

Country-Level Data for Albania country Outcome

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OUTCOME DETAILS

SDG alignment




Impact areas


 Governance and participation in public life

 Ending violence against women

Organizational outputs

 Norms, laws, policies and institutions

 Financing for gender equality

 Women’s voice, leadership and agency

Outcome Description

Transparent and accountable institutions, delivering quality, inclusive services, enabling rule of law and increased access to justice, and implementing human rights commitments.

UN Partners

UNAIDS



UNDP



UNFPA

UNICEF

Policy Marker

GENDER EQUALITY

Humanitarian Scope

No

UN System Function

Advocacy, communications and social mobilization

Capacity development and technical assistance

Direct support and service delivery

Integrated policy advice and thought leadership

Intergovernmental Normative Support

Support functions

RESOURCES

\$1.26 M

Planned Budget

\$1.05 M

Actual Budget

PLANNED BUDGET

ACTUAL BUDGET AND SHORTFALL

EXPENSES




Funding Partners

Regular resources (Core):


 UN Women
\$40,759

Other resources (Non-Core)/ Funding Partners:

 Sweden \$251,713

 Peacebuilding Fund
\$59,941

 Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office  European Commission \$294,215
\$391,961

 United Nations Resident
Coordinator's Office \$13,953

TOTAL OTHER RESOURCES (NON-CORE)
\$1,011,784

OUTCOME ALB_D_1.3

B – Baseline M – Milestones T – Target

OUTCOME STATEMENT	INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
By 2026, all persons contribute to, gender-responsive governance that strengthens equality and non-discrimination, promotes women’s empowerment and human rights, and reduces violence against women and children (UNSDCF C2).	Proportion of women aged 18-74 years subjected to i) intimate partner domestic violence; ii) non-partner violence; iii) sexual harassment in the previous 12 months (CF indicator)	2018 (Baseline)	i) 33.7 ii) 2.4 iii) 8.5	N/A
		2022 (Milestone)	-	i) 33.7; ii) 2.4; iii) 8.5
		2023 (Milestone)	-	i) 33.7 ii) 2.4 iii) 8.5
		2024 (Milestone)	-	
		2025 (Milestone)	-	-
		2026 (Target)	i) 32 ii) 2 iii) 8	-

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
Level of implementation of accepted recommendations from the UPR and human rights treaty bodies (Rating 4-point scale: 4. Fully implemented; 3. Partially; 2. Inadequately; 1. Not/Poorly implemented) (UNSDCF C1/c)	2018 (Baseline)	3	N/A
	2022 (Milestone)	-	3
	2023 (Milestone)	-	3
	2024 (Milestone)	3	
	2025 (Milestone)	4	-
	2026 (Target)	4	-

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
Number of laws that were adopted, revised or repealed to advance gender equality and women's empowerment (CO)	2021 (Baseline)	34	N/A
	2022 (Milestone)	0	0
	2023 (Milestone)	0	0
	2024 (Milestone)	1	
	2025 (Milestone)	1	-
	2026 (Target)	-	-

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
Number of national and/or local (multi) sectoral strategies, policies and/or action plans that are adopted with a focus on gender equality (CO)	2021 (Baseline)	6	N/A
	2022 (Milestone)	4	5
	2023 (Milestone)	2	0
	2024 (Milestone)	1	
	2025 (Milestone)	-	-
	2026 (Target)	-	-

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
Number of adopted National Action Plans on Women, Peace and Security with monitoring indicators (CO)	2021 (Baseline)	Yes	N/A
	2022 (Milestone)	No	FALSE
	2023 (Milestone)	Yes	FALSE
	2024 (Milestone)	Yes	
	2025 (Milestone)	-	-
	2026 (Target)	1	-

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
SDG Indicator 5.c.1: Proportion of countries with systems to track and make public allocations to gender equality and women's empowerment (Desk Review)	2021 (Baseline)	No	N/A
	2022 (Milestone)	Yes	-
	2023 (Milestone)	Yes	-
	2024 (Milestone)	Yes	-
	2025 (Milestone)	Yes	-
	2026 (Target)	Yes	-

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
Number of countries that incorporate gender equality targets within national investment and financing frameworks (CO)	2023 (Baseline)	Yes	N/A
	2024 (Milestone)	Yes	
	2025 (Milestone)	Yes	-
	2026 (Target)	-	-

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
Percentage of national budget allocated to gender equality and women's empowerment out of total budget (CO)	2021 (Baseline)	8.9	N/A
	2022 (Milestone)	9	9
	2023 (Milestone)	9	9.6
	2024 (Milestone)	9.3	
	2025 (Milestone)	9.6	-
	2026 (Target)	10	-

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
Number of countries where there has been an increase in the number of women who access services after experiencing violence or discrimination (CO)	2021 (Baseline)	No	N/A
	2022 (Milestone)	No	TRUE
	2023 (Milestone)	No	FALSE
	2024 (Milestone)	No	
	2025 (Milestone)	Yes	-
	2026 (Target)	-	-

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
Level of influence of civil society organizations working on gender equality and women's empowerment, including women's organizations, in key normative, policy and peace processes (CO, RO, HQ)	2021 (Baseline)	1 process, level 2	N/A
	2022 (Milestone)	1 process, level 2	1
	2023 (Milestone)	2	5
	2024 (Milestone)	3	
	2025 (Milestone)	1	-
	2026 (Target)	-	-

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
Number of countries demonstrating use of gender statistics, analysis, and policy relevant research (CO, RO, HQ)	2023 (Baseline)	1	N/A
	2024 (Milestone)	3	
	2025 (Milestone)	1	-
	2026 (Target)	-	-

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
Number of UNCTs implementing UN-system commitments and advocacy on women's equal participation in elections and temporary special measures in their support to Member States (CO)	2022 (Baseline)	No	N/A
	2023 (Milestone)	Yes	TRUE
	2024 (Milestone)	No	-
	2025 (Milestone)	Yes	-
	2026 (Target)	-	-

OUTPUT INDICATOR AND RESULTS

OUTPUT ALB_D_1.3.1

OUTCOME STATEMENT	INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
National Gender Machinery and public administration at central and local levels, public oversight institutions and Civil Society Organizations have increased capacities to design and monitor implementation for international and national commitments and European Union priorities for gender equality.	Number of fiscal laws, by-laws and policies reflecting compliance with gender-responsive budgeting instructions.	2015 (Baseline)	2	N/A
		2024 (Milestone)	-	-
		2025 (Milestone)	-	-
		2026 (Target)	-	-

Planned Budget:

\$2.37 M



Actual Budget and Shortfall:

\$1.62 M

Shortfall: \$749.46 K



Expenses:

\$1.57 M



INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
Number of selected ministries and state institutions that adopt and implement gender-responsive medium-term budgeting programs (MTBP)	2015 (Baseline)	10	N/A
	2024 (Milestone)	-	-
	2025 (Milestone)	-	-
	2026 (Target)	-	-

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
Number of partners that have increased capacities to promote/influence gender responsive legislation (CO, HQ)	2021 (Baseline)	10	N/A
	2022 (Milestone)	10	7
	2023 (Milestone)	10	14
	2024 (Milestone)	-	-
	2025 (Milestone)	-	-
	2026 (Target)	-	-

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
Number of partners that have increased capacities to advance gender equality and women's empowerment through national and/or local (multi) sectoral strategies, policies and/or action plans (CO, HQ)	2021 (Baseline)	4	N/A
	2022 (Milestone)	5	5
	2023 (Milestone)	12	2
	2024 (Milestone)	-	-
	2025 (Milestone)	-	-
	2026 (Target)	8	-

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
Number of institutions that have increased capacities to design and implement institutional reforms/strategies/policies that promote gender equality and women's empowerment (CO)	2020 (Baseline)	1	N/A
	2022 (Milestone)	0	11
	2023 (Milestone)	1	1
	2024 (Milestone)	-	-
	2025 (Milestone)	-	-
	2026 (Target)	1	-

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OUTCOME STATEMENT	INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
Government institutions at central and local levels have increased capacities to plan, budget, monitor, track expenditures, and leverage resources for GEWE in targeted sectors.	Number of selected municipalities adopt and implement gender-responsive medium-term budgeting programs (MTBP).	2017 (Baseline)	3	N/A
		2024 (Milestone)	-	-
		2025 (Milestone)	-	-
		2026 (Target)	-	-

Planned Budget:
\$1.20 M



Actual Budget and Shortfall:
\$900.45 K

Shortfall: \$304.34 K





Expenses:
\$877.55 K



INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
Number of municipalities with public finance systems in place to capture gender-relevant budget allocation	2015 (Baseline)	0	N/A
	2024 (Milestone)	-	-
	2025 (Milestone)	-	-
	2026 (Target)	-	-

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
Number of municipalities that adopt participatory gender responsive planning and budgeting.	2016 (Baseline)	5	N/A
	2024 (Milestone)	-	-
	2025 (Milestone)	-	-
	2026 (Target)	-	-

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
Number of gender financing assessments conducted by government partners (CO)	2020 (Baseline)	0	N/A
	2022 (Milestone)	1	5
	2023 (Milestone)	1	2
	2024 (Milestone)	1	
	2025 (Milestone)	-	-
	2026 (Target)	1	-

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
Number of national partners with capacities to apply Gender Responsive Budgeting tools in the budget cycle (CO)	2021 (Baseline)	17	N/A
	2022 (Milestone)	29	30
	2023 (Milestone)	35	35
	2024 (Milestone)	24	
	2025 (Milestone)	24	-
	2026 (Target)	30	-

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
Number of women accessing information, goods, resources and/or services through UNW supported platforms and programs in humanitarian and development settings (CO, HQ)	2021 (Baseline)	600	N/A
	2022 (Milestone)	200	500
	2023 (Milestone)	200	700
	2024 (Milestone)	200	
	2025 (Milestone)	-	-
	2026 (Target)	-	-

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OUTCOME STATEMENT	INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
Government institutions at central and local levels and Civil Society Organizations have increased capacities to prevent and respond to all forms of violence against women and girls, with a focus on vulnerable groups.	Number of partners that have increased capacities to advance gender equality and women's empowerment through national and/or local (multi) sectoral strategies, policies and/or action plans (CO, HQ)	2023 (Baseline)	0	N/A
		2024 (Milestone)	4	
		2025 (Milestone)	-	-
		2026 (Target)	-	-
		Planned Budget:		
\$1.34 M				

Actual Budget and Shortfall:
\$488.77 K

Shortfall: \$850.55 K



Expenses:
\$522.52 K



INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
Number of multi-stakeholder dialogue processes to promote engagement of governments with civil society and other partners to advance gender equality and women's empowerment (CO, RO, HQ)	2021 (Baseline)	2	N/A
	2022 (Milestone)	2	3
	2023 (Milestone)	-	4
	2024 (Milestone)	3	
	2025 (Milestone)	-	-
	2026 (Target)	-	-

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
Number of institutions with strengthened capacities to improve the provision of essential services, goods and/or resources for women (CO, RO, HQ)	2021 (Baseline)	17	N/A
	2022 (Milestone)	19	19
	2023 (Milestone)	10	13
	2024 (Milestone)	10	
	2025 (Milestone)	10	-
	2026 (Target)	-	-

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
Number of women's organizations with increased capacities to deliver and/or monitor the quality of services, resources and goods for women in humanitarian and development settings (CO, HQ)	2021 (Baseline)	19	N/A
	2022 (Milestone)	13	21
	2023 (Milestone)	0	14
	2024 (Milestone)	9	
	2025 (Milestone)	9	-
	2026 (Target)	19	-

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
Number of women accessing information, goods, resources and/or services through UNW supported platforms and programs in humanitarian and development settings (CO, HQ)	2021 (Baseline)	480	N/A
	2022 (Milestone)	600	1597
	2023 (Milestone)	100	1354
	2024 (Milestone)	100	
	2025 (Milestone)	100	-
	2026 (Target)	600	-

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
Number of countries with multi stakeholder initiatives in place to prevent and respond to sexual violence including sexual harassment in public and/or private spaces (CO, HQ)	2021 (Baseline)	3266	N/A
	2022 (Milestone)	1	1
	2023 (Milestone)	1	1
	2024 (Milestone)	0	
	2025 (Milestone)	-	-
	2026 (Target)	Yes	-

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
Number of people who have access to justice and the proportion of whom are women (CO, HQ)	2021 (Baseline)	200	N/A
	2022 (Milestone)	200	300
	2023 (Milestone)	0	217
	2024 (Milestone)	-	
	2025 (Milestone)	-	-
	2026 (Target)	300	-

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
Amount of funding disbursed annually in support of civil society organizations, especially women's organizations, working towards the achievement of gender equality and women's empowerment, through UN-Women programmes and grant-giving (CO, RO, HQ)	2021 (Baseline)	579000	N/A
	2022 (Milestone)	230000	750866.97
	2023 (Milestone)	150000	326000
	2024 (Milestone)	478827	
	2025 (Milestone)	161682	-
	2026 (Target)	700000	-

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
Number of initiatives developed and implemented to prevent, monitor and mitigate violence against women in politics (VAWP) and in public life (including gender equality advocates in civil society organizations working on gender equality and women's empowerment, especially women's organizations) (CO, RO, HQ)	2021 (Baseline)	1	N/A
	2022 (Milestone)	0	-
	2023 (Milestone)	1	1
	2024 (Milestone)	-	-
	2025 (Milestone)	-	-
	2026 (Target)	1	-

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OUTCOME STATEMENT	INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
Change agents (civil society organizations, grassroots groups, citizens, including women rights entities) and women and girls have increased capacities and opportunities to lead, participate, monitor and influence decision-making and peacekeeping processes and resources for gender equality at national and local level.	Number of multi-stakeholder dialogue processes to promote engagement of governments with civil society and other partners to advance gender equality and women's empowerment (CO, RO, HQ)	2021 (Baseline)	0	N/A
		2022 (Milestone)	0	0
		2023 (Milestone)	1	4
		2024 (Milestone)	23	
		2025 (Milestone)	0	-
		2026 (Target)	-	-

Planned Budget:
\$731.64 K

Actual Budget and Shortfall:
\$55.83 K

Shortfall: \$675.81 K



Expenses:
\$55.83 K



INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
Number of dialogues, mechanisms, platforms and/or coalitions created and sustained that enable meaningful and safe participation and engagement by gender equality advocates and civil society organizations working on gender equality and women's empowerment, especially women's organizations, in decision-making (CO, RO, HQ)	2021 (Baseline)	1	N/A
	2022 (Milestone)	0	0
	2023 (Milestone)	7	7
	2024 (Milestone)	5	
	2025 (Milestone)	-	-
	2026 (Target)	12	-

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
Number of women and girls, including women and girls living with and/or affected by HIV, with increased capacities to participate in public life and exercise leadership (CO, RO, HQ)	2022 (Baseline)	0	N/A
	2023 (Milestone)	10	14
	2024 (Milestone)	40	
	2025 (Milestone)	-	-
	2026 (Target)	-	-

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OUTCOME STATEMENT	INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
Influential leaders, communities, men and boys, women and girls have improved knowledge and capacities to address harmful norms, stereotypes, and behaviors that drive VAWG and gender discrimination, with an intersectional lens.	Number of people reached through GEWE campaigns including IWD, 16 Days and others	2021 (Baseline)	14600	N/A
		2022 (Milestone)	1000	2700
		2023 (Milestone)	1000	63000
		2024 (Milestone)	10000	
		2025 (Milestone)	2000	-
		2026 (Target)	5000	-

Planned Budget:
\$341.11 K

Actual Budget and Shortfall:
\$17.33 K

Shortfall: \$323.78 K





Expenses:
\$17.33 K



INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
Number of institutions that have increased capacities to design and implement institutional reforms/strategies/policies that promote gender equality and women's empowerment (CO)	2023 (Baseline)	0	N/A
	2024 (Milestone)	3	
	2025 (Milestone)	-	-
	2026 (Target)	-	-

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
Number of initiatives developed and implemented to prevent, monitor and mitigate violence against women in politics (VAWP) and in public life (including gender equality advocates in civil society organizations working on gender equality and women's empowerment, especially women's organizations) (CO, RO, HQ)	2022 (Baseline)	0	N/A
	2023 (Milestone)	-	1
	2024 (Milestone)	2	
	2025 (Milestone)	1	-
	2026 (Target)	-	-

OUTPUT ALB_D_1.3.6

OUTCOME STATEMENT	INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
National and local partners have increased capacities to generate and use comprehensive disaggregated data to advocate for, develop, implement and monitor gender-responsive evidence-based policies and programmes.	Number of inter-agency coordination mechanisms governing the production of multi-level disaggregated gender statistics and sex-disaggregated data, established or strengthened (CO, RO, HQ)	2023 (Baseline)	0	N/A
		2024 (Milestone)	1	
		2025 (Milestone)	-	-
		2026 (Target)	-	-

Planned Budget:

\$303.33 K



Actual Budget and Shortfall:

\$0.00

Shortfall: \$303.33 K



Expenses:
\$0.00

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
Number of data producers and users with strengthened capacities in the collection, analysis, dissemination and use of gender statistics (CO)	2021 (Baseline)	600	N/A
	2022 (Milestone)	100	466
	2023 (Milestone)	100	25
	2024 (Milestone)	115	
	2025 (Milestone)	70	-
	2026 (Target)	10	-

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
Number of gender statistics and sex-disaggregated data collection initiatives, including in emerging areas conducted or analyzed (CO)	2023 (Baseline)	0	N/A
	2024 (Milestone)	2	
	2025 (Milestone)	1	-
	2026 (Target)	-	-

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
Number of countries with national gender equality profiles developed and published with UN Women support and informing national priorities (CO)	2020 (Baseline)	Yes	N/A
	2022 (Milestone)	No	FALSE
	2023 (Milestone)	No	FALSE
	2024 (Milestone)	Yes	
	2025 (Milestone)	-	-
	2026 (Target)	Yes	-

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OUTCOME STATEMENT	INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
UN System in Albania is equipped with effective coordination mechanisms, knowledge products, tools, and capacities to promote accountability and deliver on its commitments on gender equality and women's empowerment	Number of UNCT reports on GE/women's human rights prepared/submitted to treaty bodies and relevant international mechanisms, with UN Women's support	2023 (Baseline)	1	N/A
		2024 (Milestone)	1	
		2025 (Milestone)	1	-
		2026 (Target)	-	-

Planned Budget:

\$111.91 K



Actual Budget and Shortfall:

\$68.59 K

Shortfall: \$43.32 K



Expenses:
\$62.88 K



INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
Number of thematic interagency mechanisms/teams that effectively address gender mainstreaming in priority areas (CO, RO, HQ)	2021 (Baseline)	10	N/A
	2022 (Milestone)	12	12
	2023 (Milestone)	12	13
	2024 (Milestone)	16	
	2025 (Milestone)	9	-
	2026 (Target)	22	-

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
GLOBAL/UNIT: Number of UN System coordination mechanisms in which UN-Women is actively engaged that drive progress on gender mainstreaming mandates and commitments at global, regional and country levels	2021 (Baseline)	1	N/A
	2022 (Milestone)	5	6
	2023 (Milestone)	5	5
	2024 (Milestone)	5	
	2025 (Milestone)	5	-
	2026 (Target)	-	-

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
Number of interagency products or services with a focus on gender equality and women's empowerment developed and made available (CO, RO, HQ)	2021 (Baseline)	4	N/A
	2022 (Milestone)	9	9
	2023 (Milestone)	6	12
	2024 (Milestone)	7	
	2025 (Milestone)	6	-
	2026 (Target)	36	-

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
Percentage of UN Joint-Programmes with a focus on gender equality in which UN-Women participates as a Participating United Nations Organization (derived from QCPR indicator 1.4.17) (CO, RO)	2021 (Baseline)	4	N/A
	2022 (Milestone)	4	5
	2023 (Milestone)	3	4
	2024 (Milestone)	2	
	2025 (Milestone)	2	-
	2026 (Target)	100%	-

STRATEGIC NOTE OUTCOME PROGRESS NOTE

SHOWING DATA OF : **2022**

By 2026, all persons contribute to, gender-responsive governance that strengthens equality and non-discrimination, promotes women’s empowerment and human rights, and reduces violence against women and children (UNSDCF C2).

In 2022, significant progress was made towards the achievement of this outcome. At central level, 9% of Medium-term Budget Program 2023–2025 specifically support gender equality results. 47 budget programs of 11 ministries and two state institutions were engendered. Public institutions apply a gender-sensitive approach in their policies in a more regular way, which are better aligned with international standards and the EU gender equality acquis communautaire. Four budget standard instructions issued by the Ministry of Finance and Economy contain gender responsive budgeting (GRB) as part of the budget implementation and for the first time a Gender Budget Statement is officially attached to the draft budget. GRB remained central to the overall planning and design of the state budget, including through the integration of key gender performance indicators in the Albanian Finance Management Information System (AFMIS). UN Women contributed to these efforts thanks to its partnership with the Ministry of Health and Social Protection, Ministry of Finance and Economy, Institute of Statistics and other line ministries, providing continued assistance and mentoring on gender mainstreaming and GRB. The Government of Albania was better equipped to mainstream gender equality at central level. UN Women fostered strategic engagement with the newly formed unit of Strategic Programming Directorate of the State Agency for Strategic Programming and Assistance Coordination (SASPAC) and produced five Gender Mainstreaming Guidance Notes (Justice, Anti-Corruption, DRR, Health, ICT and Digitalization) to ensure that future policy, planning and programming documents align with the EU legal and policy framework on gender equality. Technical support on gender mainstreaming was provided to the National Strategy for Development and European Integration (NSDEI III), the draft National Strategy for Youth 2022–2029 and to the National Strategy on Employment and Skills 2023–2030. At local level, tracking of financing for gender equality was

introduced for the first time. This exercise revealed that GRB constitutes 12% of local public finances, all 61 Albanian municipalities actively use key gender performance indicators in their budget planning and 33 concrete gender-responsive initiatives were budgeted. These results were achieved thanks to UN Women's support and capacity building efforts at the local level, including expert mentoring and technical support to municipalities' staff and local councils, which aimed to better equip local government institutions with knowledge to apply gender responsive budgeting principles and gender-responsive indicators. Partnership with the Ministry of Economy and Finance and the Albanian School of Public Administration was essential in systematically integrating GRB to capacity development of local administration. Gender responsive governance at local level was improved. More women and men benefit from gender sensitive policies tailored to their needs thanks to the finalization of Local Gender Action Plans (LGAPs) In 2022, five municipalities (Tirane, Elbasan, Gramsh, Gjirokaster and Durres) developed LGAP 2022 –2024 and adopted by the local municipal councils. The LGAPs make a significant contribution in implementing the EU Charter for Equality between women and men in local life , as well as the relevant provisions in the National Strategy for Gender Equality (2021-2030) . In addition, the municipality of Lushnje signed the European Charter for Equality between women and men in local life. This was achieved thanks to UN Women's support in provision of technical expertise, support and training throughout the preparation and adoption of the action plans. Over 1,500 women and girls, including those from rural areas and marginalized communities (Roma and Egyptian women, women living with disabilities and women from the LGBTI community from 20 municipalities) accessed improved specialized services for survivors of all forms of violence. This was possible thanks to increased capacities and knowledge of service providers, both public and non-public, which enabled women and girls to access short and medium-term psycho-social and legal counselling as well as long term economic-reintegration. Public service providers from Coordinated Referral Mechanisms, police, healthcare, social services, child support units improved their response and case management to support and reintegrate survivors of violence. In 11 municipalities affected by the 2019 earthquake, the availability of services for women victims of violence increased as women/girls and men/boys in these communities have more information about GBV and reporting mechanisms. 161 women/girls survivors of domestic violence/GBV benefitted from legal assistance orientation and referral services. 566 women survivors of gender-based violence received concrete support through direct and secondary legal aid services, while 123 women Domestic Violence(DV)/GBV survivors were supported by providing psychological services. UN Women contributed to these results by partnering with women's civil society organizations offering direct access to specialized services and legal support to women and girls experiencing violence. Women's CSOs played a key role also in enhancing institutional capacities, knowledge and expertise in implementing the current legal and policy framework to end violence against women and girls. The 2022, UNCT System Wide Action Plan (SWAP) Scorecard annual report revealed that UN Albania improved its score for UNCT SWAP Performance Indicator 5.2 on Gender Mainstreaming Capacities, meaning that UN personnel in Albania has increased skills to mainstream gender equality across projects and programmes. This is particularly important considering that the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) in Albania follows a 'twin-track' approach to gender mainstreaming through integrating gender across all CF results as well as through a dedicated outcome level result. The UN Women led Gender Thematic and Results Group (GTRG), arguably the most active coordination group in the UNCT, continued to work through an intense workplan and delivered important results, such as a) the first comprehensive gender equality capacity and learning needs assessment in the context of the UNSDCF (and subsequent capacity development plan), b) a dedicated gender screening tool for UN Joint Programs (JPs), c) substantive engagement with key stakeholders on CEDAW state reporting, as well as joint advocacy. The 16 Days of Activism to End Violence Against Women, also coordinated by UN Women through the GTRG, was instrumental in expanding public dialogue around gender-based violence. Several activities took place to promote activism for the elimination of violence against women: a dialogue series with five universities in Tirana mobilized some 200 students, increasing their knowledge and awareness about the impact of violence against women in Albania and promoting youth engagement against violence. The campaign was an opportunity to reinforce the UN-wide commitment to eliminate violence against women, which also figures as a UNSDCF output. The start of the campaign was marked by the signing of the second phase of the JP on EVAW, which will be led by UN Women and implemented jointly with UNDP and UNFPA. The next phase, generously supported by the Government of Sweden, will target all women in Albania,

specifically those more at risk of being left behind and will focus more strongly on engaging men and boys and supporting stakeholders at the local level in systematically addressing all forms of VAW, beyond domestic violence. These results were achieved with support Sida, the European Union, and the European Commission. Considering progress made so far, the TOC for this outcome comprises the majority of UN Women's Albania work and remains relevant.