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Gender statistics are available, accessible, and analyzed to inform policy making, advocacy and accountability for delivering gender equality and women's empowerment

In 2021, WCARO continued to support evidence generation on the effects of COVID-19 in Niger, Benin, and DRC. Reports and database or further analysis have been uploaded on Women Count data hub. Results of these assessments have been used in countries to inform COVID-19 strategies. WCAIO supported as well the implementation of Time Use Surveys in both Senegal and Cameroon for the generation of Indicator 5.4.1 on Unpaid work. Data will be released in the 2 countries in early 2022

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I. Positive changes in policies on GE are observable in the Region.

Significant progress are observable in the region, in Nigeria UN Women provided support for the passage and adoption of following laws that promote gender equality: The Gender and Equal Opportunities Bill – The bill is development-oriented and includes provisions which will promote equal access for women and men for instance across all sectors. The Bill also has key provisions such as the adoption of temporary special measures to eliminate discrimination of women and widen the space for women to occupy leadership positions in politics and public office. It also seeks to address several forms of discrimination against women such as land ownership, inheritance, education, employment, and sexual and gender-based violence. UN Women has played key leadership roles in convenings, coordination and advocacies to key stakeholders for the passage of the bill by the National Assembly. The Sexual Harassment Bill, 2020 – This bill seeks to prevent, prohibit and redress the sexual harassment of students in tertiary educational institutions. The Bill has currently been passed by the Senate. UN Women has continually led and supported key advocacy to stakeholders to ensure the passage of the Bill by the House of Representatives and subsequent assent by the President (Executive). The support to the Gender and Equal Opportunities Bill and Sexual Harassment Bill will continue in 2022. The Violence Against Persons Prohibition Act – Through concerted advocacy and partnership with state government ministries and other UN Agencies, UN Women successfully supported the passage of the VAPP in Borno, Adamawa and Sokoto states. UN Women will continue to advocate for the passage of the VAPP law in 2022. In Mali, the capacities of 211 members of the Budget Monitoring Group (BMG) and regional actors were strengthened on gender equality standards and women's empowerment in the localities of Kayes, Koulikoro and Segou. This group was 132 men (63%) and 79 women (37%). The technical and institutional capacities of 106 (80 men (75.47%) and 26 women (24.53%)) key actors of the National Police were strengthened on the following themes: issues related to the integration of gender in security and protection policies and strategies and gender equality standards and women's empowerment

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An enabling environment for implementation of Women, Peace and Security interventions is created at the regional level

In 2021, WCARO contributed to the implementation of WPS agenda in the relatively favorable environment despite the COVID-19 pandemic challenging and pervasive drawbacks. WCARO created avenues well operational and managerial functioning of key regional women-led organization notably the Network of Peace and Security for Women in ECOWAS Region (NOPSWECO) and the Network of Young Women Leaders of West Africa (REPSFECO). UNWOMEN organized many advocacy activities with those organizations particularly during the celebration of the International Peace Day and subsequent concomitant peace campaigns in the 15 ECOWAS countries and the Sahel. Moreover, WCARO designed, under an inclusive and participatory approach, a project to strengthen the capacities of women led organizations in the Sahel. That ambitious 9 million project has been endorsed by the donor notably the Netherlands and the fundraising underway. In addition, as a result of many capacity-building activities, pools of community women mediators have been established with endorsement of local leaders in the Liptako Gurma region. WCARO strengthened its partnership with key regional organizations namely: ECOWAS, G5Sahel, Liptako-Gurma Authority, ECCAS and the LCBC.. and the process of formal MOUs is ongoing to finalize these frank collaborations.

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National Disaster Risk Management policies and governance of 7 countries of the Sahel region are gender responsive

The recruited consultant leading the process for the Training on Mainstreaming gender into DRR/CC policy and action in the 7 countries and it will be held in March 2022. Meanwhile, UN WOMEN took actively part to the Africa Regional Platform on DRR during the stakeholder consultative forum. During that forum UNWOMEN intervened in the side event on "Gender-sensitive DRR in covid19 times". Key outcomes: The adoption of the Nairobi Declaration on accelerating the path to achieving the goals and targets of the Programme of Action (2015-2030) for the Implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction in Africa. This includes a call to: "Develop and implement disaster risk-informed, inclusive, holistic and gender-sensitive strategies, programmes and plans of action at all levels" and "Gender sensitive and inclusive disaster risk reduction strategies, programmes and plans of action, in coherence with climate change adaptation, biodiversity conservation, combating desertification, sustainable development actions and Great Green Wall initiative at all levels". The adoption of the Matrix of the Programme of Action (Phase II: 2021-2025) to implement the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, with targets on gender, disability and age disaggregated data, gender and inclusion mainstreaming in DRR, and gender responsive DRR policies, strategies, plans and legal frameworks.