

Series 1 GENDER

Episode 1

Sex is not gender

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Although gender interacts with sex and they are often used interchangeably, sex and gender are not the same.

Gender and sex have distinct meanings.

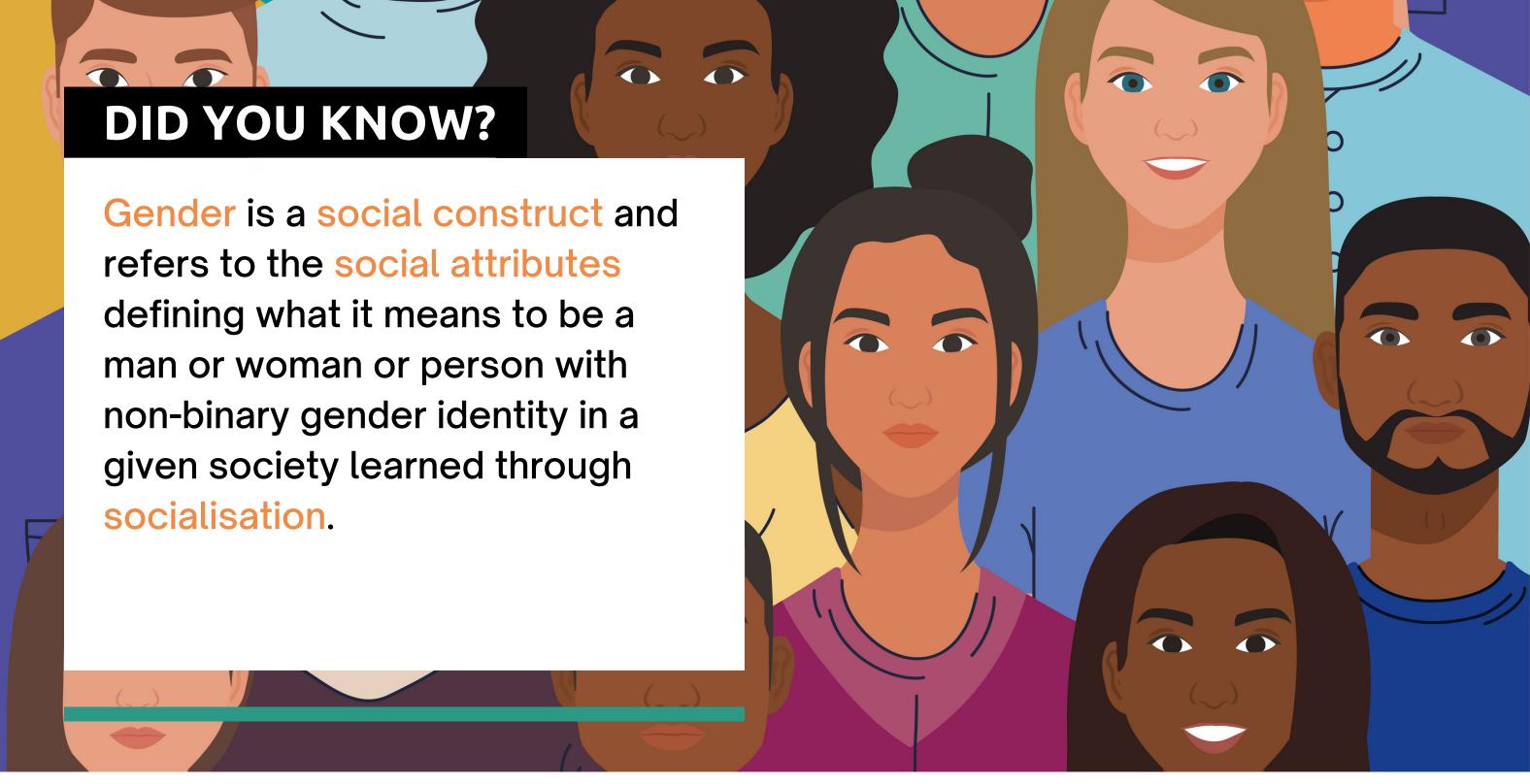




Sex refers to the biological characteristics and physiological features (like chromosomes, reproductive and sexual anatomy) which define female, male, and intersex, an umbrella term used for individuals born with natural variations in those characteristics.

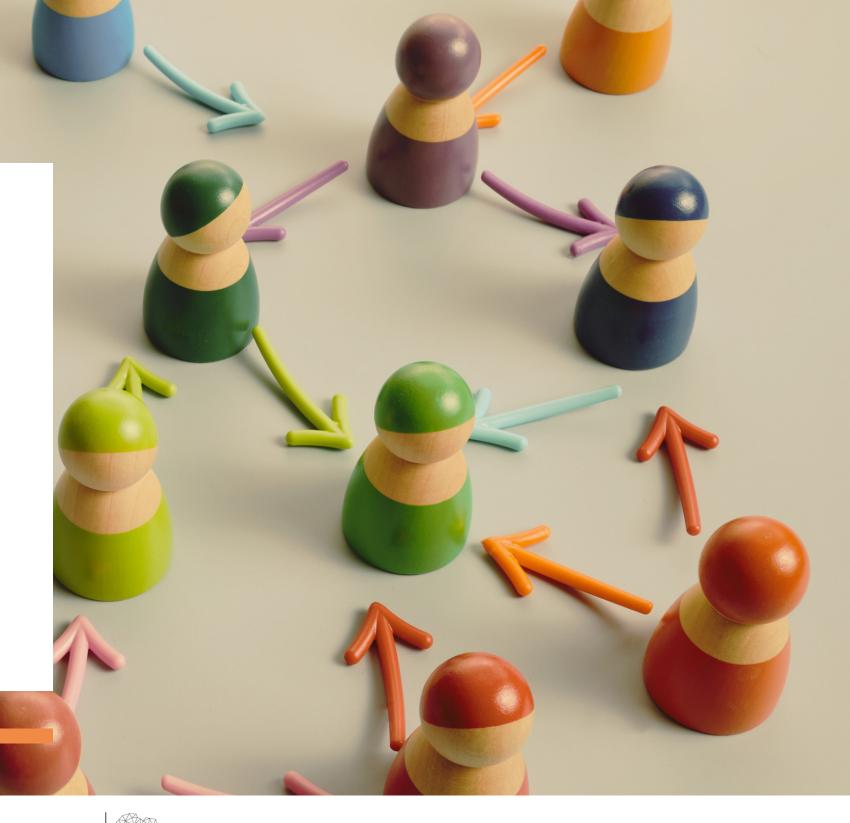








Gender involves social norms, roles, status, expectations, and relations within households and communities that are contextand time-specific and are changeable.





Sex and gender have distinct and interacting effects on health. Health research requires sex-and gender-based analysis accounting for biological factors, as well as social, cultural and economic factors.







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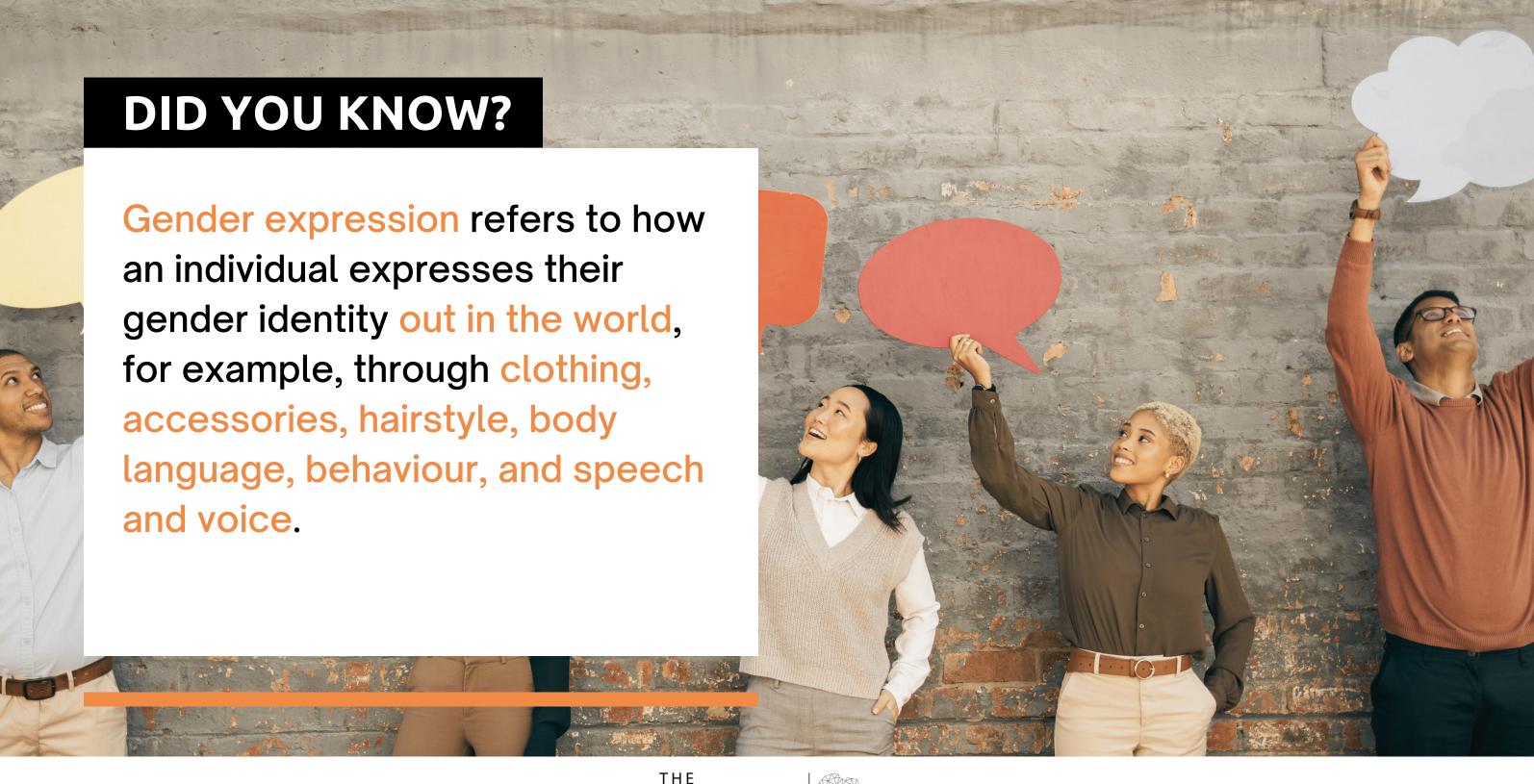
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Understanding Gender Terminology

Gender identity refers to a person's innate, deeply felt internal and individual experience of gender that may or may not correspond to the designated sex at birth.









Gender norms are socially constructed ideas, expectations and standards about how women, men and persons with non-binary gender identity should be or act in a given society.





Gender roles are socially constructed sets of social and economic activities, responsibilities and tasks assigned to women, men and persons with non-binary gender identity in society.





Gender relations refers to a specific subset of social relations uniting women, men and persons with non-binary gender identity as social groups in a given community, determining their identities, power, rights, responsibilities and identities in relation to one another.





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Sex & genderbased analysis

Sex-disaggregated statistics

are data collected and tabulated separately for female, male, and/or intersex people allowing the measurement of differences between them.





Sex-based analysis refers to the examination of biological and/or physiological factors as determinants of health among women, men and/or intersex people.





Gender-based analysis refers to the critical examination of how differences in gender roles, activities, needs, opportunities and rights/entitlements affect women, men, and persons with non-binary gender identity in a given policy area, situation or context.





Sex and gender-based analysis

considers both – sex and gender – because people are different at every stage of their lives biologically and in their roles, responsibilities, opportunities, and choices and in relation to the expectations and norms faced with.



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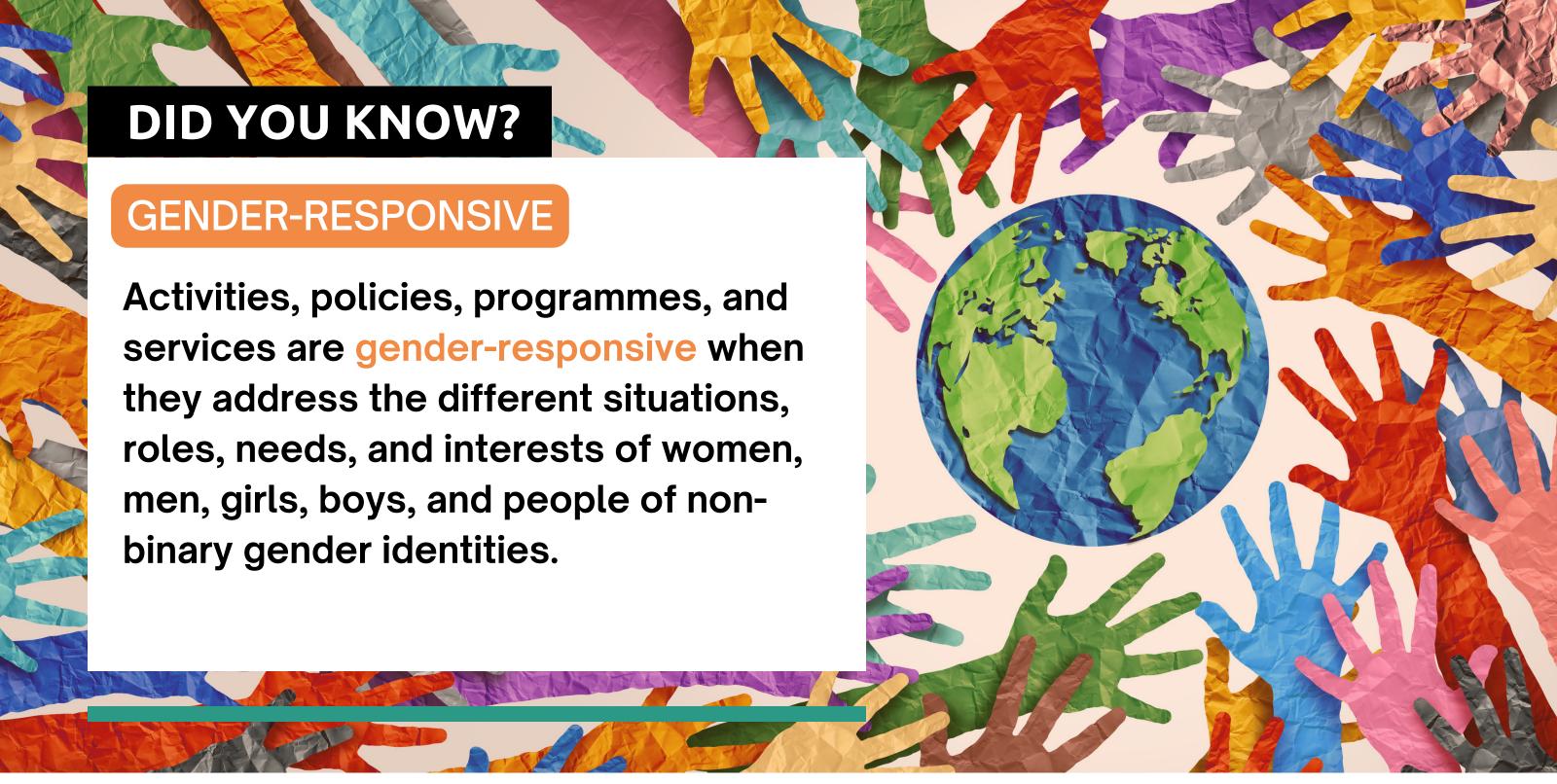




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Episode 4

Gender-Responsive





Activities, policies, programmes, and services are gender-unequal when they:

- Sustain gender inequality
- Reinforce unbalanced norms, roles, and relations
- Privilege an advantaged gender over others
- Distribute rights or opportunities unfairly between genders

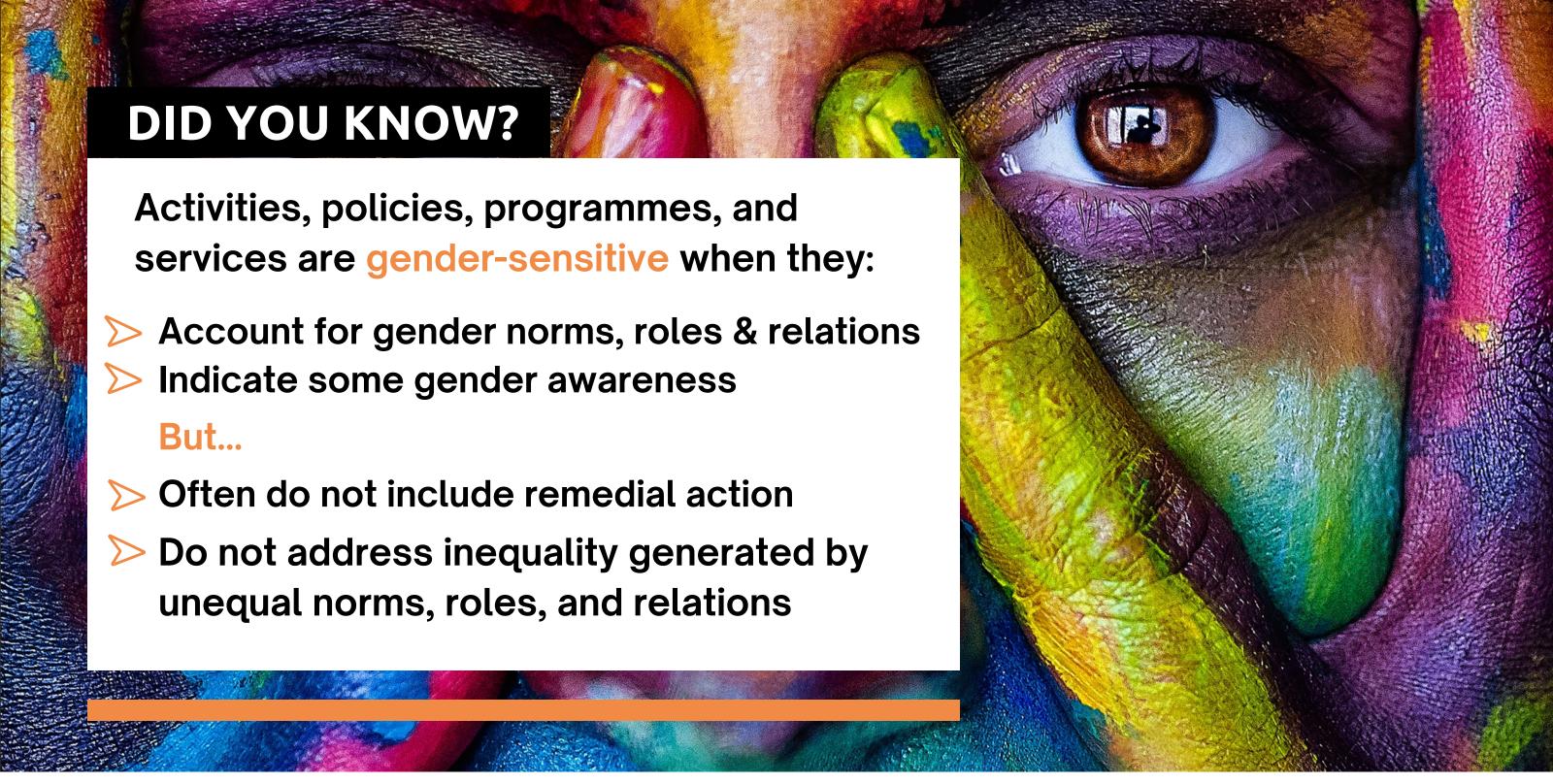




Activities, policies, programmes, and services are considered gender-blind when they:

- > Ignore different gender norms, roles, and relations
- > Ignore differences in opportunities and resource allocation between genders
- > Treat everyone the same, regardless of their different (dis)advantages and needs







Gender-specific activities, policies, programmes, and services:

- Consider how gender norms, roles, and relations affect access and participation by people of all genders
- Consider specific needs of people of different genders
- Intentionally target and benefit a specific gender group to achieve policy or programme goals or meet certain needs
- > Make it easier for people to fulfil duties that are ascribed to them based on their gender roles





Gender-transformative activities, policies, programmes, and services include strategies to:

- > Address the causes of gender-based health inequalities
- > Transform harmful gender norms, roles, and relations
- Promote gender equality
- Change gender power relationships





That the LIGHT Consortium's interventions are gender-responsive.

That means we aim for our interventions to be gender-specific and our research to explore ways to be more gender-transformative.





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