



GLOBAL REPORT

National SDG Scorecard

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THE PROCESS



Grassroots women's groups, members of the Alliance, complete the National SDG Scorecard to document their experiences within the SDG framework.



Women Thrive compiles results from the scorecards, analyzes the data to reveal trends and identify gaps.



Equipped with the data, we and our Alliance members hold national governments accountable to developing implementation strategies that are inclusive, participatory, and citizen-led.

SUMMARY

150 organizations in 30 countries filled out the scorecard. This report is a collation of their responses, both Anglophone and Francophone.
The key conclusions are that:

- 1** Members are knowledgeable + have access to information.
- 2** ...but they are lacking resources (\$\$) for advocacy activities around the SDGs
- 3** ...and have consistently been left out of decision-making processes.

OUR RECOMMENDATIONS



MORE FUNDING FOR GRASSROOTS ADVOCACY AROUND SDG IMPLEMENTATION



INCREASED ADVOCACY AROUND CIVIL SOCIETY PARTICIPATION IN SDG IMPLEMENTATION PROCESSES AT NATIONAL LEVEL

QUOTES FROM OUR MEMBERS FROM THE SCORECARD

"As much as the government is actively involved [in SDG planning], not much awareness has been done at the grassroots levels. My organization is therefore working hard to raise awareness at the grassroots.

"Only CSOs organize meetings to discuss issues regarding SDGs...women in my country are still considered minority and inferior...men misunderstand the whole aspect of gender equality. women promoting SDG5 are seen as enemies or a threat to society."

"Our state-to-state advocacy and training is tied to the negligence of grassroots women/girls by the government and we hope to partner with the state-governments to reach out to more women/girls."

RESULTS

Members are knowledgeable + have access to information...

- 97%** are aware of the **SDG framework** and believe, specifically that **SDG5** is a useful tool for holding their government accountable to addressing gender equality
- 65%** have also seen or heard information about **SDGs in national media** and at least **59%** know where to find information about national implementation online.
- 78%** understand **how to advocate for the implementation of the SDGs**
- 95%** want to **advocate for the implementation of SDGs in their country**
- 75%** are **already using SDG5 as a vehicle for advocating for gender equality on a national level**
- 65%** are aware of a **national coalition** of CSOs advocating for the implementation of the SDGs; **66%** specifically coalesced around **SDG5**
- 71%** respondents know of at least one government initiative implementing **SDG5** in country, and are aware of which gov't agencies are responsible for the implementation
- 58%** believe they can easily contact their gov't agencies in charge of implementing the **SDG5** in their country

...but they are lacking resources (\$\$) for advocacy activities

- 79%** **do not know** where to identify donors who fund advocacy for **SDG5**.
- 87%** **have not** secured funding for **SDG5** advocacy.

...and have been left out of decision-making processes.

- 59%** **have contacted their gov't officials** to participate in implementation of the **SDGs**
- 60%** **have not been** invited to a gov't-hosted meeting or event regarding the **SDGs**.
- 73%** **have not been** consulted in the including of **SDG5** in the **Nat'l Development Plan**
- 67%** **do not believe** the gov't **has** included grassroots women in the design of **nat'l** policies related to **SDGs**.
- 68%** **do not feel** that the women's rights organizations are included in decision-making about **SDG5** implementation.
- 45%** **do not feel** that grassroots women's needs are reflected in the gov't's implementation of the **SDGs & SDG5**.
- 67%** **do not know** there are clear indicators for monitoring **SDG5** implementation in the **Nat'l Development Plan**, nor **know if this data is disaggregated by sex**

ANALYSIS

GIVEN THESE RESULTS, WOMEN THRIVE ALLIANCE URGES:



MORE FUNDING FOR GRASSROOTS ADVOCACY AROUND SDG IMPLEMENTATION

While Alliance members are well informed, educated, and proactive in retrieving information about the **SDG** framework; while they are already advocating around **SDG5** as the vehicle through which to implement gender equality policies in their countries...their seemingly biggest hurdle is funding for advocacy. **90%** have not secured **SDG5** advocacy funding, and **79%** do not know where to find such funds

Thus, we urge that FEWER efforts are made to inform and communicate ABOUT the SDGs (as that is clearly working) and MORE efforts are put toward supporting and financing grassroots advocacy around the SDGs, especially SDG5, implementation.



INCREASED ADVOCACY AROUND CIVIL SOCIETY PARTICIPATION IN SDG IMPLEMENTATION PROCESSES AT NATIONAL LEVEL

Globally, Alliance members are consistently left outside of decision-making spaces. The majority of respondents know which gov't agencies are responsible for implementing the **SDG** framework and they have reached out respectively to get involved...yet they are still not included. As prominent civil society organizations with links to women and girls in both urban and rural communities, they are resources for gov't as they plan the implementation of the **SDG** framework

As such, we urge governments to respond to and engage grassroots gender equality organizations in their events and meetings for planning SDG implementation, especially SDG5, to ensure grassroots women and girls needs are heard and heeded.