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Asia and the Pacific:
Advancing gender equality in the context of the UNDS Reform

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Impact story: Basanti Tamang, a Returned Migrant in Nepal Finds a New Start
Overview of GEWE in the Context of UN Reforms

Agenda 2030
• “Fundamental importance” of GEWE
• All forms of discrimination against women and girls will be eliminated (LNOB)
• Transformative standalone goal and systematic mainstreaming of gender—“crucial”
• SDGs: integrated, universal, indivisible

QCPR & SG’s Reports
• UN system to promote women’s empowerment and gender equality, through full implementation of SWAP
• Investment in gender equality and women’s empowerment—far too low

UN System-wide response
UNSDCF (GEWE programming principle); LNOB guidance; System-wide Gender Parity Strategy; UNCT-SWAP Gender Scorecard 2.0; UNINFO GEM

Safe and Fair: Realizing Women Migrant Workers’ Rights and Opportunities
• UN Women’s partners: ILO, UNODC (Funded by the EU)
• Coverage: ASEAN
• Focus: VAWG, WEE, Normative/inter-governmental support

↓ civil society space
↑ nationalist rhetoric and discriminatory norms and practices
Data gaps on gender-related SDGs
High tolerance of VAWG
Most disaster-prone region
High economic growth, but ↑ inequalities
Fragility as a function of protracted crises and violent extremism
Showcasing Our Triple Mandate in Action

**Markets for Change** (Fiji, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu)
- Strategic partners: Australia and Canada (Implemented in partnership with UNDP)
- Thematic focus: Governance and leadership; Economic Empowerment

**Preventing Violent Extremism** (South and South East Asia)
- Strategic Partner: Japan
- Thematic focus: Economic Empowerment, Women, Peace and Security

**Making Every Woman and Girl Count** (Asia and the Pacific)
- UN Women's partners: SIAP (Strategic partners: DFAT/Australian Government)
- Thematic focus: Gender Statistics

**Inter-governmental and normative support**
- Engage RCM and regional bodies to advance normative frameworks (ESCAP, ASEAN, Pacific Islands Forum (B PfA review / CSW / SDGs)
- Support to Member States in operationalization, reporting and tracking of commitments (B PfA/CEDAW/SDGs/UPR)
- Facilitate Civil Society engagement mechanism (Beijing+25 Civil Society Steering Committee)
- Produce regional analyses (Baseline report on SDGs, regional synthesis report on Beijing+25 review)
Partnering in the Context of UN Reform

Climate change & DRR: EmPower- Women for Climate Resilient Societies (Bangladesh, Cambodia, Viet Nam)
• UN Women’s partners:
  UN Environment (Strategic Partner: SIDA)

Governance: Access to Justice (Nepal, Philippines, Pacific Island countries, Indonesia, Timor-Leste, Sri Lanka)
• UN Women’s partners:
  OHCHR, ICJ (Strategic Partner Sweden)

EVAW: Pacific Partnerships to EVAWG (Pacific)
• UN Women’s partners:
  Pacific Community, PIFS (Strategic Partners: EU, Australia)

Programming across the Humanitarian/Development nexus in Rakhine State (Myanmar)
• UN Women’s partners:
  IOM, UNDP, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF and WFP (Strategic Partner Japan)
Future Work - Priorities for 2019-2021

**Inter-governmental and normative support**
- Support Member States and stakeholders in operationalizing normative frameworks
- Increase voice of women’s movement – and influence inter-governmental processes
- Lead on new/innovative partnerships for SDG implementation

**UN Coordination**
- Integrated policy advisory and technical support to UNCTs
- Lead on GEWE in quality support on UNSDCF development
- Capacity development on programming principles (GEWE) and gender-responsive RBM
- Facilitate engagement of RCM/regional bodies

**Research and data**
- Methodologies and tools for gender statistics
- Technical expertise and advice for policy development
- Capacity building for national policymakers
- Cutting edge knowledge and evidence in new sectors (e.g. trade, infrastructure, energy)

**Programming 2.0**
- Lead innovative, integrated, transformative programming
- Drive programming across humanitarian / peace / development nexus
- Women’s leadership as an enabler for change
- Sustainability: National ownership and stakeholder capacities- a must
- Shared valued public-partner partnerships

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Results to Scale

Knowledge hub: Build **evidence base** and **methodologies** in existing and emerging areas – focused on cementing UN Women’s thought leadership on GEWE

Capacity development and technical assistance: Focus on governments, traditional and non-traditional partners to operationalize GEWE normative frameworks

Convener role: Facilitate diverse civil society ‘voice’ and influence in normative spaces and programming

One UN: Lead on integrated policy advice, capacity development and enhancement of accountability on GEWE

Programmatic interventions: Pilot innovative high impact programmes (JPs) in non-traditional areas
Thank you