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The Agenda2030 cannot be achieved without a shared commitment to addressing social justice and issues of poverty and its multidimensional characteristics such as hunger, malnutrition, landlessness, gender inequality, their root causes, and sexual and reproductive health and rights together. Addressing structural and systemic barriers, which are the drivers of poverty and exclusion, such as patriarchy and fundamentalisms, land and resource distribution, trade and investment agreements, militarism and conflict, corporate influence need to be addressed to attain the sustainable development goals.

The world is currently faced with economic, food, fuel and climate crises, which are compounded by the current development paradigms directed by neo-liberal ideologies that has led to increased inequalities, landlessness, loss of livelihoods, poverty and hunger, especially among women. We are also confronted by development agenda that do not tackle the structural inequities, but instead opt for 'quick fixes,' such as population control policies or GMOs that endanger women's integrities and sovereignties and challenge the biodiversity and sustainability of our environments.

How can we ensure equal rights and access to resources and services (including land, water, seeds, forests, housing, education, livelihood, food, and health services, including for sexual and reproductive health and rights for women and girls;

How can we reform of the monetary, financial and trade regimes that perpetuate inequalities, and results in violence and the undermining of women's human rights;

How can we direct the public investment towards sectors in which the poor work (agriculture), areas in which they live (rural and alternative regions), factors of production that they possess (unskilled labour) and outputs which they consume (food) .

How can we enabling and legitimisation of government control over the flow of finance and international trade, as well as the cancellation of international debt, are key components for the restructuring of the current paradigms.

How can we ensuring enhanced public investments in health, including for sexual and reproductive health and rights, education, and other social services; and ensuring universal access to these, regardless of gender, socio-economic status, citizenship, age, ethnicity, caste, geographic location, sexual orientation, gender identity, engagement in sex work, disability, marital status, HIV status, pregnancy status, migration or refugee status, or other status. Immediate regulation and accountability of the private sector, including in services, technology, insurance, health, land, and food. Stopping the onslaught of corporate land grabbing and the forced evictions of communities, especially farming communities and indigenous peoples.

How can we protect women and girls from the negative impacts of WTO and FTA policies and agreements, such as TRIPS, GATS and AoA, that are used to further corporate interests across sectors rather than uphold and protect peoples' rights.

How can we repeal laws and policies that criminalise, punish or marginalise specific groups, based on their gender, socio-economic status, age, ethnicity, caste, marital, sexual orientation, gender identity, religious beliefs, engagement in sex work, HIV status, disability, citizenship, migrant, refugee or other status; or erect barriers to services; and adopt and implement measures to counter discriminatory practices and ensure access to justice

How can we make concrete efforts towards demilitarisation and immediate stop of production of arms and ammunition, leading towards a more peaceful and secure space.

Addressing the increased vulnerabilities of women and other marginalised groups due to climate change, disasters, conflict, migration, and the economic, food and fuel crises, and adopting concrete measures to mitigate their impacts on livelihood, food sovereignty and security, and SRHR.

These are some questions we need to ask in **Ensuring that no one is left behind- Lifting people out of poverty and addressing basic needs especially for women and girls**

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