

UN WOMEN'S 2024 REGIONAL REACH

Powering change for all women and girls

WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICA

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 reach in the West and Central Africa region.



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



4 laws across **3 COUNTRIES** – home to **30.2 MILLION WOMEN AND GIRLS** – adopted, revised or repealed to further advance and protect the rights of women and girls, in line with international norms and standards

1,001

PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS/ INSTITUTIONS in **9 COUNTRIES** increased their capacities to influence gender-responsive **LEGISLATION, STRATEGIES, POLICIES, ACTION PLANS AND/OR INSTITUTIONAL REFORMS**



6 countries adopted **10 GENDER-RESPONSIVE NATIONAL AND LOCAL MULTISECTORAL 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 **197.2 MILLION WOMEN AND GIRLS**

2. Financing for gender equality

354 **PARTNERS** in **8 COUNTRIES** 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

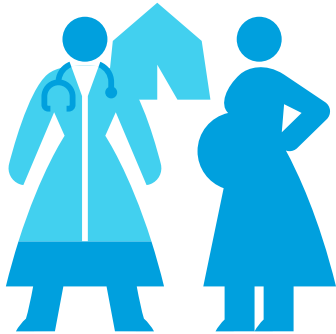


3. Positive social norms including by engaging men and boys



6 programmes supported to **CHALLENGE DISCRIMINATORY SOCIAL NORMS** at the community and organisational levels

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



215,594

WOMEN, across **9 COUNTRIES**, including many survivors of violence and internally displaced women and refugees, **ACCESSED INFORMATION, SERVICES, GOODS AND RESOURCES**

857

ORGANIZATIONS across **12 COUNTRIES** enhanced their capacities to deliver and/or monitor **ESSENTIAL SERVICES, GOODS AND RESOURCES** for women and girls

7 COUNTRIES implemented **SYSTEMS, STRATEGIES AND/OR PROGRAMMES** to advance women's equal access to and use of **SERVICES, GOODS AND/OR RESOURCES** (including social protection)



6

COUNTRIES strengthened **PROTOCOLS, GUIDELINES AND INITIATIVES** to prevent and respond to **VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**



5. Women's voice, leadership and agency

USD

6.4M

disbursed across **9 COUNTRIES** to **CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS, LOCAL WOMEN-LED ORGANIZATIONS AND NETWORKS** working towards the achievement of gender equality, including in conflict and crisis settings



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PROCESSES AND MECHANISMS — such as dialogues and coalitions — established in **6 COUNTRIES** to enable the meaningful and safe engagement of **CIVIL SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVES** in **POLICY DESIGN** and **DECISION-MAKING**

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

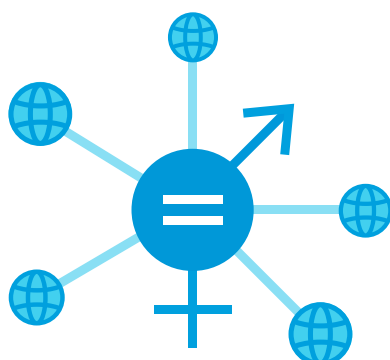


17 **GENDER STATISTICS/ DATA INITIATIVES**

supported in **9 COUNTRIES** to inform policy, programming and budgeting and/or develop national plans and strategies and ensure statistical systems do not turn a blind eye to women



7. UN system coordination for gender equality



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UN COUNTRY TEAMS reported on their efforts to promote gender equality through the **UNCT-SWAP¹** (14 in 2023), strengthening the **ACCOUNTABILITY OF THE UN SYSTEM TO WOMEN AND GIRLS**

Organizational Efficiency and Effectiveness



14%

INCREASE of **WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT PRINCIPLES SIGNATORIES** in 2024, totalling **358 PRIVATE COMPANIES** in **21 COUNTRIES** committed to fostering business practices that empower women



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