

Economist Impact - UN's SDG Moment 2021

- Match the words in the box to their collocates.

extreme **face** **(the) will** **keep** **make** **take**

_____ **to act** _____ **action** _____ **choice**
_____ **progress** _____ **promise** _____ **poverty**

- Use the words in the correct form to fill in the gaps.

When world leaders came together in 2015 to adopt the sustainable development goals we all knew the challenge ahead of us.

And we've _____ **progress**, but it has been **hard-won, uneven and fragile**.

The Covid 19 pandemic has shown us just how fragile. Today humanity _____ **a stark and urgent choice**. Do we allow these fractures to grow or do we break through to a greener, safer and more equitable future?

At Economist Impact we're dedicated to driving positive change by using data and evidence to better understand the biggest issues and evaluate the best solutions. And we've been closely tracking action on the SDGs.

Today, as we explore progress against the sustainable development goals, let's remember we know what we have to do and we have the tools. The question is, do we have _____ **to act** and _____ **the promise** of agenda 2030?

Let's start with goal 1 - eliminating _____ poverty by 2030.

In just 18 months the Covid 19 pandemic erased five years' worth of progress, pushing more than 97 million people back into _____ **poverty**. If we don't _____ **action** now to write our course, we risk arriving *at* 2030 with more than 600 million people living in _____ **poverty**.

Watch the video up to 1'24" and check.

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- Use the verbs (and words) in brackets in the correct form to fill in the gaps.

We also know we can't **move forward** (A) without women and girls. **Since 2015** we _____ (1- make) progress on gender equality, but not nearly enough. Maternal mortality **continues** _____ (2- fall), but we need to move more than four times faster **if we're** _____ (3- achieve) our target of 70 deaths for 100 000 live births by 2030.

In politics women **now** _____ (4- hold) 26 percent of seats in national parliaments. But **at the current rate of improvement** it _____ (5- take) no fewer than 40 years to achieve gender parity. And when we look at the workforce, women are still **grossly underrepresented**, (B) with less than half of women participating compared to more than 70 percent of men. This _____ (6- budge) **since 2015**.

Covid _____ (7- only / exacerbate) these disparities. Female-dominated industries were disproportionately affected across both formal and informal sectors. The number of women employed _____ (8- decline) by 54 million **in 2020**.

As Covid impoverishes communities, closes schools and reduces access to reproductive health care, it's estimated that 10 million more girls than previously projected are **at a risk of** _____ (9- become) child brides through 2030.

The risk of violence _____ (10- also / rise). **Before the pandemic**, we knew that one in three women _____ (11- experience) violence at least once in her lifetime. During the pandemic some countries reported a devastating **five-fold increase** (C) in calls to helplines.

When we talk about gender equality we tend to **address it through this humanitarian lens**. But equality doesn't just benefit individuals, it benefits whole societies and economies. Achieving gender equality could **unlock 12 trillion dollars**. (D) The opposite is also true. Nations that fail women, fail.

Watch the video from 1'24" to 3'17" and check.

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- Rephrase the sentences **A - D**. Fill in the gaps with 3-5 words, including the words given in CAPITAL LETTERS. Do not change the word given (see the original sentences in context on the previous page)

A. We also know we can't move forward without women and girls. **(PROGRESS)**

We also know we can't _____ without women and girls.

B. When we look at the workforce, women are still grossly underrepresented, **(INFERIOR)**

When we look at the workforce, the proportion of women is still _____ men's.

C. During the pandemic some countries reported a devastating five-fold increase in calls to helplines. **(TIMES)**

The number of reported incidents of violence against women _____ during the pandemic.

D. Achieving gender equality could unlock 12 trillion dollars. **(INJECT)**

Achieving gender equality could _____ into the world economy.