

# FROM THE PANDEMIC TO 2030: FEMINISTS WANT SYSTEM CHANGE

## WOMEN'S MAJOR GROUP CROSS-CUTTING RECOMMENDATIONS

Even before the COVID-19 crisis, the world was [not on track](#) to meet the [Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#). Responses to the COVID-19 pandemic that do not address systemic barriers and inequalities will worsen the crisis and threaten the progress that has been made since the adoption of the 2030 Agenda.

Given the [central role](#) women and girls are playing in every aspect of the response to the COVID-19 crisis and the cross-cutting nature of gender equality for achieving the 2030 Agenda, all responses must put the realities and the human rights of women and girls at the center. In order to achieve the 2030 Agenda and emerge from this crisis with more resilient, inclusive, and equal societies, governments must incorporate the following actions into all aspects of their SDGs and COVID-19 crisis policymaking:

- Create, implement, and resource **human rights-based, gender-responsive COVID-19 recovery plans** that first and foremost target the most marginalized groups and are designed to **eradicate inequalities**.
  - Use a whole-of-government approach to develop the plans to ensure that they reflect the interconnected nature of the 2030 Agenda and our lives. Traditional siloed approaches to policy making will not move us from crisis to resilience.
- Prioritize and actively seek out the participation of **feminist, women and youth-led organizations**, in the design, implementation, monitoring, and review of COVID-19 recovery plans. Support these organizations, including with financial resources, to carry out this work.
  - After the crisis has ended, continue to work with these organizations at all levels, and resource them to do this work.
- Build a more **just and equitable financial order** in order to enable governments to adequately finance **public services** and robust **social protection systems**:
  - Cancel all outstanding **sovereign debt** of low- and middle-income countries.
  - End **illicit financial flows** and implement **progressive tax systems**, including by supporting a global tax body.
  - Fulfill all **official development assistance** commitments.
  - Suspend patents, lift trade rules that impede access to medicines and medical technologies and that limit government actions required to address the crisis.
  - End **unfair trade agreements** that push reducing funding for and privatizing public services and the [investor-state dispute settlement](#) that impose corporates' interests, extort public money and erode domestic policy space needed to advance sustainable development and the enjoyment of human rights.
- Recommit to **multilateral governance** and **global solidarity**:
  - Strengthen and fund the UN and its agencies, such as the World Health Organization, including by providing long-term general operating support.
  - Support and protect civil society organizations to engage with the UN, its agencies and processes without fear of retaliation, intimidation, or harassment.
- Collect, analyze, and disseminate **disaggregated data** with respect for privacy and confidentiality. Use this data to reduce inequalities in all recovery plans and programs.