

Progress of the world's women 2011-2012: In pursuit of justice ^[1]

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Excerpts from the report's press release:

Progress of the World's Women: In Pursuit of Justice is UN Women's first major report, following the organization's launch in early 2011. It recognizes the positive progress made - 139 countries and territories now guarantee gender equality in their constitutions, for example - but also shows that too often, women continue to experience injustice, violence and inequality in their home and working lives.

To ensure justice becomes a reality for all women, UN Women calls on governments to:

- Repeal laws that discriminate against women, and ensure that legislation protects women from violence and inequality in the home and the workplace.
- Support innovative justice services, including one-stop shops, legal aid and specialized courts, to ensure women can access the justice to which they are entitled.
- Put women on the frontline of justice delivery. As police, judges, legislators and activists, women in every region are making a difference and bringing about change.
- Invest in justice systems that can respond to women's needs. Donors spend US\$4.2 billion annually on aid for justice reform, but only 5% of this spending specifically targets women and girls.

"With half the world's population at stake, the findings of this report are a powerful call to action. The foundations for justice for women have been laid: in 1911, just two countries in the world allowed women to vote - now that right is virtually universal. But full equality demands that women become men's true equals in the eyes of the law - in their home and working lives, and in the public sphere," said Michelle Bachelet, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of UN Women.

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