



Apolitical partnerships in action

We're a long way off achieving the SDGs. That's why Apolitical is boosting governments' ability to tackle the big challenges.

The sustainable development goals are a global call to action. Goal 5 focuses on gender equality, recognising we need to empower all women and girls to achieve a fairer world.

But at the current rate of progress, more than 2.1 billion women and girls will live in countries that will not reach any key gender equality targets by 2030. That's why we're working with the partners to take bigger strides toward gender equality targets.

The mission

Empower public servants to achieve the UN SDG on gender equality

The funder

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

The date

April 2020–April 2022

The program

Apolitical helps governments deliver on their commitments at the Generation Equality Forum. We focused on three of the Action Coalitions: Gender-based violence, bodily autonomy, and economic justice.

Made possible through funding from the Gates Foundation, we designed a three-step mission to:

- 1** Upskill public servants globally on gender mainstreaming
- 2** Deliver specialist courses on each of the three Action Coalition goals
- 3** Host a 9-month leadership fellowship for public servants implementing gender equality commitments.

The results

500+

A global community of 500+ public servants from over 80 countries working on or interested in gender equity

8.6 / 10

400+ public servants from 80 countries took the specialist courses with an average net promoter score of 8.6/10 – a world-class score.

78%

67% of learners on the specialist courses and 78% of the learners on the fellowship said that they were able to apply learnings to their work

The partners

The Gates Foundation

Guided by the belief that every life has equal value, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation works to help all people lead healthy, productive lives. In developing countries, it focuses on improving people's health and giving them the chance to lift themselves out of hunger and extreme poverty. In the United States, it seeks to ensure that all people — especially those with the fewest resources — have access to the opportunities they need to succeed in school and life.

Apolitical is a social learning platform for government with a mission to help build 21st century governments that work for people and the planet. We equip our community of 200,000+ public servants in 160 countries with the knowledge, skills and community they need to solve the world's hardest challenges. 80% of our members say that Apolitical makes them better at their jobs.

What participants said about the course...

“Being part of this fellowship has deepened my appreciation of gender issues, and will positively impact the current technical assistance I am providing to ERERA for a Gender Plan and Strategy.”

Participant from the ECOWAS Regional Electricity Authority (ERERA) / Ghana

“As we are developing tools for our research on adolescents, we are delighted to incorporate gender norms into our study.”

Research Officer from the Center for Research on Environment, Health and Population Activities / Nepal

Your turn

Apolitical supports governments to get the skills needed to achieve their sustainable development goals. If you want to learn more about our innovative learning tools for governments please reach out to Freddie Price at freddie.price@apolitical.co to discuss how we can make it happen.

The follow-up

Building on the success of this program, we developed a fellowship for 60 US-based public servants on gender equality with the support of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

We are also designing a government accelerator to upskill and support governments to achieve gender equality targets by 2030.