

Why invest in women?

99%

of maternal deaths each year occur in the developing world.

Adequate health care, a skilled birth attendant and emergency care **help prevent maternal deaths.**

Aid programs that provide women opportunities to better their health, education, and well-being have effects far beyond a single individual.

A woman multiplies the impact of an investment made in her future by extending benefits to the world around her, creating a better life for her family and building a strong community.

1 in 5

girls in developing countries who enroll in primary school never finish.



When 10% more girls go to school, a country's **GDP increases on average by 3%.**

1 in 7

girls will marry before they are 15 in the developing world.



Girls who stay in school for seven or more years, **marry four years later and have two fewer children.**



52%

Women make up nearly 52% of the global total of people living with HIV.



Current approaches to preventing mother-to-child transmission are **98% effective.**

43%

Women make up 43% of the agriculture labor force. However, women are less likely to own land, and own fewer amounts of land when they do.

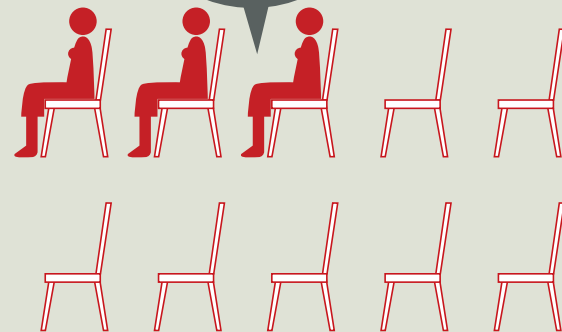
When women have the same amount of land as men, **there is over a 10% increase in crop yields.**



Countries where women's share of seats in political bodies is **greater than 30% are more inclusive, egalitarian, and democratic.**

18.9%

Women comprise 18.9% of the world's legislators.



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