

KEYS TO UNDERSTANDING WORLD GENDER INEQUALITY

WHO DOES IT AFFECT?

Throughout the world, women are paid **23 % less** than men.

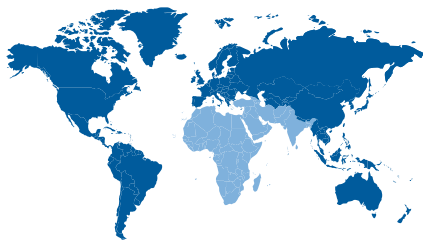
1 in every 5 suffers physical or sexual violence at the hands of their partner.

They spend **4.3 hours a day** on domestic chores compared to **1.6 hours** for men.

49 countries have no laws to protect women against violence.

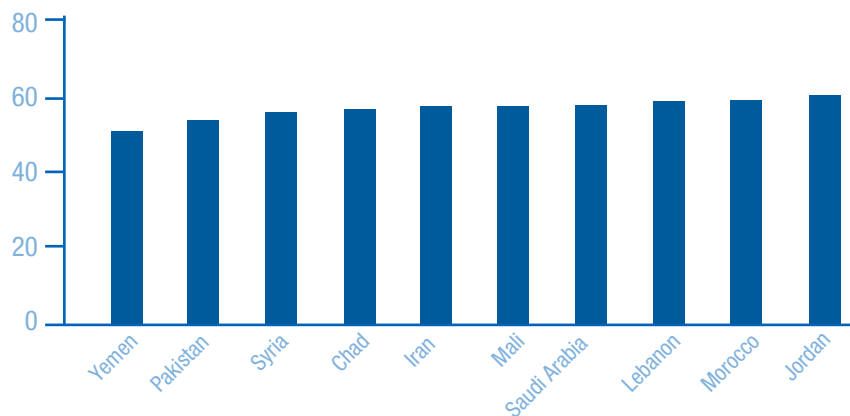


HOW IS THIS DISTRIBUTED AROUND THE WORLD?



The 10 countries with the greatest gender inequality

are concentrated in **North Africa** and **Western Asia** (60 % parity); followed by **Southern Asia** (34 %) and **Sub-Saharan Africa** (32 %).



* Maximum score: 100 points | Global average: 68 points

MAIN CAUSES

Austerity measures caused by the financial crisis, **public sector cuts** and **inequality in the distribution of family and domestic responsibilities**, that mostly affect women.

HOW CAN WE PUT AN END TO IT?

We need to **increase financial support** to promote equality policies at regional, national and global level, **introduce legislation to promote gender equality** and **give a higher profile to the opinions** and **visibility of women and girls**.

Source: UN and the World Economic Forum (2017).