

What's Goal 5: Gender Equality all about?

Word Bank	
Word	What it means
Domestic work	Domestic work includes household tasks and errands, such as cleaning, shopping for food, cooking, doing laundry etc. It also includes caring for children and older people.
Political	Having to do with the study or practice of government, or politics
Economic	The system of how money is made and used in a country (how people spend money, make money and the kinds of things they buy)
Developing Countries	Poorer countries that are trying to grow economically and socially

Gender equality is a very important issue in our world today. Gender equality means that boys and men and girls and women have the same rights and are treated equally in society. Everyone should have access to the same healthcare, education and jobs.

One of the areas that the government of Ireland's programme, Irish Aid, focuses on is Gender Equality. It does this in its programmes in developing countries around our world where there is a big difference in the quality of life for men and boys, and women and girls.

THESE PROGRAMMES TRY TO MAKE SURE THAT:

- Women have all the medical help they need, especially when having babies
- Girls are supported to start and stay in school
- Women and girls are trained and have equal access to computers and other technologies
- Women can earn enough money to support themselves and their families
- Women can run as candidates in local and national elections



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Achieving Gender Equality will mean that:



Girls and boys can have the same jobs, likes and interests. Eventually we hope to live in a world where no one thinks things like, that's a boy's job or only girls like that colour.



Girls will get the same quality education as boys



Women will get the same pay for the same job as men



We will all recognise and value the domestic work done at home.



We will all encourage women and girls to participate in all political, economic and public roles.



Together, everyone will stand up for these rights

