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# **SDG 5: Closing the Gender Digital Divide**

## **Fostering Digital Alliances and Cooperation**

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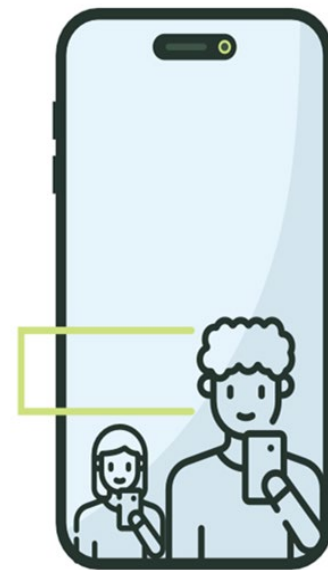


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## State of Gender Digital Divide

- **1/4 billion** more men than women using the internet in 2023 (ITU, 2023)
- In low-income countries, **just 20% of women use the internet**, compared with 34% of men (ITU, 2023)
- **0,8 billion women** are still not using mobile internet in low-and middle-income countries (LMICs) (GSMA, 2024)
- **\$500BN** may be lost by LMICs over the next 5 years due to gender digital divide (GDIP, 2024)



## Barriers to Closing the Digital Divide

Access and  
Affordability

Relevant  
Products & Tools

Digital Literacy  
and Skills

Safety and  
Security

Availability of  
Data and Insights

# Use Cases from Central Asia



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**1. Access and Affordability: Zardaly Community Network  
(MDD&IT, ISOC, GIGA, UN)**





**2. Relevant Products and Tools:** *ilimBox* educational portal in local languages (MinEdu, ISOC Foundation, EU)

### 3. Digital Literacy and Skills: Sanarip Insan for Digital Skills for Women & Youth in Rural Areas (MinLabor, CEC, EU)







## 4. Online Safety and Security (MDD&IT, ITU)



## 5. Data & Insights:

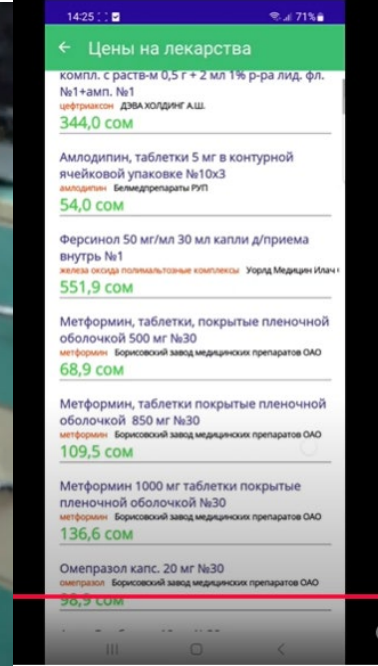
### IoT/LoRaWAN Climate Sensors for Disaster Risk Resilience (MES, ISOC Foundation)





## 5. Data & Insights: KyrgyzPharma

Transparency through digitalization for availability, quality and low-cost of medicines (MinHealth, Turkey)







# The **Global Digital Inclusion Partnership** is a coalition of public, private, and civil society organizations

working to bring internet connectivity to the global majority and ensure everyone is meaningfully connected by 2030. GDIP advances digital opportunities to empower and support people's lives and agency, leading to inclusive digital societies.

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## **Mission**

**Advance universal, meaningful access in low- and middle-income countries to secure digital inclusion for everyone by 2030.**

## **CONNECTED RESILIENCE:**

Gendered Experiences of Meaningful  
Connectivity through a Global Pandemic



A young child with dark hair, wearing a bright red long-sleeved shirt and black pants, stands in the center of the frame. The child is holding a black smartphone in their right hand, looking at it with a focused expression. The background is a vast, arid landscape with rolling hills and mountains under a cloudy sky. The ground is dry and covered with sparse, low-lying vegetation. The overall scene suggests a rural or developing area where mobile technology is being introduced.

## Recommendations

- 1. Girls First
- 1. Rural First
- 1. Mobile First
- 1. Local Language First
- 1. Green First

**Thank you for your Attention**