

## **A Feminist-Led Statement on the Compromiso de Sevilla: Call for Advancing Accountability, Rights, Justice, and Equality in Financing for Development**

As feminist organizations, networks, movements, and collectives dedicated to justice, equity, and the full realization of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, we welcome the consensus adoption of the Compromiso de Sevilla as an important step for a successful implementation of the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (FFD4)'s agreement.

While we appreciate the document's language affirming the imperative of achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls, the acknowledgment of the economic value of unpaid care work, the imperative to eliminate gender-based violence, and the commitment to gender-responsive solutions, we remain concerned that, in the context of the overall thrust of the document, these affirmations are instrumental and do not lead us to a truly gender-just economy.

We consider it imperative to highlight that commitments on debt, taxation, universal access to health, including sexual and reproductive health and climate action are essential to mobilizing the maximum available resources that are key to realizing women's rights and gender justice. These issues are inextricably linked to the economic realities and structural marginalization of women, girls, and gender-diverse people, and we regret that the Compromiso de Sevilla falls significantly short of the urgency and scale of the needs of the Global South. At this moment of intensifying global crises and intersecting inequalities, these diluted measures are unacceptable and lack the ambition and urgency that demands the necessary power shift to enable countries in the Global South to develop sustainably and invest in gender equality.

The feminization of poverty persists. It is not enough to recognize it; it is necessary to find solutions to the entrenched economic systems that prioritize the profits of a few over the rights of billions of people, the wellbeing of our planet, austerity over equity, and the financial stability of a few countries. We reaffirm the need for bold and binding commitments to address unsustainable debt burdens, to reform the international financial architecture, and the international tax system, to eliminate illicit financial flows and dismantle regressive and gender-biased structures, while delivering on climate finance and reparations.

We are concerned that gender equality remains an aspirational rhetoric rather than a lived reality. Therefore, we call for accountability. Words on paper alone are not enough. We demand formal follow mechanisms, with clear targets and indicators, to ensure transparent implementation, adequate financing, and meaningful participation of those most affected, especially grassroots feminist movements, in all their diversity, living with disabilities, Indigenous, afro-descendants, migrants, youth, marginalized communities, and those facing multiple and intersecting forms of violence,

including poverty. These movements are already leading the way in their communities, creating care economies, climate solutions, and economic alternatives grounded in solidarity, rights, and justice. Their expertise must not only be acknowledged but also resourced and centered in decision-making spaces.

The process of developing and adopting the Compromiso de Sevilla has tested the strength, relevance, and trust in multilateralism and marks a pivotal moment for reflection and accountability. Whether it becomes a vehicle for the necessary systemic transformation or another missed opportunity depends on the courage of Member States, institutions, and donors to match their commitments with concrete actions and to ensure unjust and unequal structures are reformed. Meanwhile, feminists stand ready to work with them and hold them to account for building a just, sustainable, and equitable future for all.

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