Impact 1: Governance and participation in public life

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Women fully and equally participate in leadership and decision-making and women and girls benefit from gender-responsive governance.
Our result highlights

Liberia: Women’s Human Rights Defenders Network

Attorney Tonieh Wiles is the Chairperson of the Women’s Human Rights Defenders Network of Liberia, a network established to provide safe space for women and girls who advocate and fight for the rights of other women.

The network collaborates with various human rights organisations and institutions, including the United Nations, human rights groups, and other international non-governmental organisations to provide security, protection, and human rights monitoring.

As the world commemorates the 16 Days of Activism against gender-based violence, Attorney Wiles spotlights the work of the women’s human rights defenders’ network. Read more>

Fiji: Leading Disaster Resilience

Litia Masei is the Chair of Lautoka District Council of Social Services (DCOSS), in Fiji. Her journey to leadership started in the home of a family in her community, when she saw first-hand the challenges they were facing during extreme weather events.

“The rain just fell in the house like a waterfall. It really struck me. They didn’t have any safe water, and they had to walk many miles to collect it. From then on, I started helping. Before even coming to DCOSS, I was helping them to get an iron roof, and then to get a water tank. It started like that,” shared Litia.

Not long afterwards, Litia volunteered as a secretary for DCOSS, the only woman in a team of 15 men. Now, she leads the team as Chair. Her close connection to her community and her commitment to caring for them is what drives her. Read more>

Dubai: Women At The COP 28 Climate Conference

At this year’s UN Climate Change Conference, COP 28, UN Women will ensure that women and girls’ rights, abilities, and needs are taken into account in climate debates and incorporated into government policies.

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Women and girls have been at the forefront of climate activism and can offer unique knowledge and expertise—including among Indigenous, rural, and young populations—that can support effective climate action. Read more>

Kenya: Women Politicians And Online Harassment

■ Kenya

"Would I vie for a political seat again? Absolutely NOT!" says Helen Tullie Apiyo, popularly known in the Kenyan city of Kisumu as Tullie Tuls.

While running to be a member of the County Assembly in Kisumu’s Kilimani ward in 2022, she said, “I realized that politics is a man’s world”. Read More>

Women In Politics Data

■ Global

Geneva/New York — More women than ever hold political decision-making posts worldwide, but gender parity is still far off, according to the 2023 edition of the UN Women Map of Women in Politics.

The map presents the latest rankings and regional distribution of women in executive positions and national parliaments as of 1 January 2023. The data shows that the number of women in political leadership roles, both in government and in parliament, has increased overall but some regions lag far behind. Read more>

Haiti: Political Participation And Female Leadership

■ Haiti

Tras un taller de trabajo realizado por ONU Mujeres en Haití en 2021, varias organizaciones de mujeres se unieron para crear la Alianza de Plataformas y Redes de Organizaciones de Mujeres para la Promoción de la Participación Política y el Liderazgo Femenino. La estructura fue lanzada oficialmente el 27 de marzo de 2023. Read more>