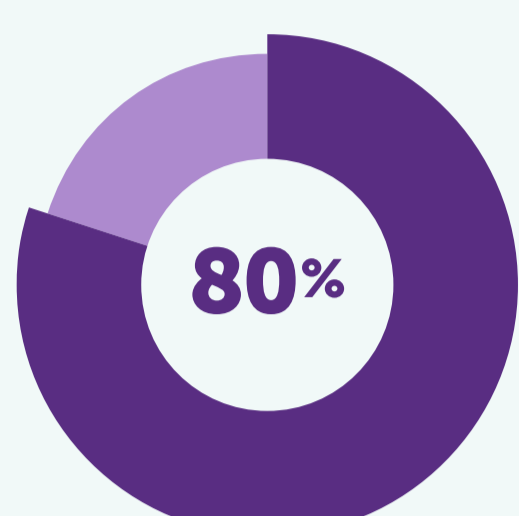
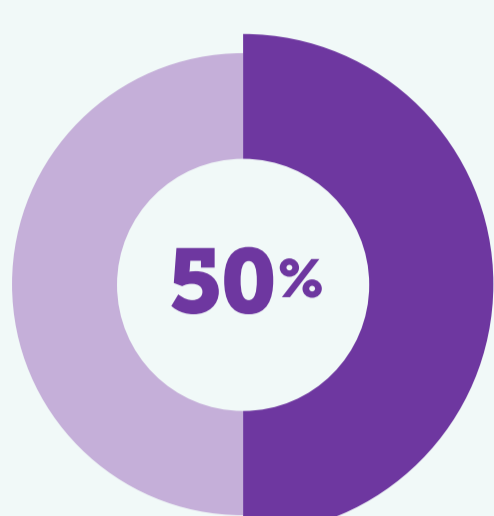


# 10 Reasons We Must Urgently Fund Gender Data

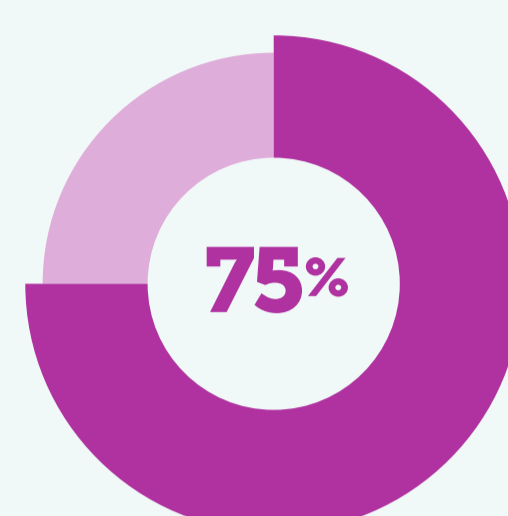
**1** Core gender data systems are underfunded by roughly \$450 million per year. That means we have just **half of necessary funding** to adequately support policy decision-making and accelerate gender equality.



**2** Over 80% of countries have **low-functioning** education or health management information systems.



**3** About half of countries **do not have data** available to monitor SDG5 (gender equality).



**4** More than 75% of data on gender-related SDG indicators is over a **decade old**.



**5** Since the onset of COVID-19, national statistics offices in low- and lower-middle-income countries have reported a **reduced ability to meet international reporting requirements**.



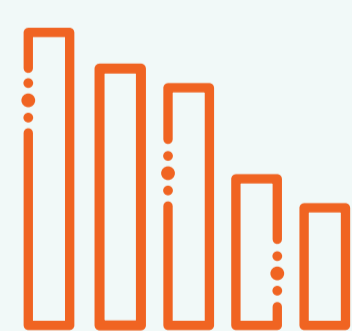
**6** More than half of national statistics offices experienced **budget cuts during the pandemic**, impeding their ability to monitor key development indicators—let alone the immediate, disparate impacts on women and girls.



**7** COVID-19 has **worsened gender inequalities**, and reduced gender data funding will make it more difficult to target effective relief programs.



**8** The sectors at highest risk of severe COVID-19 impact account for **41% of women's employment** globally compared to 35% of men's.



**9** Despite the rise in COVID-19 cases, the number of countries reporting sex-disaggregated data on cases and deaths has been **declining since 2020**.



**10** We cannot achieve the Sustainable Development Goals if the data we choose to collect, use and prioritize **does not include all of us**.