Making UN Women fit for purpose
Leveraging the UN Reform and inter-agency financing arrangements

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Two Track Approach to leverage the UN Reform and inter-agency financing arrangements

GEWE firmly anchored in the UNDS reform and GA resolution 72/279

Adjustments made into the work of UN Women to integrate UNDS reform
Global level

High Level Task Force on Financing for Gender Equality

From September 2018-April 2019, the HLTF assessed:

- current scope of investment for GEWE within the UN system;
- gender architecture and financial targets;
- financial tracking systems for GEWE;
- innovative approaches for increasing investment for GEWE.
Joint fund for the SDGs

The Joint SDG Fund aims to stimulate integrated and transformative policy shifts, support the UN in creating SDG financing strategies and making strategic investments to accelerate the progress on the SDGs.

- Gender criteria included in the TOR and call for proposals
- UN Women participating as expert in screening the concept notes
Close partnership of UN Women and the Secretary General’s Peace Building Fund led to:

- **Allocation of 40 percent of funding in 2018** to Projects integrating a gender perspective
- **11 percent** to projects with gender equality and women’s empowerment as a principal objective
- Stronger Emphasis on women’s participation in rule of law, security sector reform and governance, linkages to climate security, cross-border issues and the role of young women.
- JPs that support the 17 SDGs increased by 6% to a total of 371 programmes in 2016
- JPs on GEWE-SDG 5 comprised the largest segment of JPs in both 2015 and 2016

Concentration of JP by SDG Area

Source: UNDG, 2017
UN Joint Programmes in UN Women

UN Women Strategic Plan

- % share of total programme expenditure from JPs derived from QCPR - 25% by 2021
- UN-Women was present in 68 out of the 73 UNCTs with JPs on SDG 5,
- Total number of JPs - 145
- 13% percent of total programme expenditure part of JPs, exceeding the 10% milestone for 2018.
Examples from within UN Women

Enhancing Funding of UN Women Country Programmes - Strategic Notes

In line with QCPR recommendation of multiyear and unearmarked funding.

Allows for more strategic allocation of resources to reach transformative results.

Reduces transaction costs, such as streamlining of donor reporting.

Key partners supporting SN: Sweden, Finland, Norway, Denmark
Examples from within UN Women

UN Women Flagship Programme Initiative Initiatives - FPIs

- FPIs included as 15 outputs in the current strategic plan
- Resources raised for FPIs (for 2018 $24.6M, 2017 $28.2M, 2016, $15.9M)
- The capitalization of FPIs has been uneven
- FPI concept has been critical in supporting scaling up, programme coherence and partnerships
Thank you!