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SN Outcome 1/UNSDCF Outcome 2: By 2027, the well-being of the population of the Kyrgyz Republic will have improved through the further rollout of a green economy based on sustainable and healthy food systems natural resource management, and effective migration processes, by accelerating the use of gender transformative social and technological innovations and entrepreneurship.

The year 2023 was the first year of SN implementation and therefore the CO has made some progress in achieving this Outcome. Women increased their access to income as a result of UN Women's continued strategic partnership with the Bank of Asia. During the reporting year, 121 people (110 women and 11 men) secured jobs created as a result of 7 women-led enterprises and 2 enterprises (where the majority of employees are women) receiving loans worth KGS 36,235,000 through the 'Ishker Ayim' credit line under the Gender Bonds launched by the Bank of Asia in 2022. UN Women serves as an observer on the Credit Committee and provides technical advisory support to ensure gender equality considerations in the process of selecting and approving business plans of women entrepreneurs for crediting. Women entrepreneurs are actively increasing their awareness on the Ishker Ayim credit line, through dissemination by UN Women, including through the Women EXPO 2023 platform. With technical support from UN Women, Bank of Asia approved a number of documents, policies and concepts to support gender equality within its internal procedures, as well as a social finance policy, Code of Corporate Governance, etc. Based on the results of the audit for compliance with ICMA (International Capital Market Association) principles, Bank of Asia received a "second (alternative) opinion" from the GFC Green Finance Centre in Astana. In addition, at the end of 2022, Bank Asia embarked on an ESG transformation and ESG principles are an important development component in the Bank's current strategy. Front offices, where 64 per cent of employees are professional women, to senior management on the Board of Directors and shareholders increased their knowledge on the principle of gender equality through information sharing at all levels of operations management by the Bank. UN Women conducted the series of sessions with the management of the Bank of Asia and other private companies to discuss on the benefits of applying WEP and how these principles contribute to the profitability of the business.

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SN Outcome 2/UNSDCF Outcome 4: By 2027, all people in the Kyrgyz Republic enjoy the benefits of fair and accountable democratic institutions that are free from corruption and apply innovative solutions that promote respect for human rights, and strengthen peace and cohesion.

The year 2023 was the first year of SN implementation and therefore the CO has made only some progress in achieving this Outcome. Within this Outcome area local partners accessed innovative tools to ensure gender responsive and human centric local development process for promoting peace, social cohesion and increasing local adaptation to climate insecurities. 9 target Local Self Governments (LSGs) of Batken and Leilek districts improved the efficiency of their LSG plans development process and strengthened interaction between communities and LSGs using the tools of "speed dating" and "design thinking". Further, LSG working groups used those innovative tools that allowed them to conduct a constructive dialogue with community residents, gather more ideas and discuss community concerns, producing the following results:

38 civil society organisations contributed to the development of the Vision to strengthen engagement between authorities and communities for joint action to promote Women, Peace and Security (WPS) agenda and jointly foster the community culture of peace, social cohesion and create a safe and prosperous society 149 LSG representatives (9 localities) increased their understanding of "How?" to engage community members in the local development planning (LDP) process and integration of gender and climate security priorities into the local plans and budgets 764 (495j/269m)- 617 community members and 147 LSG representatives participated in dialogues by applying innovative tool of "Speed Dating" which enabled local partners to improve the quality of community engagement. 173 (130w/43m) - 142 community members and 31 members of LSG working groups from 9 LSGs used the Design Thinking method and jointly developed project ideas for inclusion in local development plans. 9 LSGs integrated 136 project ideas in their LDPs, taking into account priorities on gender equality, climate change adaptation and security.