



Making Girls Count: Using Data to Ensure No Girl is Left Behind

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Gender and Adolescence: Global Evidence (GAGE):

A longitudinal research programme (2015-2024)



We are following the largest cohort of adolescents in the Global South – 20,000 girls and boys and their caregivers



Adolescent and gender data gaps

Address gender, age and disability data gaps in the SDGs to ensure no adolescent is left behind



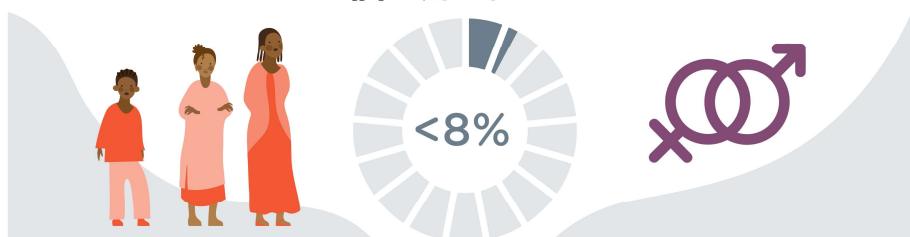
In 2019, GAGE completed baseline studies in **Africa**, the **Middle East** and **South Asia**.



We found that adolescent boys and girls face multi-dimensional challenges which need to be urgently addressed to achieve the SDGs.



However, fewer than 8% of the 232 SDG indicators are disaggregated by **age** and **gender**.



Most SDG targets overlook adolescents

Of the 53 gender-specific indicators, only **18** are disaggregated by **age**.

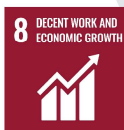
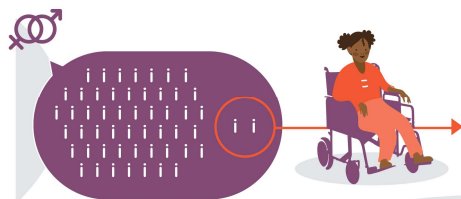


Gender- and adolescent-sensitive indicators are limited to just **6 goals**:

SDGs 1 - poverty, 3 - health and well-being, 4 - education, 5 - gender equality, 8 - decent work and 11 - sustainable cities.



Of the 53, only 2 are disaggregated by **disability**, in SDG 8.








Critical gaps remain.
For example, SDG3.7.2 monitors adolescent birth rates but no country data is being collected for 10-14 year olds when girls face the greatest risks.



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About GAGE

- Gender and Adolescence: Global Evidence (GAGE) is a nine-year (2015-2024) mixed-methods longitudinal research programme focused on what works to support adolescent girls' and boys' capabilities in the second decade of life and beyond.
- We are following the lives of **20,000** adolescents in six focal countries in Africa, Asia and the Middle East.

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