



G Gender Equality

EXPLORE THE TOPIC



WARM UP

ACHIEVE GENDER EQUALITY AND EMPOWER ALL WOMEN AND GIRLS

IT WOULD TAKE ANOTHER

40 YEARS



FOR WOMEN AND MEN
TO BE **REPRESENTED EQUALLY**
IN NATIONAL POLITICAL LEADERSHIP
AT THE CURRENT PACE

women
accounted for
39% of total
employment
in 2019



but **45%**
of global
employment
losses
in 2020



ONLY **57%**
of **WOMEN**
[15-49 YEARS]



ARE MAKING THEIR OWN
INFORMED DECISIONS ON
**SEX AND REPRODUCTIVE
HEALTH CARE**

WOMEN'S SHARE IN NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS

22.4%



26.2%

2015

2022

MORE THAN 1 IN 4 WOMEN
[15+ YEARS]



have been subjected to intimate **partner violence**
(641 million) at least once in their **lifetime**

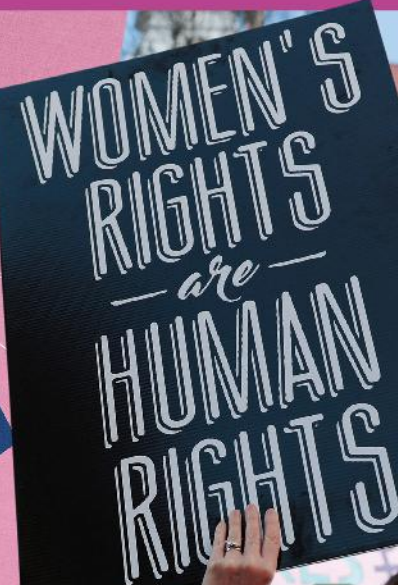


1 Look at the infographic and answer the following questions.

- 1 When will women be equally represented in politics?
- 2 What is the percentage of women who lost their jobs in 2020?
- 3 What is the percentage of women who experience sexual violence globally?

2 **VOCABULARY** Match the English words with their Italian equivalents.

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| 1 empower | a rafforzato |
| 2 employment | b quota |
| 3 share | c emancipare |
| 4 strengthened | d occupazione |

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The greatest human rights challenge in our world

Women and girls **make up**¹ half of the world's population and, therefore, represent half of its potential. Gender equality is not just a basic human right; it is vital if we want to build peaceful societies and sustainable development in all parts of the world. Studies have also shown that giving more power to women leads to greater productivity and economic growth.

The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, called simply UN Women, warns that there is still a lot of work to do in order to achieve real equality between men and women. It is fundamentally important to end all forms of gender violence and to guarantee equal access to quality education and healthcare, to economic resources and participation in political and social life for women and girls and for men and boys. Women must be able to reach positions of leadership and decision-making in employment and politics.

The UN Secretary-General, António Guterres, has stated that "achieving gender equality and empowering women and girls is the **unfinished business**² of our time, and the greatest human rights challenge in our world".



Glossary

¹ **make up**: costituiscono

² **unfinished business**: lavoro incompiuto

- 3 READING** Read the text and match the numbers (1-4) with the letters (a-d) to form four correct statements.

1 Gender equality	a must be ended.
2 Giving more power to women	b is not just a basic human right.
3 All forms of gender violence	c creates greater productivity and economic growth.
4 Women must have access	d to positions of leadership and decision-making.

- 4 ANALYSIS & INTERPRETATION** Answer the following questions.

- What benefits can come with gender equality?
- What must be brought to an end?
- In what four fields must women be given equality?
- How does António Guterres describe the process of achieving gender equality?