WHO WE ARE

Since 1992, Equality Now has been using the law to protect and promote the human rights of women and girls around the world. With partners and supporters in nearly every country in the world, and staff in New York, London, Nairobi, Amman and Washington, D.C., Equality Now advocates locally, nationally and internationally to advance Legal Equality and Justice for Girls, and to End Sex Trafficking, Sexual Violence and Harmful Practices, including female genital mutilation (FGM) and “child marriage.”

“Equality Now provides community, it magnifies strength, it gives you accurate information and it allows you to become a force in the world.”
— Gloria Steinem, Writer, Activist & Equality Now Board Member

OUR METHODS

Advocate

To hold governments accountable for ensuring equal rights and protections under the law for women and girls, and to elevate issues to the attention of human rights bodies.

Partner

With local activists and coalitions that are most familiar with the challenges and solutions in their communities. We work together to make sure that individual cases become international concerns, and that progress made globally is enacted locally.

Mobilize

The public and the media to raise their voices to stop abuses against women and girls.

OUR WORK

Legal Equality

Achieving legal equality helps us address all forms of injustice. When women and girls can live free from violence and discrimination — when laws protect and uphold their human rights — everyone benefits. Equality Now advocates for governments to repeal or amend discriminatory laws and to promote gender equality.
Harmful practices are forms of violence that stem from deeply rooted gender-based discrimination and patriarchal attitudes and social norms. Equality Now fights to ensure that laws and policies recognize and address harmful practices such as female genital mutilation (FGM) and “child marriage” as violations of women’s and girls’ human rights and freedoms.

Trafficking for sexual exploitation is the fastest growing criminal enterprise in the world. We advocate for strong laws targeting both those who profit from the sex trade and those who are fueling it. Equality Now supports and advocates with groups that center on survivors’ experiences.

Over a lifetime, one in three women will experience physical or sexual violence—regardless of age, background or country. We push for laws and policies that protect women from violence and for justice systems that work. Equality Now advocates for proper investigations, prosecutions and punishments.

Adolescent girls are particularly vulnerable to violence and discrimination because of their limited legal rights and ability to protect themselves. We make sure that girls and their communities are educated on girls’ rights and that girls can get justice when their rights are violated. Equality Now also takes strategically-selected cases to court in pursuit of legal precedents (strategic litigation) that will create real change in individual girls’ lives and for millions of girls around the world just like them.