



29 September 2022

To: Chair of the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee, Delyth Jewell MS

Dear Committee Chair,

Feminist Scorecard 2022

We are writing to you to share key recommendations from our Feminist Scorecard 2022 that are relevant to the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee. The Feminist Scorecard 2022, launched in July this year, tracks the Welsh Government's progress towards advancing women's rights and gender equality in six policy areas:

- Fair Finance
- Caring Responsibilities
- Global Women's Rights
- Equal Representation and Leadership
- Tackling Gender Health Inequalities, and
- Ending Violence Against Women and Girls

Each area is rated using a traffic light system (red, amber, and green), indicating the level of progress towards equality for women and girls in Wales. Your Committee portfolio covers issues under Global Women's Rights and we would like to highlight actions needed to improve women's situation in this area.

Global Women's Rights

We were pleased to see some progress in the area of Global Women's Rights, which retained its amber rating. Welsh Government's funding programme since 2020 has been welcome and is appropriately targeted to empower overseas partners. However, urgent action is needed to support sanctuary seekers and those affected by climate change globally for Wales to be a nation of sanctuary and global solidarity. The Scorecard recommends Welsh Government should:

- Conduct human rights and gender equality assessments of existing and emerging trade policies.
- Share vaccine technology through the World Health Organisation (WHO)'s Covid Technology Access Pool, to reduce the estimated (in 2021) wait of 57 years for everyone to be fully vaccinated.



- Include Women's Rights and Global Solidarity with women in the Social Partnership and Procurement Bill.
- Commit to training international trading staff in gender equality, safeguarding and ethical procurement.
- Ensure that the potential of investments in female-dominated, low-carbon sectors such as care and education is adequately considered in the transition to net zero, both domestically and internationally.

We would be grateful for the opportunity to meet with you to discuss how we can work together to realise these recommendations, and to ensure that women and girls in Wales will not be held back for many years to come. Please contact Fadhilah Gubari at Oxfam Cymru to arrange a suitable date for a meeting on fgubari1@oxfam.org.uk.

We look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

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