

## OUTCOME XM-DAC-41146-RAS\_D\_10.2

**Women and girls in armed conflict and protracted crises meaningfully participate in peace and security processes, from formal peace talks to local peacebuilding efforts, advocate effectively for women's rights and gender equality in prevention and reconstruction efforts, and benefit from the implementation of WPS commitments across the Arab States region**

Progress under this outcome is on track. During the reporting 117 women and young women peacebuilders, human rights defenders and activists from the region, increased their capacities, and accessed knowledge and networking opportunities to enable their active participation in peace and security issues in the region. Moreover, 2 regional research partners have benefitted from technical and financial support, to ensure timely, evidence- and data-based knowledge on WPS continues to be generated in and from the Arab Region. These partnerships focus on producing policy papers and case studies on issues related to women's participation in peace and transition processes in the region. Partners also undertake consultations with women peace actors, support the organization of UN Women regional convenings and undertake capacity building initiatives for women peacebuilders. Additionally, national stakeholders enhanced their capacities for the implementation of the WPS agenda at the country level in 5 countries in the region. National stakeholders across the region benefitted from technical support through UN Women's regional programming, for the development, adoption and implementation of National Action Plans on UNSCR 1325. To achieve these results, UN Women continued to support the meaningful participation of women and girls in peace and security processes in the Arab region through 1) knowledge production on WPS issues in the region, 2) direct capacity building support to women and young women involved in peace and security, 3) strategic partnerships with regional and global stakeholders to strengthen the implementation of the WPS agenda in the region. Additionally, UN Women supported national stakeholders in the implementation of the WPS agenda regionally. Press Release Young Women Peacebuilders: <https://arabstates.unwomen.org/en/stories/press-release/2023/09/empowering-young-women-for-lasting-peace-graduation-of-the-2023-young-women-peacebuilders-and-new-network-launched>

## OUTCOME XM-DAC-41146-RAS\_D\_10.3

**Women and women's organizations lead, participate and advocate effectively in the Syrian political process from a gender and women's rights perspective**

The Women's Advisory Board (WAB) could better participate in and effectively advocate for women and women's organizations inclusion in the Syrian political process. The WAB orchestrated high-level meetings in The Hague, Geneva, and Rome, fostering collaboration with key stakeholders. Through participation in the EU-led Brussels Conference, the WAB members had also amplified messages on the importance of Syrian women's participation in early recovery processes in Syria. To support the WAB's role, UN Women provided technical and financial support and facilitated the organization of WAB meetings in partnership with the Office of the Special Envoy to Syria. UN Women ensured UN System actors could better integrate gender considerations into humanitarian activities, setting a precedent for effective gender-responsive efforts as a result of UN Women chairing the Gender Working Group in the cross-border operation. Women-led organizations and activists, operating inside and outside Syria, gained necessary skills for meaningful participation through capacity-building initiatives, including training sessions and

workshops. Stakeholders could engage in more informed advocacy using knowledge products, such as gender analyses and studies on women's roles in local mediation.

#### OUTCOME XM-DAC-41146-RAS\_D\_7.1

### **Arab States accelerate the implementation of global and regional gender norms and standards with quality comparable data particularly on the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, the Sustainable Development Goals and the Cairo Declaration for Arab Women**

This outcome is on track and is partially achieved already. The member states of the League of Arab States (LAS) have increased their knowledge and capacities to implement gender responsive policies and programmes that work towards the achievement of SDG5 by finalizing the first review of the Cairo Declaration by 21 member states and translating its attachments to English. Furthermore, through the Gender Justice and Equality Before the Law Initiative, 15 Member States shared their legislative updates; member states issued 39 legal texts to contribute to enhancing the situation of Arab women and made 16 positive changes in terms of dashboard scores. Lastly, attendees at the two consultations on the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action after 30 years (B+30) gained more knowledge on data platforms to support preparation of national reviews and mainstream gender in VNRs. The consultation series, which is ongoing up to 2025, is inclusive (CSOs, marginalised groups, youth networks etc.) and demonstrates an interactive process of building a strong and inclusive foundation to inform the national/regional reports. The TOC remains relevant. One lesson learned from the first consultation to the next is to provide practical exercises in the session that MS representatives can act on in relation to their country context which has been incorporated into successive consultations. Impact results cannot yet be commented on as the process has just begun and runs up to 2025. The results are evidenced by the documents attached here. ROAS contributed to these changes by providing data during the consultations regarding the Beijing Platform for Action and the Gender Justice before the Law update. ROAS also provided technical expertise to develop WPP pro docs in Jordan and Lebanon, for the Cairo Declaration review, design and translation, and for the regional meeting on women with disabilities.

#### OUTCOME XM-DAC-41146-RAS\_D\_8.1

### **More women access equitable employment opportunities and services, increasing the rate of women's participation in the workforce in Arab States, including the most marginalized.**

Unavailability of updated data on bias in gender equality attitudes, percent of women's participation in the region's workforce and percent of WEP signatories with female top managers makes it difficult to track progress. The latest data on labour force participation suggests some recovery in the rate of women participation but the rate remains below the pre-COVID-19 level.

#### OUTCOME XM-DAC-41146-RAS\_D\_9.1

### **More women and girls are protected from violence, particularly domestic violence and violence in the public sphere**

Limited change in the reporting year