

# Progress in Côte d'Ivoire country in 2021

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## OUTCOME XM-DAC-41146-CIV\_D\_1.1

**By 2025, Governance systems are more inclusive, accountable, effective and have quality data and people live in an environment where the rule of law, labour rights, gender equality, peace and security are respected and effective**

In line with its mission to strengthen women's leadership and participation in politics, UN Women Côte d'Ivoire works in support of the State of Côte d'Ivoire to put in place inclusive, efficient and quality data processes, notably through the capacity building of national institutions and structures as well as civil society. For the year 2021 in particular, 10 institutions, national structures, civil society organizations and women's networks have seen their capacities strengthened on the institutionalization of gender in electoral processes, the taking into account of gender equality and women's rights in political life, governance and peace processes. Thus, building up on 2019 and 2020 achievements, notably the adoption of a Gender Strategy, the establishment by decree of a Gender Thematic Commission (GTC) and the development of a repertoire of gender training modules adapted to its needs, the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) has adopted a budgeted action plan for its Gender Strategy and a training plan. The operationalization of these documents, with the support of UN Women, has enabled the IEC to have in its decision-making body (the Central Commission) and among its staff, 29 people in total, 38% of whom are women, with enhanced knowledge of Concepts, issues, stereotypes and gender representation. The IEC is also committed to contribute to the harmonization of the legal framework for elections to facilitate the application of the law on quotas, the systematization of the production of disaggregated electoral statistics, the integration of the variable "disability status" in the electoral code among the elements of identification of voters in order to facilitate the inclusion of people with disabilities in the process and the formalization of the implementation of a 30% quota in the recruitment of electoral agents and the constitution of their teams for the dissemination of electoral materials. UN Women also supported the definition of gender indicators for the early warning system as part of the implementation of the Support to the Electoral Process in Cote d'Ivoire (PACE) project, implemented in conjunction with UNDP and UNESCO. Also, with the support of UN Women, the Ivorian Parliament has embarked on a gender institutionalization process. To this end, 32 parliamentarians (22 women and 10 men) from the Women's Caucus, the Standing Committees, the General Secretariat and the Office of the Presidents of the Senate and the National Assembly were trained on gender-sensitive legislation from 27 to 29 October 2021. A gender audit process has been initiated and will enable the institution to have a gender institutionalization strategy and plan. In addition, the Ministry in charge of women, the National Council for Human Rights (CNDH) and the National Observatory for Gender Equity (ONEG) have been supported in promoting the quota law, setting up gender-sensitive statistics and reviewing and rewriting discriminatory laws. At the level of civil society, the network of women peace mediators, set up, trained and equipped with the support of UN Women, has played a decisive role in the functioning of the early warning mechanism developed by the United Nations System within the framework of the Support to Elections in Cote d'Ivoire project implemented at the request of the IEC. With the establishment of the Monitoring Committee for the integration of gender into electoral processes, UN Women has enabled civil society to understand and fully exercise its role in monitoring national commitments related to women's electoral participation. The Platform of Youth Organizations for the Affirmation of Women in Cote d'Ivoire (POJAFCI) was also assisted to carry out massive community awareness campaigns for youth on the importance of exercising their electoral rights and contributing to an inclusive and peaceful legislative election. A total of 4,322 people (1,500 young boys and 2,822 women and girls) were reached by this campaign in 12 localities across the country. Also, during this campaign, 379

people (101 girls, 221 boys and 57 young women) were registered as community relays for peaceful elections in Côte d'Ivoire.

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New opportunities were created in 2021 for rural women and women entrepreneurs, helping to reduce their vulnerability and foster their economic empowerment. The development of the BuyFromWomen (BFW) platform was completed and launched at regional level. 8 Professional Agricultural Organisations (PAOs) have been registered on the BFW platform. The registration of another 52 PAOs on the BFW platform is planned for 2022 in order to make the deployment effective and to facilitate the beneficiaries' access to the market, training, information and funding. UN Women has also supported the training of 29 endogenous literacy trainers and 30 endogenous literacy teachers was carried out, with the aim of building the capacities of illiterate women and girls in the use of ICTs, in particular the BFW platform, through the digital functional literacy manual designed in collaboration, with the Direction de l'Alphabétisation et de l'Education Non Formelle. The skills of women beneficiaries of the BFW project have been improved. These trained individuals now have more ability to optimise the organisation and management of their groups/cooperatives and to develop strategies to increase their productivity and income. UN Women has also signed strategic partnerships with the banking sector (Orange Bank Africa, Fin'ELLE) to improve the financial inclusion of women entrepreneurs and farmers. Prospects for partnerships with other actors are in sight in 2022 to diversify the banking sector's partners and offer more opportunities for access to finance and capacity building for women. The partnership with KAIZENE is an important factor in training and coaching women to increase their managerial and organisational skills.

#### OUTCOME XM-DAC-41146-CIV\_D\_3.1

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In 2021, UN Women contributed to the prevention and management of all forms of violence against women and girls. At the institutional level, UN Women supports the Ministry of Women, Family and Children in strengthening mechanisms for the protection of women and girls against violence. Thus, UN Women is also supporting this Ministry in the design of gender and HIV modules for women's education and training institutions (IFEF). This initiative will contribute to building the capacities of women and girls who are out of school or who are victims of GBV and harmful traditional practices (the modules will be taught in all the 121 IFEF in Côte d'Ivoire). Also, thanks to BUF and UBRAF funds, the help center for GBV victims (PAVIO Center) and two platforms to combat GBV are being supported to increase its operational capacity and improve the quality of the delivered services. In addition, 162 sex workers, including LGBTs, have been trained on identifying gender-based violence, the risks of HIV/STI infection, and benefited from HIV/AIDS, STI and GBV prevention services through the UBRAF and BUF funds. Among these beneficiaries, 20 have been financially supported for the implementation of a micro-project. The objective of this financial empowerment programme is to enable each sex worker to regain her dignity through retraining. During the 16 days of activism against violence against women and girls, UN Women, in collaboration with the regional directorates of the Ministry of Women, Family and Children, organized orange marches in the cities of Daloa

and Man. Through these marches, which mobilized more than 1,500 people, the population was made aware of violence against women. Regarding the holistic treatment of GBV victims, including those who live with disability and HIV, UN Women has also initiated a study to identify the HIV problems affecting people living with disability and to propose better solutions.