Agenda 2030, The Sustainable Development Goals and Gender Equality

United Nations Member States adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development to provide clear guidelines for governments to address the world’s most significant challenges. The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and 169 targets further codify UN commitments to sustain our planet and protect the fundamental rights of every human being by 2030. Gender equality is a prerequisite for global sustainable development and a key tenet of the 2030 Agenda. Through SDG 5, governments, the UN and its agencies, and civil society are reminded that achieving gender equality requires eradicating violence and discrimination against women and girls.

Working Together to End Violence and Discrimination Against Women and Girls

The 5.2 Global Partnership is a multi-stakeholder group dedicated to reaching Target 5.2 by 2030. Together with its grassroots networks and the UN, its agencies and regional bodies, the Partnership accelerates action and investments to end violence against women and girls, in particular human trafficking and sexual exploitation, sexual violence, and sexual harassment. It invites the collaboration and membership of the UN and its agencies, governments, the private sector, academia, philanthropic entities and individuals, and other members of civil society to reach these goals.

Goal 5
Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.

Target 5.2
Eliminate all forms of violence against all women and girls in the public and private spheres, including trafficking and sexual and other types of exploitation.

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By the Numbers: Trafficking of Women and Girls

According to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime’s 2018 Global Trafficking in Persons Report, 72 percent of detected trafficking victims are women and girls and 94 percent of detected sex trafficking victims are women and girls. However, philanthropic institutions, the UN and its agencies, and governments rarely equally invest attention and funding in efforts to combat sex trafficking — a clearly distinct form of trafficking under the UN Trafficking in Persons Protocol. The 5.2 Global Partnership is seeking to change this as part of its mission to end violence against women and girls.