



Women for Women International

# Delivering the Global Goals

Iraq report card 2019



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# Our Report Cards

**The United Nations Global Goals for Sustainable Development came into force in January 2016. Through these 17 interconnected goals, national governments and the international community pledged to work together to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity by 2030. The Goals are underpinned by a pledge to 'Leave No One Behind', meaning that their very success is dependent on reaching and supporting the most vulnerable and marginalised people.**

We know that progress for those left furthest behind is unlikely to be captured in official, national-level data, particularly while existing data collection efforts struggle to gather accurate or sufficiently disaggregated data. That is why it is important that alternative forms of data, including from NGOs, is shared and included in analysis to provide a more nuanced picture of our collective progress.

With this in mind, Women for Women International has committed to using the Sustainable Development Goals as a framework for sharing the data we collect from our programme and to share our contribution towards the implementation of the Goals.

As acknowledged by the Goals, the lived experience of marginalisation is multidimensional and interlinked - it is not defined by earnings alone. The data presented here reflects the complexity of leaving no one behind and how marginalisation affects women living in conflict in every aspect of their lives.

By sharing this data, we aim to highlight the lack of progress for women survivors of war and to emphasise the importance of investing in the most marginalised to ensure that no one is left behind.



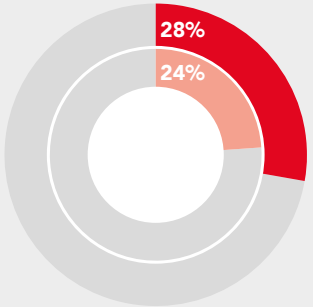
# Our Data from Iraq

Women for Women International routinely administers rigorous baseline and endline surveys to a geographically representative sample of enrolled participants to gauge women's progress through the programme. We collect data from 30-60% of women participants at enrolment (baseline) and, 12 months later, at graduation (endline). In 2016, we revised our data collection methods to strengthen the quality of the data we receive.



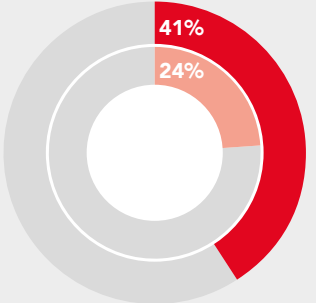
Data presented here was gathered from 157 participants at both baseline and endline, representing 60% of all women who graduated from our programme in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KRI) in 2018 (January - December).



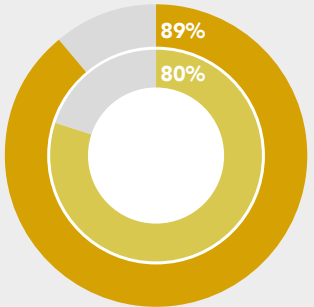
We also present the 'percentage change' which is the amount of change as a proportion of the starting point (our baseline findings). We use this method as a way of understanding the magnitude of a change relative to a baseline figure.



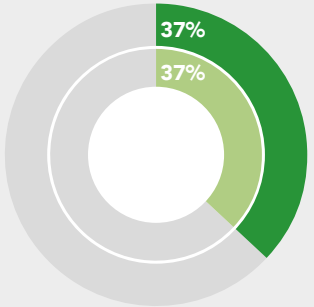
The data we collect focuses exclusively on marginalised women survivors of conflict and therefore is not nationally representative. It does, however, provide a snapshot into the lives of the women we serve and can provide insight into working with hard-to-reach groups.



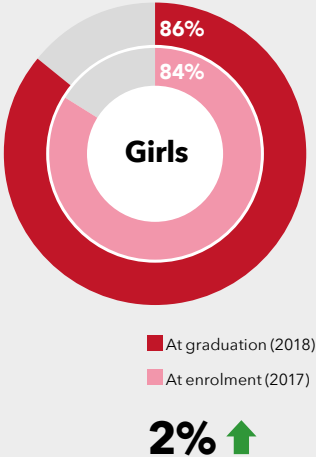
	Global Goal and selected target (by 2030)	Our indicator	Percentage change
	<b>Goal 1: End poverty in all its forms everywhere</b>		
	<b>1.1 Eradicate extreme poverty (people living on less than \$1.25 a day).</b>	Share of women participants who report personal earnings of at least \$1.90 a day (in current USD purchasing power parity). <sup>1</sup>	 <p> <span style="color: red;">■</span> At graduation (2018)  <span style="color: orange;">■</span> At enrolment (2017)         </p> <p><b>17% ↑</b></p>

1. \$1.90 a day is the international extreme poverty line set by the World Bank.

	Global Goal and selected target (by 2030)	Our indicator	Percentage change
	<b>Goal 1: End poverty in all its forms everywhere</b>		
	<p><b>1.5</b> By 2030, build the resilience of the poor and those in vulnerable situations and reduce their exposure and vulnerability to climate related extreme events and other economic, social and environmental shocks and disasters.</p>	<p>Share of women participants who report saving a portion of their earnings.</p>	 <p>■ At graduation (2018) ■ At enrolment (2017)</p> <p><b>71%</b> ↑</p>
<p><i>Our programme provides women with knowledge and skills to both earn and save money. The context in the KRI is extremely fragile so saving money is important to building women's resilience to economic shocks and protecting their families financially.</i></p>			

	Global Goal and selected target (by 2030)	Our indicator	Percentage change
	<b>Goal 2: End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture</b>		
	<p><b>2.1</b> By 2030, end hunger and ensure access by all people, in particular the poor and people in vulnerable situations, including infants, to safe, nutritious and sufficient food all year round.</p>	<p>Share of women who report no food shortage in the last 4 weeks.</p>	 <p>■ At graduation (2018) ■ At enrolment (2017)</p> <p><b>22%</b> ↑</p>
<p><i>Food security is a key indicator of wellbeing and decreasing poverty. Food security is not just about having access to enough food but also nutritious food. Nutrition is a key part of our training, supporting women and their family's health and wellbeing.</i></p>			

	Global Goal and selected target (by 2030)	Our indicator	Percentage change
	<b>Goal 3: Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages</b>		
	<p><b>3.7</b> By 2030, ensure access to sexual and reproductive health-care services, including family planning, information and education.</p>	<p>Share of women participants who report practising family planning.</p>	 <p>■ At graduation (2018) ■ At enrolment (2017)</p> <p><b>0%</b></p>
<p><i>Our interpretation of this data is that the use of contraceptives is generally low in the KRI. There are a lot of strong religious, cultural and social beliefs around the use of contraceptives and any significant changes to the use of contraceptives will take a long time. Our programme supports women to know their reproductive rights and women are sign-posted to places where they can access contraceptives if they choose to use them.</i></p>			

	Global Goal and selected target (by 2030)	Our indicator	Percentage change
4 <small>QUALITY EDUCATION</small> 	<b>Goal 4: Ensure inclusive and quality education for all and promote lifelong learning</b>		
	<p><b>4.1</b> By 2030, ensure that all girls and boys complete free, equitable and quality primary and secondary education leading to relevant and effective learning outcome.</p>	<p>Share of total school-aged girls in school (5-17 years).</p>	 <p>86% 84%</p> <p><b>Girls</b></p> <p>■ At graduation (2018) ■ At enrolment (2017)</p> <p><b>2%</b> ↑</p>



**Global Goal and selected target (by 2030)**

**Our indicator**

**Percentage change**

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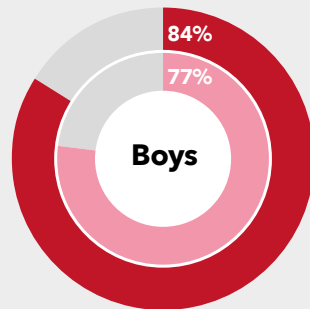


**Goal 4: Ensure inclusive and quality education for all and promote lifelong learning**



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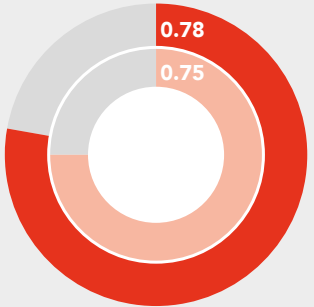
Share of total school-aged boys in school (5-17 years).







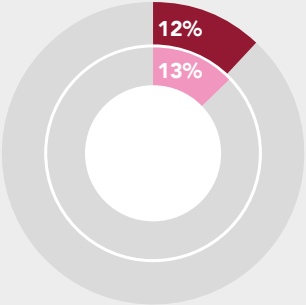
■ At graduation (2018)

■ At enrolment (2017)

**9%** ↑

	Global Goal and selected target (by 2030)	Our indicator	Percentage change
	<b>Goal 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls</b>		
	<p><b>5.1 End all forms of discrimination against all women and girls everywhere.</b></p>	<p>Perceived self-efficacy (scale of 0-1).</p>	 <p>■ At graduation (2018) ■ At enrolment (2017)</p> <p><b>4%</b> ↑</p>
<p><i>Self-efficacy measures women's perceptions of self-confidence, future outlook and capacity to follow through with life goals. Using a set of questions commonly used in women's empowerment research studies, we present self-efficacy as a score on a scale of 0-1, where 1 indicates the highest possible level of self-efficacy.</i></p> <p><i>It is extremely encouraging to see that women in the KRI had a high self-efficacy score at enrolment. Despite a lower percentage change, over half of women report some score increase at graduation.</i></p>			

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5 <small>Gender Equality</small> 	<b>Goal 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls</b>		
	<p><b>5.6</b> Ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights as agreed in accordance with the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome documents of their review conferences.</p>	<p>Share of women who report being involved in decisions about having more children.</p>	<div> </div> <div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="color: red;">■</span> At graduation (2018)</li> <li><span style="color: lightcoral;">■</span> At enrolment (2017)</li> </ul> </div> <div> <p><b>18% ↑</b></p> </div>

	Global Goal and selected target (by 2030)	Our indicator	Percentage change
8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH 	<b>Goal 8: Promote inclusive and sustainable economic growth, employment and decent work for all</b>		
	<b>8.3 Promote development-oriented policies that support productive activities, decent job creation, entrepreneurship, creativity and innovation, and encourage the formalisation and growth of micro-, small- and medium-sized enterprises, including through access to financial services.</b>	Proportion of women reporting any type of employment across all (1°, 2°, 3°) occupation levels.	 <p> <span style="color: #800000;">■</span> At graduation (2018)  <span style="color: #FF69B4;">■</span> At enrolment (2017)         </p> <p><b>-8%</b> ↓</p>
<p><i>Our interpretation of this data is that for both women and men, unemployment is very high in the KRI, with many working aged adults unemployed. A recent survey by the International Organisation for Migration found that only 15% of working-aged women in the KRI are employed, including graduates and women seeking work. We believe that this data is a reflection of the wider context of unemployment in the KRI, especially for marginalised women.<sup>2</sup></i></p>			



Shireen is a mother of 7 children who moved to Erbil when the war broke out in Syria, and is a graduate of the Women for Women International year-long programme. During the programme, Shireen became passionate about women's rights and issues such as child marriage - "For my daughters, I can defend them and support them for their rights."

**Global Goal and selected target (by 2030)**

**Our indicator**

**Percentage change**

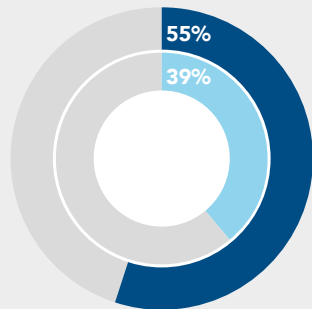


**Goal 16: Promote just, peaceful and inclusive societies**



**16.1** Significantly reduce all forms of violence and related death rates everywhere.



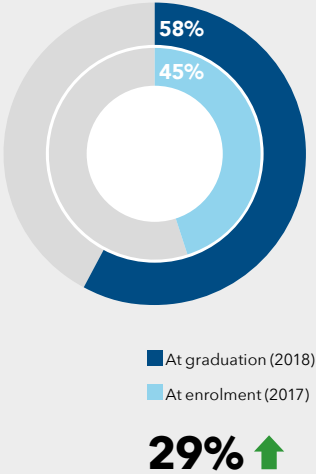
Share of women who have spoken publicly against abuse of women.



■ At graduation (2018)

■ At enrolment (2017)

**41%** ↑

	Global Goal and selected target (by 2030)	Our indicator	Percentage change
	<b>Goal 16: Promote just, peaceful and inclusive societies</b>		
	<p><b>16.7</b> Ensure responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making at all levels.</p>	<p>Share of women who discussed community issues with other women in community.</p>	 <p>■ At graduation (2018) ■ At enrolment (2017)</p> <p><b>29%</b> ↑</p>

In countries affected by conflict and war, Women for Women International supports the most marginalised women to earn and save money, improve health and well-being, influence decisions in their home and community, and connect with networks for support. By utilising skills, knowledge and resources, she is able to create sustainable change for herself, her family, and community.

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