

## # SDGchallenge Partner – Goal 5 – Gender Equality

### Plan International Ireland



Established in 2003, Plan International Ireland is a child-centred community development organisation, part of Plan International which itself was founded over 80 years ago. Plan International's vision is of a world in which all children realise their full potential in societies which respect people's rights and dignities.

Our strategy is to work with vulnerable children and especially girls so that they can learn, lead, decide and thrive. All over the world, girls suffer discrimination in education, health, work and family life. The Sustainable Development Goals cannot be realised without a specific focus on achieving gender equality (SDG 5). We will work with men, women, boys and girls everywhere to advance the girls' rights movement, pursue deep-rooted change to achieve our ambition for girls, extend our reach and become the world's leading girls' rights organisation.

Our [Counting the Invisible research](#) shows that the discrimination and marginalisation faced by many adolescent girls results from the intersecting identities they hold as young people, females, and a multitude of other variables including ethnicity, disability, location and orientation.

Plan International Ireland is committed to working closely with young people around the world to enable them to participate in these decisions that affect them, because we believe that their insights and innovation are critical to success as plans to implement and monitor the Goals are developed.

A crucial first step to ensure the world takes action on the Global Goals is to change local policies and practices so that these ambitious global commitments are localised and implemented by national governments. Plan International offices are working with partners to influence their governments to localise the Global Goals and specifically to meet the needs and rights of girls.

#### **Our advocacy efforts are focused on calling:**

- For an end to all violence against children
- For an end to child marriage
- For all children to complete 9 years of quality, free and safe education
- For birth registration and legal identity for all children
- For all girls and boys to have a voice and effectively participate in decisions that affect them.