Sustaining & Advancing Gender Equality Gains in Rwanda
Introduction

Rwanda Map and key country indicators

Surface Area:
26,338 Sq Kms

Population in 2017 (Projections)
11.8 Millions
Female: 51.8%
Male: 48.2%

Urban Population:
17%

GDP Per Capita in 2016:
720 US $

Total Fertility Rate:
4.2 children/ woman

Women owned businesses
26%
Country context

- Conducive environment for Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment: constitution grants a 30% quota, laws and policies are gender responsive.

- Four institutions “gender machinery” and strong gender focal point system to lead the agenda.

- Leading country in HeforShe campaign – changing mindsets.

- Excellent collaboration with government and all national partners.
Programme priority areas and partners

• Programme aligned with national priorities: Vision 2020, Economic Development Plan, Beijing platform for action, Agenda 2030, Africa Agenda 2063

• Leadership and political participation, women’s economic empowerment; ending VAW. (data, GRB and humanitarian)

• Main partners: Ministry of Gender, Finance, Agriculture and Justice); National Institute of Statistics, civil society organizations, academia, media, private sector, SDG centre for Africa.
UN Women Donors in Rwanda

Sweden and Netherlands

Other donors: Norway, Switzerland, Spain, China
Key results

- Strengthened legal framework: discriminatory laws repelled; 10 laws amended (access to land, equal inheritance, paid maternity leave)

- In 2013 legislative elections 64% women elected (up from 56%). In 2016 local elections (women were 54% voters, 46.6% of candidates and 36.5% of elected officials)

- 45,000 elected members of the National Women Council trained to promote gender equality in plans, budgets and decision making at the local level

- All public institutions produce gender budget statements: 13 out of 17 Ministries increased allocations for GEWE; 15 out of 30 districts increased allocations for GEWE by 10%
Rural women economic empowerment: 17,363 rural women directly supported with greenhouse technology, income generating activities and nutrition programmes

Buy from Women pilot project 3200 farmers supported. 25,000 targeted over the next 5 years

Safe cities initiative: mini-markets constructed for former women street vendors (scaled-up to 10 markets by city of Kigali)

GVB response: 23 Isange One Stop Centers fully equipped, approximately 8220 assisted per year and 2513 victims provided with legal assistance in 2015
Key results continued

✓ + 45,000 women supported on Leadership and Participation

✓ +21,000 women farmers supported under RWEE and Buy from Women initiatives

✓ 6000 women supported in business and income generating activities

✓ Increased availability of gender statistics; A gender responsive refugee response and refugee livelihood strategy produced
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“Buy From Women Project”

- Initiative targeting 5000 women farmers accessing training, inputs and markets

- Leverages technology to empower women farmers by linking them to information, markets, and finance

- Facilitated linkages between farmers and buyers through forward contracts

- Improved post-harvest storage and handling for farmers (drying sheds and storage bags)
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- Conducted trainings to mainstream Gender Equality in the entire agricultural value chain
- 3200 farmers registered on the platform; maize production increased from 60MT in 2015/2016 to 155MT in 2017 and income increased from USD 16,000 to USD 65,000.
- Proposed programme to reach 25,000 women farmers over the next 5 years
Challenges

• Capacity of national partners and institutions to implement the gender-responsive laws and policies, especially at district levels

• Need for stronger accountability mechanisms and incentives

• Mindsets, social norms and gender stereotypes

• Resources
Opportunities and Way forward

• Positioning gender in key policy frameworks and processes: Vision 2050, EDPRS 3, UNDAF 3, SDG domestication

• **Investing in women and girls:** economic empowerment especially through support to women farmers and greater financial inclusion; STEM education and ICT for young women

• Strengthening GBV prevention and access to justice

• Working with men and boys

• Moving beyond numbers to achieve substantive equality: quality of participation; fostering behavioral change and WEE.
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