If historic trends continue, the world won’t achieve gender equality until 2108. How is Afghanistan performing on gender equality in the SDGs?

The SDG Gender Index covers 144 countries, 98% of the world’s girls and women, and 14 of 17 Sustainable Development Goals. It includes 56 indicators capturing gender-related measures across the 2030 Agenda.

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If current trends continue, a girl born this year will not in her lifetime see that all women in Afghanistan have access to at least some secondary education.

Best and worst performing indicators since 2015

Best
- Proportion of population with access to electricity
- Extent to which the country has laws mandating women’s workplace equality
- Extent to which women can openly discuss political issues in private and in public spaces

Worst
- Proportion of women (15+) who report feeling comfortable with their household income
- Proportion of women (15+) who report having had enough money to buy food that they or their family needed in the past 12 months
- Proportion of women (15+) who report they are satisfied with the quality of roads in city or area where they live

Scoring system
- Fast progress: Increase by >3 points
- Some progress: Increased by <3 points and >1 point
- No progress: Less than +1 or -1 change in points
- Decline or Wrong direction: Decline by more than -1 point