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A comprehensive and dynamic set of global norms and standards on gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls is strengthened and translated into gender-responsive laws, policies, and institutions in West and Central Africa Region.

. In 2022, UN Women RO has been influential in positioning gender in post-covid19 recovery policies and reforms in the region. The RO has worked closely with Cos in supporting local, national and regional stakeholders supporting Governments. As a result: the Secretariat of the African Continental Free Trade Agreement organized the “AfCFTA Conference of Women and Youth in Trade”, the first-ever continental gender and trade policy advocacy, through UN Women’s support via its three regional offices of Arab States, East and Southern Africa and West and Central Africa, a West African Care advocacy coalition platform established to spur policy evidence, advocacy and change for women’s economic empowerment in the region. This was under the initiative of the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), the African Development Bank, the UEMOA commission, UNECA and UN Women Key priorities to support women and girls participation in the green economy in Africa have been integrated in CSW66th Outcome document for Africa; and ECOWAS has adopted a Roadmap for Implementation of CSW66th which includes a pillar on ‘placing women at the center of the green economy’ with key recommendations and reforms. This is the result of UN Women’s research (joint report with AfDB on Green Jobs for Women in Africa); advocacy, and partnership brokering in West Africa (AfDB, GGGI, ECOWAS).

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More women and girls in West and Central Africa have equitable access to high quality public goods, services, jobs, and resources that are responsive to their needs.

The RO supported the Senegal National Health Insurance Agency (CMU) to adapt services and delivery mechanisms to the needs of female farmers. As a result, , 1000 rural women have enrolled in the national health insurance, and have access to health insurance for the first time, with coverage extending to their family members (circa 7000 people).