



EGM on "Technology as a Renewed Hope to Achieving Gender Equality in the Arab Region: A Fact or Illusion?"

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**Technology and Enhancing
Women's Access to Health Services**

This presentation focuses on target 5.6 on SDG 5



5.6. 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

Access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights in addition to access to sexual and reproductive health services lead to the reduction of maternal mortality and the eradication of communicable diseases such as HIV and AIDS. It increases the autonomy of women and girls over their sexual and reproductive health and overcome some of the limitations and consequences that can hinder their participation in the social and economic life including education, employment and the promotion of peaceful and inclusive societies.

Target 5.6 on SDG 5

- **This target addresses the barriers many women face with respect to their sexual and reproductive health and rights**
- **Quality and affordability of sexual and reproductive services**
- **Autonomy in decision-making**

Regional situation in relation to target 5.6

- Limited access to services
- Lack of awareness and information about family planning and about sexual and reproductive services
- 40 per cent of married women use modern contraception: this proportion varies considerably from one country to another

ICT: Potential for health in general

- Evidence of the effectiveness of IVT for health in general
- It can contribute to women and girls' wellbeing and health
 - Access to information and awareness on health issues and rights;
 - Access to services
 - Interaction with other women
 - Data collection for governments and public institutions
 - Epidemiological assessments
- Many positive benefits but potential use in ways that are discriminatory



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