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# Her Atlas

Girls' and women's right to education atlas



# Introduction

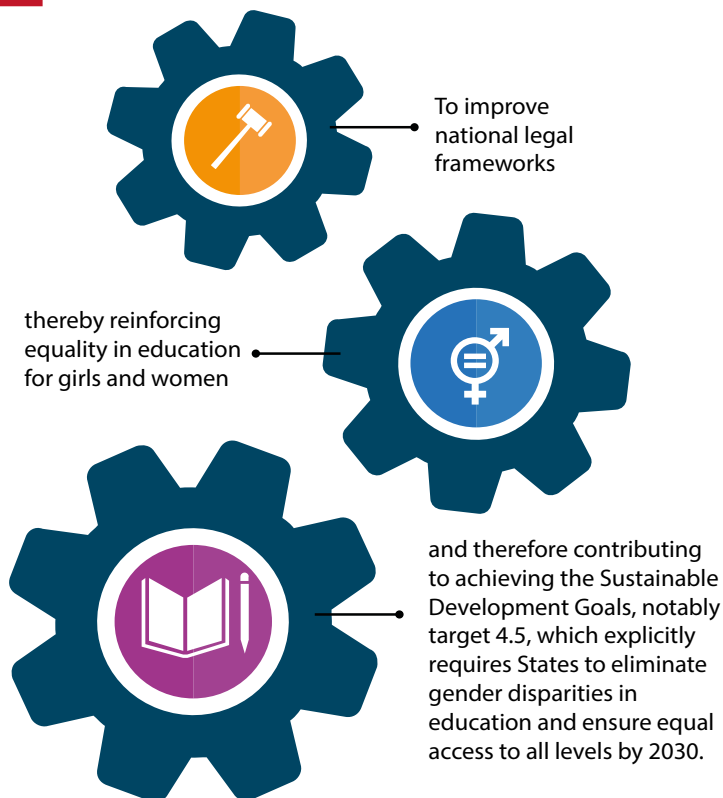
**Her Atlas**, the online atlas of girls' and women's right to education, is developed as part of *Her education, our future*, UNESCO's initiative to accelerate action for girls' and women's education by leveraging political and financial commitments. Her Atlas aims to enhance public knowledge and monitor the status of national constitutions, legislation and regulations related to girls' and women's education rights in order to encourage countries to improve their legal and policy frameworks.

Many girls and women cannot exercise their right to education due to gender inequality and discriminatory practices. Poverty, early marriage, and gender-based violence are just some of the reasons behind the high percentage of out-of-school and illiterate girls and women globally.

Strengthening the right of girls and women to quality education is key to eliminate discrimination and to achieve equal rights between genders. This cannot be achieved without solid national legal frameworks that are rights-based, gender responsive and inclusive.

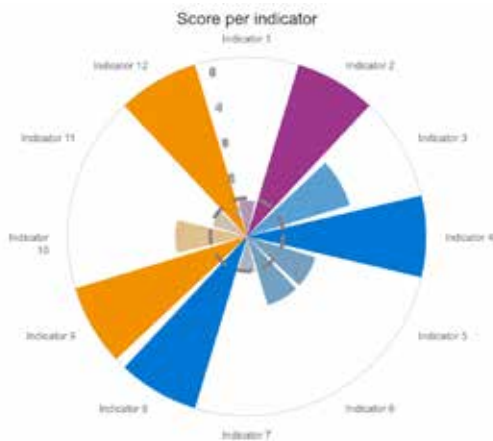


# Aim



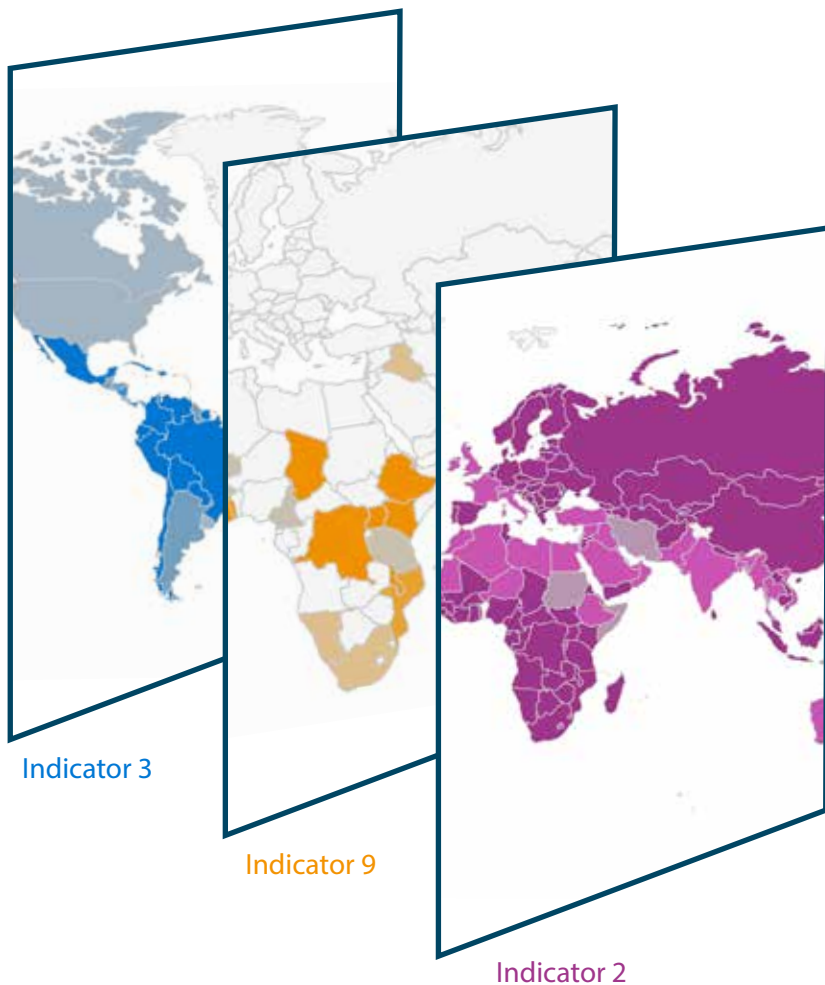
# Country profiles

**Her Atlas** provides information for each country in a visual and easily understood format. For each indicator, a score on a scale of 1 (lowest) to 5 (highest) is attributed based on the analysis of the legal provisions in force in the country. The graphic presentation of the scores is accompanied by explanatory comments.



# Maps

**Her Atlas** covers 196 countries. The ambition is to enrich and continue to update the Atlas until 2030 – the deadline set to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 4.



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# Indicators

**Her Atlas** uses 12 indicators to capture factors in national legal frameworks that either strengthen, or act as barriers to, the right to education of girls and women.

1. Party to UNESCO Convention against Discrimination in Education
2. Party to UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
3. Constitution enshrines the right to education for all girls and women
4. Legislation enshrines the right to education for all girls and women
5. Legal framework guarantees compulsory education (9+ years)
6. Legal framework guarantees free education (12+ years)
7. Legal framework guarantees free and compulsory pre-primary education
8. Legal framework guarantees equal access to post-secondary education
9. Legislation sets the minimum age of marriage for girls at 18 years
10. Minimum age of employment is aligned with the end of compulsory education
11. Legal framework protects from violence within educational institutions
12. Right to education of pregnant and parenting girls is legally protected

### UNESCO Education Sector

Education is UNESCO's top priority because it is a basic human right and the foundation on which to build peace and drive sustainable development. UNESCO is the United Nations' specialized agency for education and the Education Sector provides global and regional leadership in education, strengthens national education systems and responds to contemporary global challenges through education with a special focus on gender equality and Africa.



Education Sector

### The Global Education 2030 Agenda

UNESCO, as the United Nations' specialized agency for education, is entrusted to lead and coordinate the Education 2030 Agenda, which is part of a global movement to eradicate poverty through 17 Sustainable Development Goals by 2030. Education, essential to achieve all of these goals, has its own dedicated Goal 4, which aims to *"ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all."* The Education 2030 Framework for Action provides guidance for the implementation of this ambitious goal and commitments.



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