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**By 2026, governance is more inclusive, transparent and accountable, serving to protect human rights, empower women, and reduce violence and discrimination in alignment with the international commitments of Tajikistan (UNSDCF Outcome 4)?**

Outcome has not been achieved, however, in 2023 UN Women made significant progress. The Government of Tajikistan developed a draft of the new State Programme on Prevention of Violence against women and children in Tajikistan for 2024–2029 and its detailed National Action Plan, with adoption planned in 2024. UN Women directly supported the programme’s development by CoWFA RT. 220 specialists of the state structures and CSOs contributed to the process through 5 national public consultations held in Dushanbe, Khatlon, Sughd, Districts of Republican Subordinations and GBAO. The working group considered the opinions of these specialists based on key achievements and gaps to be bridged; capacity of the implementers of the relevant Law(s); dissemination of information on the Law and the State programme; significance of work with the communities; and data and research as evidence based information. The process of finalization and adoption will be done in the beginning of 2024. In addition, in 2023, UN Women made significant progress to drafts NAP 1325. The NAP on UNSCR includes all important aspects of the Women, Peace, and Security agenda. The CoWFA is going to resume the consultations and submit the draft to the Government of RT for consideration by key ministries and committees in 2024. The current draft of NAP included important chapters, including human resources capacitated on WPS issues; increasing the role of women in decision-making in the judicial, law enforcement and defense sector; important for Tajikistan sector sector; and consideration of the special needs of women and girls in adapting to the impacts of climate change and emergencies. The plan lists responsible parties and considers cooperation with the CSOs and research organizations. The draft NAP considers the financial means for implementation, and includes several provisions for work, related to the Strategic Cooperation of the Governments on WPS NAPs at Central Asia Regional level (the process was greatly facilitated by ECARO). The UN Women established partnerships with the state partners: CoWFA, ministries of interior and defense, Committees on National Security and Emergencies, local government actors. Civil society organizations, including Women Peacebuilders Network and youth organizations significantly contributed to the process. The newly drafted NAP provides recommendations for different clusters of stakeholders, including new actors (Ministry of Culture, Committee on TV and Radio, commercial structures, Higher Institutions and Universities) for implementation. The UN Women established partnerships with the state partners: CoWFA, ministries of interior and defense, Committees on National Security and Emergencies, local government actors. Civil society organizations, including Women Peacebuilders Network and youth organizations significantly contributed to the process. The newly drafted NAP provides recommendations for different clusters of stakeholders, including new actors (Ministry of Culture, Committee on TV and Radio, commercial structures, Higher Institutions and Universities) for implementation. 140 women entrepreneurs, especially from vulnerable groups, youth and people with disabilities and 60 representatives from ministries and development partners exchanged information and developed specific recommendations in order to create opportunities for promoting women’s entrepreneurship and discuss ways to overcome problems and obstacles in these areas. This occurred during International Women’s Entrepreneurship Day conducted by UN Women in partnership with the State Committee on Investment and State Property Management of RT and relevant ministries and agencies, and development partners, such as EBRD, GIZ, FAO, UNDP, PO &ldquo;Ishtirok&rdquo;. This year’s conference was aimed to boost the growth and sustainability of women-led businesses in the country and the region. At the conference women entrepreneurs presented

goods, products and services: Women and youth were introduced to new entrepreneurship reforms. Financial opportunities were presented as part of the reforms. Various projects and plans of development partners were introduced to support business startups. Exchange of experiences occurred among businesswomen. Strategies on how to attract national and international experts were discussed. Skills enhancement for women in e-commerce and the green economy was emphasized. Other relevant issues were addressed to empower women in business. Efforts were made to involve a wide range of women and girls from different regions of the country. The Government of Tajikistan, the SIC, the Secretariat of the Advisory Council under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan, the CoWFA, the State Committee on Investment and State Property Management of RT recognized the role of UN Women in organizing EXPO and contributions to the development of women's businesses. Based on the progress made to date, the original strategy and theory of change for this outcome is largely still applicable.

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### **By 2026 state and non-state actors coordinate and deliver commitments on gender equality and women's empowerment**

UN Women has made strong progress towards achieving this outcome in 2023. In 2023, UN Women in coordination with RCO Tajikistan initiated and conducted the process of Annual UNCT-SWAP Scorecard reporting for Tajikistan. It followed by further in-person meeting of the IAT to jointly review the AP and indicators and the progress done, provided guidance to UNCTs, made a presentation to IAT/UNCT team to agree upon on five indicators to be assessed and reported. The Report was submitted timely in 2023 to the SWAP Desk. UN Women led the preparations, data collection, review, and UNCT endorsement of the report. RCO and UN Women played an instrumental role in ensuring the collaborative nature and timeliness of the process. The concerted work of the UN Inter-Agency Team and UN Women's leadership role were highly praised by RC. Out of five indicators assessed in 2023, 4 (four) performance indicators have been rated as exceeding UN-SWAP standards and only one rated as approaching.