

# Social Watch

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## What is Social Watch?

- SW is an international network of citizens' organizations that monitor their governments' performance in discharging their international commitments to eradicate poverty and achieve gender equity.
- SW is made up of more than 400 groups and more than 60 coalitions in all regions of the world.

## *BCI*

### *Basic Capabilities Index*

- Social Watch has developed the BCI as a way to identify poverty not based on income. The poverty-related indicators most widely used internationally are the World Bank estimates of the number of people living on less than one or two dollars a day, or the UNDP ranking based on the Human Development Index, which combines income figures with health- and education-related indicators.
- The usefulness of the BCI lies in that it has proven to be closely correlated to measurements of other human capabilities related to the social development of countries. This index assigns a score to each country, thereby making it possible to compare it with other countries and to assess its evolution over time.

- The BCI has comparative advantages in that it is relatively simple to calculate and inexpensive because it does not depend on household surveys to estimate levels of income.
- It is compatible with the various national and international statistical systems, and it can be calculated easily from indicator data that are regularly issued by governments and agencies.
- In addition to being an instrument for classifying the relative situation of countries or of particular sectors within a country (population groups or geographical areas, for example), it can also be used to generate time series for monitoring situations related to poverty.

## The BCI is based on three indicators:

- Percentage of children who reach fifth grade of primary education
- Survival until the fifth year of age (based on mortality amongst children under five)
- Percentage of deliveries assisted by skilled health personnel

## BCI 2008 of countries participating in the Black Sea NGO Forum: "Time to Meet"

Countries	BCI 2008	BCI level	BCI evolution
Armenia	95.6	Medium	Slight progress
Azerbaijan	85.3	Low	Major regression
Bulgaria	98.5	Acceptable	Significant progress
Georgia	89.4	Low	Major regression
Greece	99.5	Acceptable	Slight progress
Moldova	96.1	Medium	Stagnant
Romania	95.6	Medium	Regression
Russian Federation	98.5	Acceptable	Slight progress
Turkey	92.4	Medium	Significant progress
Ukraine	98.5	Acceptable	Slight progress

## *GEI* *Gender Equity Index*

- A synthetic index for the analysis of gender equity.
- The Gender Equity Index (GEI) has been produced by Social Watch since 2004 and was subsequently revised and improved with the aim of developing a tool to capture the degree of gender equity prevailing in a country. The index is built up from internationally available information on dimensions that affect gender equity.
- Within each dimension the gap between women and men in each of the index's indicators is calculated thus making it possible to evaluate how far each country currently is from an optimum situation in which there are no gender gaps at all.

### The GEI measures the following gaps:

- Education
- Economic activity
- Empowerment

## Indicators by dimension

- Empowerment
  - % of women in technical positions
  - % of women in management and government positions
  - % of women in parliament, % of women in ministerial posts
- Economic activity
  - income gaps
  - activity ratio gap
- Education
  - literacy rate gap
  - primary school enrolment rate gap
  - secondary school enrolment rate gap
  - tertiary education enrolment rate gap

## GEI 2008 of countries participating in the Black Sea NGO Forum: "Time to Meet", for which information is available

COUNTRIES	EDUCATION	ECONOMIC ACTIVITY	EMPOWERMENT	IEG 2008	EVOLUTION 2004/2008 (%)
Azerbaijan	96.4	73.3	15.2	61.6	0.2
Bulgaria	99.0	71.6	52.8	74.5	1.5
Georgia	100.0	49.7	43.5	64.4	-0.4
Greece	99.0	61.2	39.0	66.4	7.0
Moldova	99.6	71.8	51.1	74.2	2.1
Romania	99.3	74.6	41.9	71.9	4.1
Russian Federation	99.8	71.2	58.3	76.4	5.6
Turkey	84.4	35.7	17.3	45.8	-8.6
Ukraine	99.8	66.9	55.7	74.1	6.7

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