

## OUTCOME XM-DAC-41146-ESA\_D\_2.3

### **Women in ESAR own, launch and/or better manage small, medium and large enterprises through affirmative procurement**

In 2021, the work on affirmative procurement has progressed at the regional and country levels on a number of different fronts. In particular, 1307 women entrepreneurs have increased capacity to engage in affirmative procurement systems and submit bids; in 4 countries UN Women has worked with national and regional governments as well as the gender machinery, to strengthen gender responsive procurement including the introduction or operationalization of legal instruments. With Private Sector over 100 companies have been trained on GRP. ESARO has specifically also been working with the UN System in Nairobi (UNON) to include gender responsive procurement indicators into the new UN Business Operations Strategy, where ESARO has been advocating for a target of 35% procurement to women owned businesses for all UNON entities including all regional and country offices (see brief attached). ESARO has also organized in collaboration with the HQ colleagues, a regional webinar and knowledge sharing on gender responsive procurement for the WEE community of practice colleagues.

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

### **Legislative and policy frameworks in African countries on all forms of VAWG including SGBV, Harmful Practices and SRHR are in place, based on evidence and aligned with international HR standards and translated into plans of action**

In 2021, there has been strengthened attention and exchange among stakeholders at the regional level on the implementation of SRHR commitments in humanitarian settings in the Horn of Africa, as evidenced by the engagement of 95 external stakeholders (65 women and 30 men) in dialogue, advocacy and capacity development opportunities facilitated by UN Women ESARO to complement national and community-level efforts supported by UN Women Ethiopia and Uganda country offices. Greater evidence has also been made accessible to policymakers and gender equality advocates on SRMNCAH commitments and data, barriers to women's access to quality SRMNCAH services, and promising practices to support policy implementation on sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), sexual, reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health (SRMNCAH) and ending violence against women and girls (EVAWG) in humanitarian settings. UN Women ESARO contributed to these developments by convening regional virtual dialogue sessions on the Social Inclusion and Gender Index (SIGI) in collaboration with the OECD Gender Development Centre, and facilitating virtual trainings on gender-responsive budgeting and advocacy on SRMNCAH, as well as finalizing two knowledge products consolidating evidence related to legal and policy commitments, data and interventions on SRMNCAH in Humanitarian Settings in the Horn of Africa (a Policy Brief and a report on Community Solutions for Sexual, Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child, and Adolescent Health in Humanitarian Settings in the Horn of Africa) and supporting the development of advocacy videos calling to advance SRMNCAH in the Horn of Africa (available at: Call to Action for Sexual, Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child & Adolescent Health Rights in HoA)

## OUTCOME XM-DAC-41146-ESA\_D\_3.2

## **Institutional Capacity strengthened for ending child marriage**

No activities were implemented in 2021 under this outcome.

### **OUTCOME XM-DAC-41146-ESA\_D\_3.3**

## **Behavioral and social transformations integrated through formal and informal education**

No activities were implemented in 2021 under this outcome.

### **OUTCOME XM-DAC-41146-ESA\_D\_3.4**

## **Capacity of child survivors and care givers strengthened**

No activities were implemented in 2021 under this outcome.