The Power of Data:
How Women- and Gender-Focused Research Organizations Can Advance SDG 5

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About the Wellesley Centers for Women

• We are the largest academic women- and gender-focused, social-change oriented, research and action institute in the U.S.
• We are located at Wellesley College, one of the leading women’s colleges in the U.S.
• We have been producing influential research, theory, and action since 1974.
• Our 5 core areas of research are education, economic security, mental health, youth and adolescent development, and gender-based violence.
• Our staff of over 100 is led by a 18 accomplished research scientists and project directors.
Introduction – The Power of Data

• How can NGOs support the new SDGs?
• SDG 17, Target 17.18:
  • By 2020, enhance capacity-building support to developing countries, including for least developed countries and small island developing States, to increase significantly the availability of high-quality, timely and reliable data disaggregated by income, gender, age, race, ethnicity, migratory status, disability, geographic location and other characteristics relevant in national contexts
  • For research to be effective in moving the needle on social change, we need women- and gender-focused research institutes around the world
  • At the Wellesley Centers for Women, our global partnerships are in support of this aim as we work together on SDG 5 – Achieve Gender Equality and Empower All Women and Girls

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- High quality data
  - Reliability = repeatability, consistency
  - Validity/Confirmability = measuring what we intend to measure
- Disaggregated data
  - Income, gender, age, race, ethnicity, migratory status, disability, geographic location (urban, rural), etc. – other examples?
- Gender-informed interpretive frameworks
  - Understanding data through the lens of different genders
- Culturally informed & culturally sensitive research
  - Taking different cultural meanings into account when developing measures, collecting data, and forming interpretations
- Relevance to national contexts
  - What questions & problems are relevant in a given country?
Our Partners & Panelists

• The Centre for Studies in Gender & Sexuality, Ashoka University, India
  • Shiv Datt Sharma, Gender & Sexuality Trainer

• Center for Research and Training in Gender and Family (CIGEF), University of Cape Verde
  • Clementina Furtado, Director

• Global Fund for Women
  • PeiYao Chen, Director of Learning, Evaluation, and Impact

• Wellesley Centers for Women
  • Linda Williams, Senior Research Scientist, Justice and Gender-Based Violence Research Initiative
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