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Gender: Johns Hopkins and Population Council Launch New Online Repository of Surveys and Scales

BALTIMORE, Nov. 18 – A curated [online repository of surveys and scales](#) to measure constructs of gender, such as gender roles and norms, was launched today by the Gender Equity Unit at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and the Population Council with support from Bloomberg Philanthropies' Data for Health Initiative.

The surveys and scales make it possible to produce high-quality evidence and data about gender disparities in research areas such as health systems strengthening; reproductive health; non-communicable diseases, including mental health; civil registries and vital statistics; and gender-based violence.

“In collaboration with the [Population Council](#), we are delighted to launch this expanded, updated repository,” said [Michelle R. Kaufman, PhD](#), the Director of the Gender Equity Unit at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Dr. Kaufman is an associate professor in the Department of Health, Behavior, and Society with a joint appointment in International Health. “This resource is intended for use by researchers and program staff in the health, social, and behavioral science sectors. It is a vital tool to help collect important data on gender factors in health.”

“We are thrilled to have partnered with Johns Hopkins on the updated repository,” said [Julie Pulerwitz, ScD](#), Project Director and Senior Advisor, Social and Behavioral Science Research at the Population Council. “In 2023, the Gender Equity Unit set out to update and expand the scales beyond the gender binary and to look at usage in addition to sexual and reproductive health outcomes. The Population Council, especially our team which created the original repository, is delighted to help launch this expanded, updated resource on its new home on the Gender Equity Unit’s website.”

Dr. Kaufman added, “We intend this to be a living entity that evolves with time. We hope researchers and practitioners alike will find it a useful resource and will continue to add to it as more gender-focused measures are developed and tested.”

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About the Gender Equity Unit: The Gender Equity Unit is funded by Bloomberg Philanthropies and housed in the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Our work aims to serve as a knowledge center and resource hub for all partners and countries

in the Data for Health Initiative and beyond to integrate gender equity in their work, provide capacity-strengthening activities focused on gender equity for partner liaisons and key country players, and conduct research studies to demonstrate the importance of, barriers to, and strategies for advancing gender equity in global public health through data systems. Learn more at www.genderhealthdata.org.

About the Population Council: The Population Council is a leading research organization dedicated to building an equitable and sustainable world that enhances the health and well-being of current and future generations. We generate ideas, produce evidence, and design solutions to improve the lives of people around the world. Learn more at www.popcouncil.org.

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