

UN WOMEN'S 2024 GLOBAL REACH AND COUNTRY HIGHLIGHTS

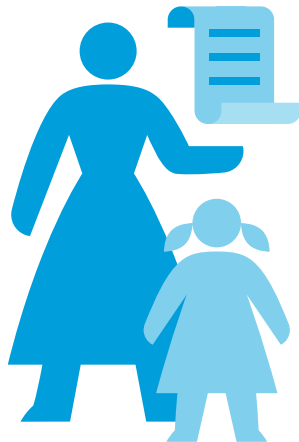
Powering change for all women and girls

In 2024, UN Women powered progress towards gender equality for all women and girls in line with its Strategic Plan 2022–2025. Through deep collaboration with governments, civil society, the private sector and the UN system, UN Women delivered transformative results across the plan's seven outcomes and four impact areas. The latter comprise governance and participation in public life, women's economic empowerment, ending violence against women and girls, and women, peace and security, humanitarian action and disaster risk reduction. Read on to explore UN Women's global reach, in numbers and country highlights.

1. Global normative frameworks, and gender-responsive laws, policies and institutions

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laws adopted, revised or repealed to **FURTHER ADVANCE AND PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN AND GIRLS**, in line with international norms and standards



Brazil adopted its **landmark National Care Policy**, enshrining shared caregiving responsibilities into law. It paves the way for **37 million women to claim their rights as care providers and recipients** and transforms how care is valued across society. UN Women partnered with the UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) in providing policy advice to develop the law, which aligns with regional agreements in Latin America, such as the [Buenos Aires Commitment](#).

In **The Gambia**, where 73 per cent of women and girls aged 15 to 49 have undergone female genital mutilation, a broad coalition successfully rallied to **uphold the national ban on female genital mutilation**. The move **protected millions of women and girls** and their hard-won rights. UN Women – through the European Union-funded [Advocacy, Coalition Building, and Transformative Feminist Action Programme](#) – mobilized civil society, traditional leaders, parliamentarians and human rights bodies, including the African Commission on Human and People's Rights, as well as the broader UN system to defend the national ban.

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new national action plans on **WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY ADOPTED**



New national action plans adopted on women, peace and security stand to benefit up to **137.2 million women and girls**, including those adopted for the first time in **Colombia, Ecuador, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe**. UN Women backed the development of the plans by strengthening national capacities, aligning different government ministries behind them, and convening inclusive consultations for women peacebuilders, conflict survivors and civil society leaders to shape priorities. The plans put women's leadership at the centre, making them locally-owned, responsive and **positioned to build long-term peace**.

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COUNTRIES adopted over
**180 GENDER-RESPONSIVE
NATIONAL AND LOCAL
MULTI-SECTORAL**

POLICIES, STRATEGIES AND PLANS, addressing issues such as equal pay, the economy of care, violence against women, environment and climate change, and women, peace and security—potentially benefitting **1.7 BILLION WOMEN AND GIRLS**

Samoa launched the 10-year [Pola Puipui Framework to End Gender-Based Violence](#), a united effort by the government, local communities and civil society. UN Women convened extensive consultations that helped to anchor the framework in grass-roots voices and priorities. Aimed at **transforming harmful social norms and practices perpetuating violence**, the framework upholds the right to live free from violence for more than **107,000 women and girls**.

2. Financing for gender equality

More than

800

partners able to apply **NEWLY-OBTAINED KNOWLEDGE AND TECHNICAL SKILLS** to effectively mainstream gender equality into fiscal laws, policies and standards, in areas including **TAXATION, TRADE AND DECENTRALIZATION**



Iceland issued the world's first **sovereign gender bond for €50 million**, pioneering a means for capital markets to jumpstart inclusive development for women and girls. The bond **funds affordable housing and improved parental leave**, among other measures to advance gender equality. To develop it, the government drew on guidance, "[Bonds to Bridge the Gender Gap](#)", developed by UN Women, the International Capital Markets Association and the International Finance Corporation.

In **Nigeria**, Kaduna State **reserved up to 20 per cent of public contracts for women-led businesses** through the Gender-Responsive Procurement Policy, with the potential to benefit up to **1.1 million enterprises**. This remarkable achievement emerged from the Affirmative Action Procurement Reform Initiative, a regional programme led by UN Women with funding from the African Development Bank's Affirmative Finance Action for Women in Africa initiative and the Women Entrepreneurs Finance Initiative.

3. Positive social norms including by engaging men and boys

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countries adopted **COMPREHENSIVE, COORDINATED STRATEGIES FOR PREVENTING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**, with a dedicated focus on transforming inequitable gender norms



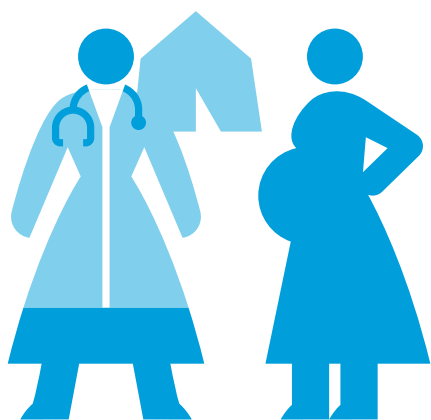
In the **Pacific**, 21 partners – including **13 major sports organizations** – joined forces with UN Women to create safer, more inclusive environments for women and girls in sports. Coalitions drove changes such as **Samoa Rugby's "zero violence policy" to eliminate discriminatory gender norms**. Partners also launched safeguarding frameworks, staff training, complaint mechanisms and referral paths to prevent and respond to gender-based violence.

4. Women's equitable access to services, goods and resources

Over

7,200

organizations across **91 COUNTRIES** strengthened their capacities to deliver quality services, goods and resources for women across the **HUMANITARIAN-DEVELOPMENT-PEACE CONTINUUM**



In **Egypt**, over **240,000 rural women** now manage their savings and small loans with the “Tahwisha” app, developed by the government with UN Women’s support. Through the Agricultural Bank of Egypt, **hundreds of women have become banking agents** trained to extend community lending to other women. In tandem, a UN Women partnership with the National Council for Women assists women to strengthen microbusinesses and economic resilience, resulting in an up to **fourfold increase in savings**.

Albania allocated **9.6 per cent of its national budget to advancing gender equality**, building on UN Women’s expertise in gender-responsive budgeting. Funds provide services for nearly **29,000 survivors of violence**, almost **8,090 female-heads of household** and over **51,500 mothers and children**. Within the national budget, 76 out of 131 government programmes incorporate gender-responsive budgeting, across sectors from health to economic development. This integration enhanced the country’s ability to plan, fund and track inclusive policies.

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COUNTRIES adopted strategies for the **PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**



In **Kiribati**, **reforms to prevent and respond to gender-based violence** improved protections for **68,000 women and girls**. The government, UN Women and civil society organizations, including Aia Mwaea Ainen Kiribati — the national umbrella for women’s organizations, revised laws and policies to embed survivor-centered policing, and make court procedures gender-responsive. Stronger support **services now reach even the country’s most remote islands**, improving safety and resilience, especially amid acute vulnerabilities to climate change.

In **Bolivia**, more than **909,000 women and girls** in 88 rural municipalities (29 per cent of all municipalities nationwide) gained **comprehensive services for survivors of violence**. With support from the European Union, UN Women and the Vice Ministry of Equal Opportunities, 31 networks coordinate essential services and provide timely, continuous, high-quality care. To track progress, municipalities report on service provision in a national registry. Special protocols make services more inclusive and accessible for over **44,000 women with disabilities**.

5. Women's voice, leadership and agency

Over

1,650

processes in **44 COUNTRIES**

– including dialogues and coalitions – established to enable the meaningful and safe engagement of **CIVIL SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVES IN POLICY DESIGN AND DECISION-MAKING**



From global summits to regional fora, **more than 200 women leaders — Indigenous, Afro-descendant, rural and women leaders with disabilities — from across the Americas and the Caribbean** influenced inclusive policies and political agreements. Drawing on UN Women's support for advocacy and strategic partnerships, they successfully pushed for integrating gender provisions in key action plans and commitments, including at the 16th Conference of the Parties to the **Convention on Biological Diversity** in Colombia.

Nearly USD

110M

disbursed to civil society organizations, local women-led organizations and networks working towards the achievement of **GENDER EQUALITY, INCLUDING IN CONFLICT AND CRISIS SETTINGS**



In **Libya**, **150 civil society representatives** — mainly women, youth and human rights defenders — **influenced peace and political processes**, using skills gained through UN Women-assisted training and technical support. UN Women also collaborated with the UN Development Programme and UN Support Mission in Libya to host a dialogue between women-led organizations and the High National Election Commission, leading to a key reform that triggered a **10 per cent rise in the number of registered women voters in 60 municipalities**.

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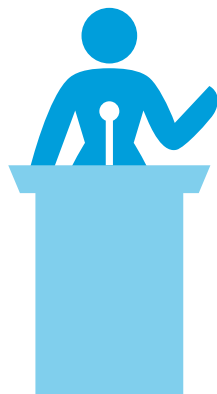
initiatives in **20**

COUNTRIES

developed and implemented to

PREVENT, MONITOR AND MITIGATE VIOLENCE AGAINST

WOMEN in politics and public life



In **Georgia**, over **30,000 women and girls** are subscribed to the UN Women-supported "Safe YOU" app to prevent and respond to gender-based violence. It offers one-click **SOS alerts, access to professional support and secure peer forums**. UN Women collaborates with local non-governmental organizations to keep the platform dynamic and user-driven, with regular updates flagging real-time risks and sharing community feedback to meet needs as they evolve.

An innovative online platform in **Lebanon**, "NAFAS", offers **emergency support and streamlined reporting** to women at risk of violence in public and political life. Launched by UN Women and downloaded over **5,000 times**, it improves safety, deepens accountability for stopping violence and protects women's right to participate.

6. Production, analysis and use of gender statistics and sex-disaggregated data

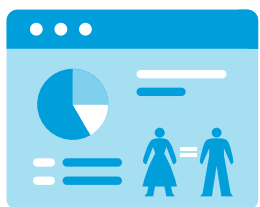
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**POLICIES, PLANS
AND STRATEGIES**

in **22 COUNTRIES**

informed by **DATA
AND STATISTICS**

that adequately
reflect differences
and inequalities
in the situation of
women and men in
all areas of life



In **Ukraine**, data documenting the needs and war-time impacts on women and girls was better reflected in the 2025 Humanitarian Needs and Response Plan, thanks to strengthened coordination efforts and expertise of the Gender in Humanitarian Action Working Group. Led by UN Women, the group has grown to over **300 members** — including UN entities and 40 Ukrainian women's rights organizations — and has bolstered national capacities for gender-responsive data collection as well as communications and advocacy. This inclusive and evidence-based approach is crucial to ensuring gender-responsive humanitarian action.

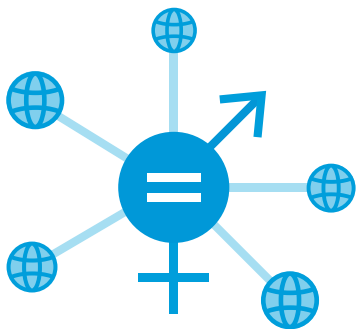
In **Kenya**, local first responders, trained by UN Women on [gender-sensitive data collection](#), quickly identified the devastating impacts of heavy rains and floods on **500,000 women**. Timely data informed lifesaving decisions to provide a mobile clinic, deliver antiretroviral therapy to women living with HIV and extend psychosocial support.

7. UN system coordination for gender equality

90%

INCREASE (since 2021) in the number of UN country teams that reported on their efforts to **PROMOTE GENDER EQUALITY THROUGH THE UNCT-SWAP¹**

— strengthening the accountability of the UN system to women and girls



[Rwanda's 2025–2029 UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework](#) fully integrated gender equality, an achievement realized through UN Women's partnership with the UN Resident Coordinator's Office, strategic coordination and training. All three Cooperation Framework outcomes on economic and social transformation and transformational governance **reflect the priorities of women and girls**.

Mexico's historic 2024 election of its **first female President** propelled women's rights to the heart of the national agenda, paving the way for stronger care systems, safer communities and greater representation for women and girls. Dialogues with presidential campaign teams, held by UN Women in partnership with the UN country team and Interagency Gender Group, provided gender analysis and policy advice. They helped **shape a unified UN agenda on gender equality for the incoming administration**.

1. The UN country team System-wide Action Plan Gender Equality Scorecard (UNCT-SWAP) focuses on improved country team planning, coordination, programming, resources and results for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls

Strengthening partnerships with the media and the private sector

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BILLION RECORD MEDIA IMPRESSIONS, 14 MILLION WEBSITE VIEWS and 577,610 NEW SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS gained by effectively leveraging partnerships and communications



In **Viet Nam**, UN Women's media strategy sparked a **28 per cent rise in the coverage of gender equality** over the previous year. Key to success was **training 75 journalists and content creators** on gender-responsive reporting. This boosted public discourse and steered stronger narratives on gender equality. To further harness the power of the press, UN Women, the Viet Nam Women's Union and the Viet Nam Journalists Association launched the 2024 National Press Award for Gender Equality, the country's first journalism award of its kind.

1,537

private companies **COMMITTED TO FOSTERING BUSINESS PRACTICES THAT EMPOWER WOMEN** through the Women's Empowerment Principles



In **Jordan**, **17 new companies** joined the national Women's Empowerment Principles Network, where some 97 per cent of all network members have implemented gender equality measures. Among other advances, the network has encouraged a notable rise in women's leadership, with the **share of women board members rapidly climbing from 33 to 42 per cent** from 2023 to 2024.