Why focus on families?
Equality in the family is a precondition for sustainable development

To achieve **SDG 5** requires:
• elimination of violence and an end to harmful practices
• ensuring women’s access to economic resources
• shared responsibility for unpaid care and domestic work

Other SDGs rely on gender equality in the family:
• **SDG 3** - women have access to reproductive healthcare and family planning
• **SDG 4** - girls are able to delay marriage and complete their schooling
• **SDG 8** - family-friendly policies and workplace regulations are in place

PROGRESS OF THE WORLD’S WOMEN 2019–2020: FAMILIES IN A CHANGING WORLD
Equality in the family can accelerate progress on the Beijing Platform for Action

Fragile progress (even more under threat now)

- 32 million girls are still not in school.
- 300,000 women die in childbirth each year.
- 3/4 of the world’s parliamentarians are men.
- One in five women have experienced IPV in the past year.

All these outcomes often enabled or constrained by family relationships.
Families are diverse and, to be effective, policies need to take that into account.
MOVING FORWARD:
A FAMILY-FRIENDLY POLICY AGENDA

1. Put in place family laws based on diversity, equality and non-discrimination.
2. Ensure high-quality, accessible public services to support families and gender equality.
3. Guarantee women’s access to adequate, independent income.
4. Support families to care by providing, time, money and services.
5. Prevent and respond to violence against women in families.
6. Implement policies and regulations that support migrant families and women’s rights.
7. Invest in gender-sensitive data on families and households.
8. Ensure resources are in place for family-friendly policies.
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