

## Progress in Bahrain country in 2023

Data as of: 23 November 2024

OUTCOME XM-DAC-41146-BHR\_D\_1.1

Strengthened social sector policies and systems improve the delivery of quality, inclusive services for Bahraini citizens and residents (UNSDCF Outcome 2)

UN Women's work under this Outcome was rescheduled to 2024 to ensure alignment with national programming.

## OUTCOME XM-DAC-41146-BHR\_D\_1.2

The Kingdom of Bahrain plays an enhanced role in international and regional partnerships for sustainable development, including peace and security initiatives, and to expand South-South Cooperation (UNSDCF Outcome 4)

Bahrain advanced its capacity to play an enhanced role in international partnerships for Agenda 2030 implementation through the preparation undertaken for the third round of the Princess Sabeeka Bint Ibrahim Al-Khalifa Global Award for Women's Empowerment, which celebrates the achievements of diverse stakeholder groups to advance gender equality and women's empowerment. As highlighted during the June 2023 Derasat Annual Forum, co-led by the Supreme Council for Women, Bahrain is able to leverage the Global Award to underscore and celebrate the diversity of contributions to Agenda 2030, focused on the private sector, public sector, non-government sector and individual champions. Bahrain also demonstrated its leadership on implementation of SDG 5 and CEDAW through its swift follow-up to the CEDAW Committee report of January 2023, through repeal of Article 353 of the penal code that had provided that suspects could avoid a rape charge by marrying the survivor.

## OUTCOME XM-DAC-41146-BHR\_D\_2.1

Enhanced policies and regulatory frameworks strengthen conditions for economic diversification, employment creation, rule of law, and increased resilience and innovation (UNSDCF Outcome 3)

March 2023 saw the launch by the Supreme Council for Women of the Parliamentary Toolkit, which provides guidance for parliamentarians and staff to integrate gender balance and women's empowerment through all aspects of parliamentary process, with the aim of enhancing capacity to develop and adopt policies and regulatory frameworks that strengthen conditions for gender-responsive economic diversification, employment creation, rule of law and increased resilience and innovation.