at school and a 10% reduction in lifetime earnings.

It is devastating and preventable. A rare opportunity to accelerate the feminist agenda. Uniting the resources, goals, expertise and energy of the maternal newborn and child health and nutrition sectors with gender equality movements will power and reinvigorate better outcomes for everyone. Closing the gap will save lives.

Together, we can tackle harmful beliefs, ensure equality in decision-making, commit to adequate funding, act with shared political power, focus policies, improve marketing regulations and empower male advocates. Making these changes across our families, communities and countries will unleash powerful progress for women, for girls, for all of us.

Globally, over **ONE BILLION** adolescent girls and women are affected by malnutrition in all its forms.



1 in 3 women aged 14-49 suffer from anemia, **2 in 3** are micronutrient deficient, and **1 in 5** maternal deaths are attributed to anemia.

WE CAN CLOSE THE GENDER NUTRITION GAP

THE ACTION AGENDA

The Closing the Gender Nutrition Gap: An Action Agenda for Girls and Women is a comprehensive framework of policy and program recommendations to help decision-makers at all levels prioritize, catalyze, account for, and collaborate on interventions to improve policies and increase investment for women's and girls' nutrition.

We focus on four action areas:



Healthy Diets



Care



Gender Equality



Multisector Policy
Environment

The Action Agenda aims to:

- ✓ Unlock bold, catalytic funding, spur innovation, inspire new partnerships, and direct investment to quality data systems to close critical data gaps to allow for addressing inequalities and monitoring progress;
- ✓ Increase policy coherence across sectors to ensure that women and girls around the world have access to healthy diets and are supported by quality health and gender-transformative social protection systems;
- ✓ Foster greater alignment across the nutrition and gender equality communities and create a strong multi-system environment that enables women and girls to live full, healthy lives.

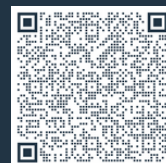
THE CAMPAIGN

The Gender Nutrition Gap encompasses a global advocacy campaign guided by the Action Agenda. Together, we can ensure women and girls worldwide have access to healthy diets and quality healthcare, promoting gender equality and a supportive environment.

THE GAP CLOSERS

The Action Agenda has been co-created with, and is being supported by, a growing coalition of over 35 partners, including United Nations organizations, international and national nonprofits, philanthropies, national professional medical societies, and research institutes, with funding from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

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