Pillar 2. 
Generate Policy-relevant Analysis - Focus on Gender

The United Nations University’s International Institute for Global Health (UNU-IIGH) was established in 2005 as part of the UNU system. Its mission is to advance evidence-based policy on key issues related to sustainable development and global health. As a member of the UN family, UNU-IIGH brings an interdisciplinary and intersectoral approach to problem-solving.

Given the critical role of gender in the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goal for health, and the fact that progress has remained extremely limited despite bold commitments, UNU-IIGH will focus its efforts and resources for generating policy-relevant analysis on gender and health. The aim is to support the work of UN agencies, UN programmes and Member states to decrease gender disparities in health.

UNU-IIGH will concentrate on approaches that seek to transform gendered power dynamics, change inequitable gender norms and challenge the status quo. It will do this by working in partnership with a range of stakeholders, including UN sister agencies, Member States, experts, academics, civil society and communities themselves, to develop and socialize an innovative and effective set of analytical approaches and tools to address gender disparities in health policy and practice.

As a neutral convener and global thinktank, UNU-IIGH can play a unique role to provide evidence and inform the prioritisation by the UN and Member States of effective gender-transformative policies and interventions; meaningful engagement with communities and stakeholders; and adequate resourcing and investments to transform gendered power dynamics for better health.

UNU-IIGH brings its network and convening power, as well as its cadre of fellows, PhD students, visiting scholars and experts to support the synthesis of the evidence around the challenges and limitations of current approaches. It convenes stakeholders to assess the evidence on effective strategies, interventions and institutional processes and how this can be translated into policies, programming and practice; as well as to help identify potential evidence-based solutions, and actively advocate for their uptake.

Working in partnership with other UN agencies and with academic institutions, UNU-IIGH’s gender-related work involves 3 phases:

- **Diagnose (2019):** what are current approaches to gender and health among UN agencies and Member States, and are they effective?
A shift in action to reduce
gender disparities in health

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**Network and partner** with leading international thinkers and policy-makers on gender and health to identify and propose solutions to the problems with current approaches.

**Develop** (2019-2020):

Critical review of evidence on the effectiveness and limitations of current UN gender and health approaches.

**Develop** (2020):

Development of evidence-based analytical approaches and tools to effectively address gender inequality in health.

**Disseminate, communicate and advocate** for a set of evidence-based analytical approaches and tools to effectively address gender inequality in health.

**Monitor and report** on shifts in gender and health policy and practice within the UN and Member states.

**Socialisation and Uptake** (2021-2023):

Inform and engage with policy-makers and strategic policy processes using the analytical approaches and tools developed, and hold them accountable.

In this first phase, UNU-IIGH will synthesise evidence on the effectiveness and limitations of current gender and health approaches to inform dialogue and actions moving forward.

- **Develop (2019-2020):** how can current limitations be addressed?

This second phase will involve convening stakeholders and UN sister agencies to translate the evidence to develop a set of analytical approaches and tools to effectively address gender inequality in health.

- **Socialisation and Uptake (2021-2023):** transforming policy and practice.

Together with partners, UNU-IIGH will inform and engage with policy-makers in UN Member states and within the UN system to use the analytical approaches and tools developed, with an aim to support a more evidence-based approach to gender and health. This will be done through events, workshops and trainings.

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