THE SOCIAL MAP: Population, poverty and inequalities

The Earth is Blue

"The Earth is blue" said Yuri Gagarin in 1961 when he gaped at the planet from the sky during the first manned space voyage. This social map may serve as a guide to the world’s population, countries and regions according to their population and colors they according to their rank on the Basic Capabilities Index. Countries or regions can be colored blue, green, yellow, or red to reflect critical situations of regression. The color scale of the circles shows degrees of progress towards gender equity. The governments of the world have agreed to achieve a set of basic standards known as the Millennium Development Goals by 2015. Over these goals are met, all countries should be colored green or blue. Yet, in the present state of progress, 39 countries will miss the goals ten years from now and at least 25 will still be red.

Components of the BASIC CAPABILITIES INDEX

- Freedom to express oneself
- Freedom of religion
- Freedom of association
- Right to recognition of one’s legal personhood
- Right to civil and political rights
- Right to personal security
- Right to personal mobility
- Right to personal property
- Right to health
- Right to education
- Right to other goods and services

Components of the GENDER EQUITY INDEX

- Educational attainment
- Economic activity
- Health
- Political empowerment

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