

Country-Level Data for Kenya country Outcome XM-DAC-41146-RD_D_1.1

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OUTCOME RD_D_1.1 [XM-DAC-41146-RD_D_1.1](#)

Participation by women in politics and decision making increased

OUTCOME DETAILS

SDG alignment



Impact areas



Governance and participation in public life

Organizational outputs



Women's voice, leadership and agency

Policy Marker

GENDER EQUALITY

Humanitarian Scope

No

UN System Function

Advocacy, communications and social mobilization

Capacity development and technical assistance

Outcome Description

The outcome focuses on strengthened legislative framework that enables women's participation and leadership. This will include review of relevant laws (Electoral Bod, political Parties and Representation) as well as participating in any dialogue to review Kenya's constitutions.

UN Partners

OHCHR



UNDP

Integrated policy advice and thought leadership

Support functions

RESOURCES

\$1.56 M

Planned Budget

\$1.86 M

Actual Budget

PLANNED BUDGET

ACTUAL BUDGET AND SHORTFALL

EXPENSES



Funding Partners

Regular resources (Core):

 UN Women
\$115,300

Other resources (Non-Core)/ Funding Partners:

 Finland \$429,911

 Canada
\$948,227

 Canada \$0

 Canada
\$8,085

 UN Development Programme
(UNDP) \$357,912

TOTAL OTHER RESOURCES (NON-CORE)

\$1,744,135

OUTCOME RD_D_1.1

B – Baseline

M – Milestones

T – Target

OUTCOME STATEMENT	INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
Participation by women in politics and decision making increased	RD_D_1.1A	2022 (Baseline)	38	N/A
	Number of legislative frameworks that promote gender balance in elections and decision making-bodies	2019 (Milestone)	-	High>70%
		2022 (Target)	4	-

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
RD_D_1.B	2021 (Baseline)	90	N/A
Proportion of women in political leadership positions at national and county level institutions	2020 (Milestone)	-	0
	2021 (Milestone)	-	23
	2022 (Target)	30	29

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
SP_D_0.5.1	(Baseline)	-	N/A
Global annual growth rate of direct, flexible, core and long-term funding from all sectors committed to civil society organizations working on gender equality and women's empowerment (GEWE), including women's organizations (Desk Review)	2022 (Target)	-	-

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
SP_D_0.5.2	(Baseline)	-	N/A
Number of reported acts of intimidation and reprisals experienced by gender equality advocates and civil society organizations working on gender equality and women's empowerment, including women's organizations, for cooperation with the UN (Desk Review)	2022 (Target)	-	-

- Complementary Indicator :

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
SP_D_0.5.4	(Baseline)	-	N/A
Level of influence of civil society organizations working on gender equality and women's empowerment, including women's organizations, in key normative, policy and peace processes (CO, RO, HQ)	2022 (Target)	-	6

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
SP_D_0.7.8	2022 (Baseline)	Yes	N/A
Number of UNCTs implementing UN-system commitments and advocacy on women's equal participation in elections and temporary special measures in their support to Member States (CO)	2022 (Target)	-	True

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
SP_D_1.1	(Baseline)	-	N/A
SDG 5.5.1: Proportion of seats held by women in (a) national parliaments, (b) local governments and (c) executive positions/ministers (cabinets) held by women (Desk Review)	2022 (Milestone)	-	-
	2023 (Target)	-	-
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INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
SP_D_1.1A	(Baseline)	-	N/A
SP 2.4.1: Number of gender equality reforms developed and/or being implemented by electoral stakeholders with UN-Women's technical support	2019 (Milestone)	-	3
	2020 (Milestone)	-	1
	2021 (Target)	-	0

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
SP_D_1.1B	2019 (Baseline)	118	N/A
SP 2.4.2 : Number of women leaders, candidates and aspirants with strengthened capacities to engage in political life, with UN-Women's support	2020 (Milestone)	120	95
	2021 (Milestone)	150	830
	2022 (Target)	200	-

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
SP_D_1.1C	2019 (Baseline)	2	N/A
SP 2.4.3: Number of gender equality initiatives developed and/or being implemented by parliamentary bodies (Legislative Parliamentary Committees/ Women Caucus/ Speaker of Parliament's Office/Secretariat of the Parliament), with UN-Women's support	2019 (Milestone)	-	1
	2020 (Milestone)	3	0
	2021 (Milestone)	3	2
	2022 (Target)	4	-

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
SP_D_1.1D	(Baseline)	-	N/A
SP 2.4.4: Number of initiatives developed and/or being implemented to monitor violence against women in politics, with UN-Women's support	2019 (Milestone)	-	0
	2020 (Milestone)	-	NA
	2021 (Target)	-	3

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
SP_D_4.1	(Baseline)	-	N/A
SDG 16.7.1: Proportions of positions in national and local institutions, including (a) the legislatures; (b) the public service; and (c) the judiciary, compared to national distributions, by sex, age, persons with disabilities and population groups in fragile, crisis or conflict-affected countries (or territories) (UNDP) (Not for unit reporting)	2022 (Target)	-	4223

- SDG Indicator :

OUTPUT INDICATOR AND RESULTS

OUTPUT RD_D_1.1.1

OUTCOME STATEMENT	INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
Capacities of targeted institutions to develop and implement legal frameworks that promote women political participation and decision making strengthened Planned Budget: \$2.56 M	RD_D_1.1.1A	2014 (Baseline)	3	N/A
	Number of legislation and regulations reformed/reviewed to promote women's political participation and leadership	2019 (Milestone)	1	3
		2020 (Milestone)	1	3
		2021 (Milestone)	1	2
		2022 (Target)	1	3

Actual Budget and Shortfall:

\$1.48 M

Shortfall: \$1.09 M

Expenses:

\$1.19 M

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
RD_D_1.1.1B	2020 (Baseline)	2	N/A
Number of policy engagements made on law reforms to promote women's participation in electoral processes with UN Women support	2020 (Milestone)	2	1
	2021 (Milestone)	2	1
	2022 (Target)	4	3

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
RD_D_1.1.1C	2022 (Baseline)	4	N/A
1.1.c. CARRY OVER Indicator 1.1.1A: Number of recommendations made on law reforms to promote women's participation in electoral processes with UN Women support.			

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
RD_D_1.1.ID	2022 (Baseline)	4	N/A
1.1.d. CARRY OVER Indicator 1.1.1B: Number of policy engagements by Non-State Actors (NSA) on law reforms to promote women's participation in electoral processes with UN Women support			

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
SP_D_0.1.f Number of institutions that have increased capacities to design and implement institutional reforms/strategies/policies that promote gender equality and women's empowerment (CO)	2022 (Baseline)	18	N/A

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
SP_D_0.1.h Number of multi-stakeholder dialogue processes to promote engagement of governments with civil society and other partners to advance gender equality and women's empowerment (CO, RO, HQ)	2022 (Baseline)	3	N/A

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
SP_D_0.5.a	(Baseline)	-	N/A
Amount of funding disbursed annually in support of civil society organizations, especially women's organizations, working towards the achievement of gender equality and women's empowerment, through UN-Women programmes and grant-giving (CO, RO, HQ)	2022 (Target)	-	3910727.61

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
SP_D_0.5.b	(Baseline)	-	N/A
Number of advocacy initiatives with partners, to increase quality, flexible, core funding for civil society organizations working on GEWE, especially women's organizations (Desk Review)	2022 (Target)	-	-

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
SP_D_0.5.c	(Baseline)	-	N/A
Number of dialogues, mechanisms, platforms and/or coalitions created and sustained that enable meaningful and safe participation and engagement by gender equality advocates and civil society organizations working on gender equality and women's empowerment, especially women's organizations, in decision-making (CO, RO, HQ)	2022 (Target)	-	7

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
SP_D_0.5.d	(Baseline)	-	N/A
Number of civil society organizations working on gender equality and women's empowerment, especially women's organizations, that have strengthened capacity to exercise their leadership role towards the achievement of gender equality and women's empowerment (CO, RO, HQ)	2022 (Target)	-	24

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
SP_D_0.5.e	(Baseline)	-	N/A
Number of women and girls, including women and girls living with and/or affected by HIV, with increased capacities to participate in public life and exercise leadership (CO, RO, HQ)	2022 (Target)	-	1476

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
SP_D_0.5.f	(Baseline)	-	N/A
Number of initiatives developed and implemented to prevent, monitor and mitigate violence against women in politics (VAWP) and in public life (including gender equality advocates in civil society organizations working on gender equality and women's empowerment, especially women's organizations) (CO, RO, HQ)	2022 (Target)	-	1

OUTPUT RD_D_1.1.2

OUTCOME STATEMENT	INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
Capacities to advance GEWE by women in decision making positions enhanced Planned Budget: \$1.96 M	RD_D_1.1.2A	2014 (Baseline)	0	N/A
	Number of political parties with reformed or adopted rules to promote women's participation.	2020 (Milestone)	3	2
		2021 (Milestone)	3	2
		2022 (Target)	4	1

Actual Budget and Shortfall:
\$474.74 K

Shortfall: \$1.49 M



Expenses:
\$379.70 K



INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
RD_D_1.1.2B Number of GEWE recommendations in county assemblies proposed with UN Women support	2020 (Baseline)	10	N/A
	2020 (Milestone)	2	0
	2021 (Milestone)	2	4
	2022 (Target)	10	8

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
RD_D_1.1.2C Number of GEWE recommendations proposed by CSOs with UN Women support	2020 (Baseline)	2	N/A
	2020 (Milestone)	15	1
	2021 (Milestone)	1	1
	2022 (Target)	2	2

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
RD_D_1.1.2D	2022 (Baseline)	68	N/A
1.2.d: Carry over Indicator 1.1.3B: Number of gender sensitive coverage by media promoting visibility of women in leadership with UN Women support.			

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
RD_D_1.1.2E 1.2.e: Carryover indicator 4.1.1B: Number of advocacy initiatives by peace builders to advance WPS agenda with UN Women support	2022 (Baseline)	25	N/A

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
SP_D_0.1.e	2022 (Baseline)	20	N/A
Number of partners that have increased capacities to advance gender equality and women's empowerment through national and/or local (multi) sectoral strategies, policies and/or action plans (CO, HQ)			

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
SP_D_0.4.e	(Baseline)	-	N/A
Number of countries with multi stakeholder initiatives in place to prevent and respond to sexual violence including sexual harassment in public and/or private spaces (CO, HQ)	2023 (Target)	-	-

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
SP_D_0.5.a	(Baseline)	-	N/A
Amount of funding disbursed annually in support of civil society organizations, especially women's organizations, working towards the achievement of gender equality and women's empowerment, through UN-Women programmes and grant-giving (CO, RO, HQ)	2022 (Target)	-	3910727.61

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
SP_D_0.5.b	(Baseline)	-	N/A
Number of advocacy initiatives with partners, to increase quality, flexible, core funding for civil society organizations working on GEWE, especially women's organizations (Desk Review)	2022 (Target)	-	-

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
SP_D_0.5.c	(Baseline)	-	N/A
Number of dialogues, mechanisms, platforms and/or coalitions created and sustained that enable meaningful and safe participation and engagement by gender equality advocates and civil society organizations working on gender equality and women's empowerment, especially women's organizations, in decision-making (CO, RO, HQ)	2022 (Target)	-	7

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
SP_D_0.5.d	(Baseline)	-	N/A
Number of civil society organizations working on gender equality and women's empowerment, especially women's organizations, that have strengthened capacity to exercise their leadership role towards the achievement of gender equality and women's empowerment (CO, RO, HQ)	2022 (Target)	-	24

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
SP_D_0.5.e	(Baseline)	-	N/A
Number of women and girls, including women and girls living with and/or affected by HIV, with increased capacities to participate in public life and exercise leadership (CO, RO, HQ)	2022 (Target)	-	1476

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
SP_D_0.5.f	(Baseline)	-	N/A
Number of initiatives developed and implemented to prevent, monitor and mitigate violence against women in politics (VAWP) and in public life (including gender equality advocates in civil society organizations working on gender equality and women's empowerment, especially women's organizations) (CO, RO, HQ)	2022 (Target)	-	1

OUTPUT RD_D_1.1.3

OUTCOME STATEMENT	INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
Increased community and civic understanding of women's right to political participation Planned Budget: \$2.44 M	RD_D_1.1.3A	2014 (Baseline)	0	N/A
	Number of joint initiatives supported that address VAW mitigation	2020 (Milestone)	54	44
		2021 (Milestone)	10	368
		2022 (Target)	25	502

Actual Budget and Shortfall:

\$1.17 M

Shortfall: \$1.26 M



Expenses:
\$459.70 K



INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
RD_D_1.1.3B Number of gender sensitive coverage by media promoting visibility of women in leadership with UN Women support	2018 (Baseline)	11	N/A
	2020 (Milestone)	38	30
	2021 (Milestone)	10	7
	2022 (Milestone)	20	141
	2023 (Target)	3	-

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
RD_D_1.1.3C	2022 (Baseline)	9	N/A
1.3.c: CARRY OVER Indicator 1.2.1L: Number of institutions with systems to implement and monitor inclusive planning and budgeting with UN Women support.	2023 (Target)	2	-

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
RD_D_1.1.3D	2022 (Baseline)	23	N/A
1.3.d: CARRY OVER Indicator 1.2.2A: Number of budget recommendations submitted by gender equality advocates with UN Women support.	2023 (Target)	7	-

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
SP_D_0.1.f	2021 (Baseline)	260	N/A
Number of institutions that have increased capacities to design and implement institutional reforms/strategies/policies that promote gender equality and women's empowerment (CO)	2022 (Target)	270	-

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
SP_D_0.5.a	(Baseline)	-	N/A
Amount of funding disbursed annually in support of civil society organizations, especially women's organizations, working towards the achievement of gender equality and women's empowerment, through UN-Women programmes and grant-giving (CO, RO, HQ)	2022 (Target)	-	3910727.61

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
SP_D_0.5.b	(Baseline)	-	N/A
Number of advocacy initiatives with partners, to increase quality, flexible, core funding for civil society organizations working on GEWE, especially women's organizations (Desk Review)	2022 (Target)	-	-

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
SP_D_0.5.c	(Baseline)	-	N/A
Number of dialogues, mechanisms, platforms and/or coalitions created and sustained that enable meaningful and safe participation and engagement by gender equality advocates and civil society organizations working on gender equality and women's empowerment, especially women's organizations, in decision-making (CO, RO, HQ)	2022 (Target)	-	7

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
SP_D_0.5.d	(Baseline)	-	N/A
Number of civil society organizations working on gender equality and women's empowerment, especially women's organizations, that have strengthened capacity to exercise their leadership role towards the achievement of gender equality and women's empowerment (CO, RO, HQ)	2022 (Target)	-	24

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
SP_D_0.5.e	(Baseline)	-	N/A
Number of women and girls, including women and girls living with and/or affected by HIV, with increased capacities to participate in public life and exercise leadership (CO, RO, HQ)	2022 (Target)	-	1476

INDICATOR STATEMENT	YEAR	BMTS	REPORTED RESULT
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Number of initiatives developed and implemented to prevent, monitor and mitigate violence against women in politics (VAWP) and in public life (including gender equality advocates in civil society organizations working on gender equality and women's empowerment, especially women's organizations) (CO, RO, HQ)	2022 (Target)	-	1

STRATEGIC NOTE OUTCOME PROGRESS NOTE

SHOWING DATA OF: **2022**

Participation by women in politics and decision making increased

The outcome has been successfully achieved in 2022. Results A notable increase in number of elected women representatives was achieved in the Kenyan General Elections in 2022. Women now hold 201 of 1,882 elective seats, compared to 179 women in 2017. This includes 29 women elected from 290 single-member constituencies representing 10% of single-member seats and 24% of total seats in parliament. This is a 3-point increase from 21% (23 elected members) in 2017. Significantly, the number of women elected to the Governor position was 7, up from 3 in 2017. In addition, 115 women Members of the County Assembly (MCA) were elected, which is an increase compared with 97 that were elected in 2017. The number of elected female senators remained at 3. Overall, there was a 65% retention of women members of Parliament from the 2017 elections. See the table below for specific results.

Position	2022 Numbers and percentage	2017 Numbers and percentage
Single-member constituencies MPs	29 out of 290 (10%)	23 out of 290 (7.9%)
Women Representatives- Affirmative Positions	47 out of 47 (100%)	47 out of 47 (100%)
Elected Senators	3 out of 47 (6.4%)	3 out of 47 (6.3%)
Nominated Senators	19 out of 20 (95%)	16 out of 20 (80%)
Total Senators	22 out of 67 (33%)	19 out of 67 (28.3%)
Elected Members of County Assemblies (MCAs)	115 out of 1450 (7.9%)	97 out of 1450 (6.7%)
Governors	7 out of 47 (15%)	3 out of 47 (6.4%)

In the lead up to the General Elections, there was an increase in the number of women registered as independent candidates- from 271 in 2017 to 442 in 2022 (23% of the total candidates). There was also an increase in the participation of women as candidates for the ballot- from 8.7% in 2017 to 12% in 2022. This contributed directly to an increase in the number of women elected in the 2022 General election due to the expansion of the pool of women candidates. Through support provided by UN

Women and its partner – 82 political parties were sensitized on the importance of women leadership, which led to many of the parties reducing the nomination fees for women candidates (some up to 50%) as part of affirmative action, and/or for the first time directly nominating women candidates in party strongholds. One concrete example is the elected governor for Homabay (2022), who contested because of the direct nomination. This all contributed to an increase in the number of women elected in the 2022 General election. Another critical result of the advocacy work carried out by UN Women and the other stakeholders in the gender space, was the nomination of women for deputy president positions. In 2022, 3 out of the 4 presidential candidates were women, which demonstrates that Kenya is slowly recognizing that women are critical political players in Kenya. Another result was that gender featured prominently in the manifestos of the main political outfits (Azimio and Kenya Kwanza alliances). The increase in women legislators will not only contribute to a continued push for implementation of the 2/3 gender rule, but also bring a gender-equality perspective to legislative and policymaking and inspire young women and girls to take on leadership positions. Contribution of UN Women The accomplishments can be attributed to the consistent support to the Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment (GEWE) agenda in Kenya. UN Women and other key stakeholders have advocated for compliance with the 2/3 gender principle since 2013 when implementation of the 2010 constitution began. UN Women has used its strategic position to enhance coordination between Government and civil society to implement a comprehensive approach, and synergized efforts internally across units to address gender responsive legal reforms and civic education. UN Women supported and collaborated in 2022 with a broad range of partners (government, civil society, women’s right organizations, private companies, religious groups, traditional groups, men’s groups, media organizations, associations of young women, donors and UN agencies) to enhance the capacities of women candidates who were vying for elective positions. To achieve the results, UN Women invested in enhancing the capacities of its partners to advance inclusion and gender equality in the election. To provide a standardized approach to advocacy on Constitutionalism and representation of women, youth, and PWDs in leadership, governance, and electoral processes, UN Women supported partners in drafting policies such as the Charter of Inclusion to provide recommendations for the inclusion of women and other marginalized groups in the electoral process. Further, UN Women rolled out a gender-responsive civic education campaign and developed messages to profile women candidates and create awareness of the importance of women in political leadership and encourage Kenyans to vote for women across the various elective seats. The holistic approach adopted by UN Women helped ensure that the organization was able to counter structural, cultural and socio-economic barriers to women’s political participation, including harmful gender-based stereotypes and the patriarchal nature of Kenyan politics that often undermine women’s political ambitions, thus reducing the pool of women in leadership and decision-making spaces. Following the General elections, UN Women advocated for greater representation of women in the new administration, contributing to H.E. President Ruto appointing 10 women as members of the Cabinet [(Cabinet Secretary positions (7) and Cabinet-level portfolios (3)] against a total of 22 (45.5%). While an achievement, these appointments fall short of the 50% cabinet positions promised to women by the Kenya Kwanza Coalition during the campaign period. Furthermore, the President appointed 11 women to the position of permanent secretaries against a total of 51 (22%). Similarly, this also falls short of the constitutional requirement of 33.3%. Something which calls for continued advocacy by UN Women. This calls for further efforts carried out by UN Women and its partners. Lessons learned One key lesson from 2022 is that many journalists in Kenya lack sufficient knowledge on how to mainstream gender or undertake conflict-sensitive reporting when developing stories on topical issues. This has impaired both the quality and quantity of stories done around gender and peacebuilding. As result, journalists have either avoided stories or issues that require deeper gender and conflict analysis or when they attempt to do them, they rarely interrogate the issues using various lenses including gender, human rights, and legal lenses. For the 2022 election, UN Women worked closely with media houses and trained journalists, which resulted in journalists writing and publishing stories on topical issues that brought out gender and effects of conflicts on women empowerment. While there has been an improvement in party politics as compared to previous nomination exercises, political parties face challenges in identifying best practices for conducting transparent nomination with women aspirants being the most disadvantaged as nomination processes are expensive and continue to face infighting and claims of rigging where potential candidates are willing to go to any means to clinch the seat.