



Towards a gender-sensitive Global Digital Compact

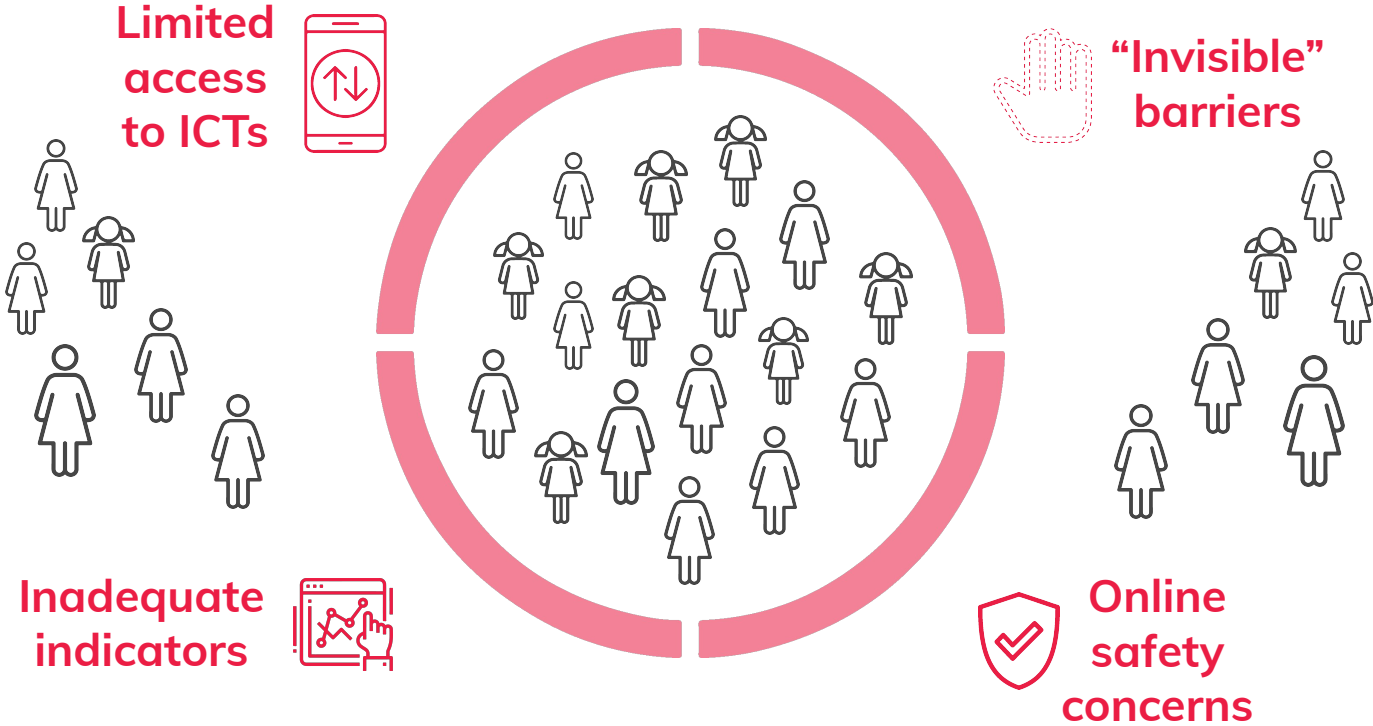
Priorities from the Global South

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The **Global Digital Compact** seeks to outline principles for an open, free and secure digital future **for all**.

How do we make it work for **all women**?





Limited access to ICTs



"Invisible" barriers

Inadequate indicators



Online safety concerns



Across the Global South, women and girls have **limited access to ICTs**.

Key obstacles include:



Unaffordable **internet** services



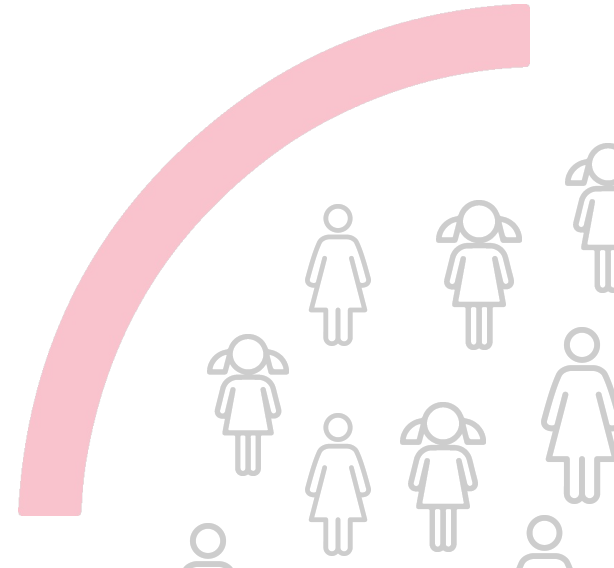
Lacking or outdated digital **devices**



Poor **network quality**



Limited or lacking digital **skills**





Across the Global South, **“invisible” barriers** prevent women and girls’ full and equal participation in our digital present.

These include:



Low **confidence** in digital ability

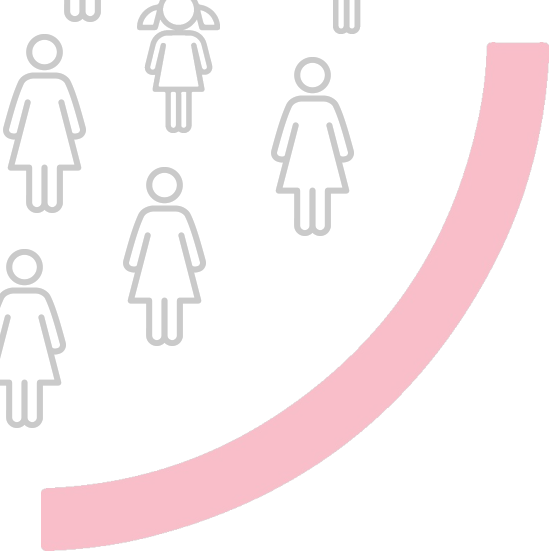


Socio-cultural **perceptions of their role** within the family/household



Community perceptions of what is acceptable





Across the Global South, women and girls' **online safety** is significantly threatened.

Key challenges include:



Limited framework protecting against online abuse, particularly that of a sexually explicit nature



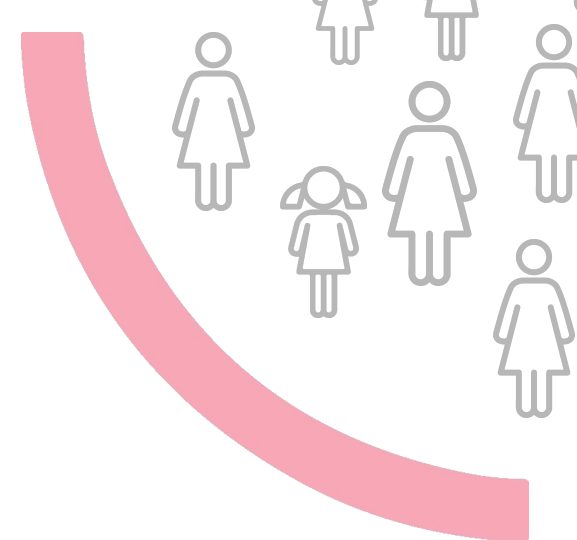
Language limitations of existing protective measures



Limited data protection



Current **indicators** of digital access **don't adequately reflect** the reality of the digital divide.



In particular, evidence stresses:



The limits of internet penetration as a **measure of digital access**



The need for data **disaggregation**



The implications of data **gaps**