

Faroese Parental Leave Reform & the Gender Equality Commission

Gender Equality · Good practice · Faroe Islands

Quality score: 63/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

The Faroe Islands extended parental leave from 48 to 52 weeks in 2020, with 4 weeks reserved for fathers - yet fathers use only 4 of 52 weeks on average while mothers use 48, a gap the statutory Gender Equality Commission has publicly criticised.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Transferability / replicability	2/3
Impact on gender equality	0/1
Effectiveness	0/1
Efficiency	0/1
Evaluated outcomes	1/1
Sustainability	1/1
Achievement / evidence	1/1
Gender-mainstreaming embedding	1/1
Curator validation	1/1

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Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-17

[Gender Equality Commission \(Javnstøðunevndin\)](#) — accessed 2026-07-17

[Javnstøðunevndin \(Gender Equality Commission\) - official page](#) — accessed 2026-07-17

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