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Gender Equality in Asia-Pacific: an Overview

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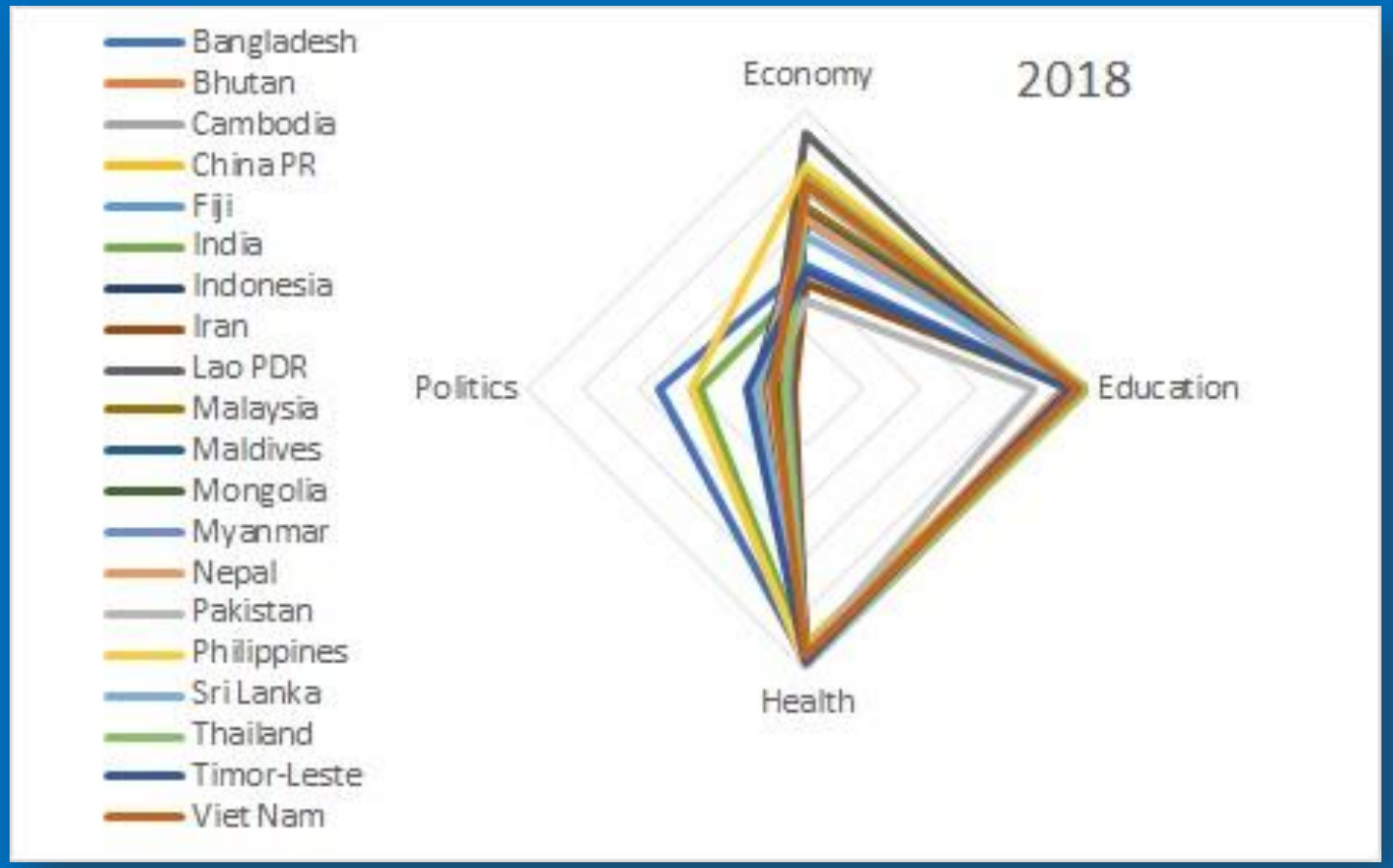
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Gender Gap Across Asia and the Pacific



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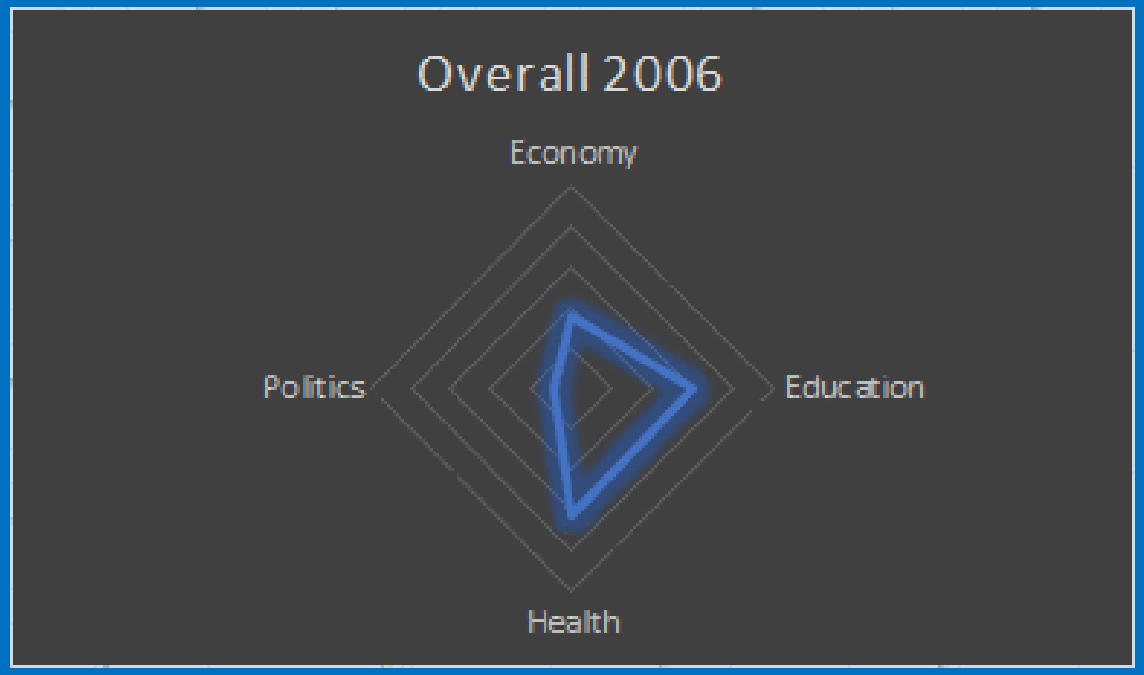

ECONOMY

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Gender-Based Violence

Sexual Violence

1 in 3 women experienced physical and/or sexual violence in A-P.

Human Trafficking

Women and girls together account for 71% of trafficking victims.

Child Marriage

South and South-West Asia have the highest rates in the world, where 1 in 3 women are married or in a union by the age of 18.

Persistent Equality Challenges

SOUTH ASIA

Severe Food Insecurity

1/3 of women in reproductive age are undernourished

Less than **1/5** parliamentarians are women

Unpaid care and domestic work

Women do **11 times** as much as men

Women in formal jobs earn much less than men

Gender wage gaps range **from 1,5% to 49,6%**

LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION

Declining female labor force participation
56% in 1990 to 49% in 2013

Poverty

For every 100 men, there are 104 women living below the poverty line

Only 53% of partnered women

freely make their own decisions about sexual relations, contraceptive use and health care

THE 4 MAIN ISSUES AFFECTING ASIA-PACIFIC (A-P)

AGEING

By 2050,
25% of the population
are expected to be
senior citizens.

URBANIZATION

In 2015, nearly half of the
population lived in A-P cities.
By 2050, this is expected to
increase to nearly 2/3.

PERSISTENT INEQUALITY

YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT

Of the 358 million global youth
who are not in education,
employment or training,
220 million are from A-P.

CLIMATE CHANGE

A-P is the most
vulnerable region to
climate change risks.

1 NO POVERTY
Address gendered social and economic inequalities
2 NO HUNGER
Address the nutritional needs of women and mothers; empower women agriculturalists
3 GOOD HEALTH
Provide sexual and reproductive healthcare; reduce MMR
4 QUALITY EDUCATION
Achieve gender parity and gender-sensitive education
5 GENDER EQUALITY
Gender equality and non-discrimination in all political, economic, and social spheres
6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION
Equal access to gender-sensitive sanitation
7 RENEWABLE ENERGY
Equal access and contribution to energy resources
8 GOOD JOBS AND ECONOMIC GROWTH
Eliminate employment and wage gaps; promote Decent Work
9 INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE
Create gender-sensitive infrastructure
10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES
Reduce discrimination and inequalities
11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES
Access and design safe, inclusive public spaces
12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION
Gender-sensitive consumption and waste management policies
13 CLIMATE ACTION
Gender-integrated climate action and disaster risk management
14 LIFE BELOW WATER
Gender-sensitive development and conservation efforts
15 LIFE ON LAND
Gender-sensitive development and conservation efforts
16 PEACE AND JUSTICE
And gender-based violence and achieve gender parity in policy institutions
17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS
Provide disaggregated data of goal indicators
THE GLOBAL GOALS
For Sustainable Development

UNDP SIGNATURE SOLUTIONS

Distinctive, but Inter-connected

GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMENS EMPOWERNMENT

Removing structural barriers to women's economic participation

Promoting women's leadership in all forms of decision making

Strengthening gender responsive strategies in crisis, preparedness and recovery

Preventing and responding to GBV

GENDER INEQUALITY IN THE WORKPLACE

BUSINESS
CALL TO
ACTION

Transforming the Future of Work for Gender Equality
Business & Human Rights
Youth Co:Lab
Transparency & Accountability

THANK YOU!