Bold gender data commitments accelerate gender equality

Gender data is powerful

- Illuminates solutions
- Accelerates gender equality
- Provides equitable policies
- Helps track progress
- Reflects gender issues

But when it comes to what’s needed, the world is falling dangerously short:

- Only about 40% of countries had data for SDG 5 (gender equality)
- Gender data systems are underserved by roughly $450 million per year
- COVID-19 has worsened gender inequalities

And right now gender data isn’t a strong enough priority of the Generation Equality Forum

Draft Action Coalition blueprints are inconsistent on gender data

We need bold gender data commitments to make gender equality real.

Governments, donors, civil society and the private sector must commit to:

- Collect & disaggregate gender data
- Fund gender data gaps
- Use gender data for policymaking
- Share best practices
- Increase accountability for gender data

NOTES:
1. Gender data is data that is disaggregated by sex, and reflects gender issues, including roles, relations and inequalities. It can be both quantitative and qualitative, and collection methods account for stereotypes, social norms, and other factors that may introduce bias.
3. For draft Action Coalition blueprints released during the Mexico City Forum, see Action Coalitions: A Global Acceleration Plan for Gender Equality. For sample commitments, see Action Coalitions: Commitments Handbook.
4. Data2X assessed each commitment for gender data relevancy using two criteria: 1) producing, using, or financing gender data is an explicit commitment focus; or 2) gender data is mentioned in any action steps outlined. This meant that certain commitments without the word data still counted as data-relevant, and that not all commitments under a “Data and Accountability” tactic necessarily met the criteria.