

*Every day, in villages, towns and cities all over the Commonwealth, ambitious, determined and courageous women and girls are transforming their lives, as well as the lives of others.*

# Women agents of change

*Invest in women  
Transform the world*

GOVERNANCE  
RESPECT  
EQUITY  
FOOD  
EDUCATION  
RIGHTS  
DEVELOPMENT  
HOUSING  
WATER  
DEMOCRACY  
PEACE  
EMPLOYMENT  
HEALTH  
EQUALITY  
JUSTICE  
EMPOWERMENT  
DIVERSITY  
STABILITY



Women and girls make up over half of the world's population. In the Commonwealth, that is more than one billion people. By making sure all women and girls have the life-changing opportunities of education and access to health care, as well as making sure they have rights and protection, we can go a long way towards creating a fairer and more prosperous world.

Women and girls should participate at all levels of decision-making to ensure that their voices are properly heard. *This will benefit us all.*

We need to recognise the contribution of women to society because where they prosper, their communities prosper. Where women suffer, so do the communities in which they live.

*By investing in women and girls, we can speed up social, economic and political progress.*

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