Achieving gender equality and empowering all women and girls with disabilities

**Sustainable Development Goals**

**Goal 5:**
- Achieving gender equality
- Empowering women and girls

**Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**

Gender equality is a general principle to be taken into account in each article of the Convention

**Article 6:**
- Ensure the full and equal enjoyment by women and girls with disabilities of all human rights and fundamental freedoms
- Ensure the full development, advancement and empowerment of women

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**Women with disabilities**
- Three times more likely to have unmet needs for health care than men without disabilities
- Three times more likely to be illiterate than men without disabilities
- Two times less likely to be employed than men without disabilities

**Actions to achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls with disabilities**

- Address the needs and perspectives of women and girls with disabilities in national strategies or action plans on disability and on gender
- Develop policies and programmes focused on women and girls with disabilities aiming at their full and equal participation in society
- Support the empowerment of women and girls with disabilities by investing in their education and supporting their transition from school to work
- Raise awareness on the needs of women and girls with disabilities and eliminate stigma and discrimination
- Enhance the collection, dissemination and analysis of data on women and girls with disabilities and disaggregate and disseminate data by sex, age and disability