

What's Goal 5: Gender Equality all about?

Word Bank

Word	What it means
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 (basic freedoms) and are treated equally. Everyone, no matter what their gender, should be able to get medicine and go to the doctor if they need to, they should all be able to go to school and get a quality education, and everyone should be able to get a good job that pays fairly.

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 get taught how to use computers and other technology
- Women can earn enough money to support themselves and their families
- Women can put themselves forward in local and national elections

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.



We all will recognise the importance of looking after family and taking care of home



Girls will get the same quality education as boys



We all will encourage women and girls to take on roles outside the home, like in government or business



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



Together, everyone will stand up for these rights