THE UN TRUST FUND TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

UN-WOMEN EXECUTIVE BOARD INFORMAL CONSULTATION ON THE STRATEGIC PLAN 2021-2025

Virtual Meeting 24th June 2020
Chairing by H. E. Jukka Salovaara
President of the UN-Women Executive Board
Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Finland to the United Nations

Introductory remarks by Åsa Regnér
Deputy Executive Director for Normative Support and Programme Results, UN Women

Overview of the results and achievements of the UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women over the current Strategic Plan implementation period (2015 – 2020) by Sarah Hendriks
Director for Policy, Programme and Intergovernmental Division, UN Women

Presentation on the state of affairs with focus on UN Trust Fund’s response to COVID-19;
Presentation of the outline of the proposed Strategic Plan 2021 – 2025 of the UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women by Aldijana Sisic
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DISCUSSION
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UN Trust Fund’s Strategic Plan 2015 – 2019: Results in numbers

- 179 PROJECTS
- US$ 71,665,553

- 60% women’s organizations
- 94% women-led

- 2018 – 2019:
  - 20 PROJECTS
  - women & girls living with disabilities

- 2016 – 2019:
  - 18 PROJECTS
  - humanitarian window
A total number of people 22,699,683

including women and girls, men and boys, government officials and the general public, were reached by supported projects.

Women and girls benefited directly from services, empowerment activities and protection from violence, including at least 107,428 survivors of violence.
EXAMPLES OF RESULTS ACROSS UN TRUST FUND PORTFOLIO OF GRANTEES

- At least 60,048 women and girls accessed specialist support services.

- 816 schools have improved their curricula or implemented policies, practices or services to prevent and respond to violence against women.

- At least 11,425 service providers around the world have improved their provision of services.

- At least 14,697 women strengthened their capacity and skills to participate in the economy, including as entrepreneurs.

- 76 significant research studies and reports on violence against women and girls.
Impact of COVID-19 on violence against women and girls and service provision:

Governments and civil society organizations in 49 countries in 5 regions

122 UN Trust Fund grantees, mostly women’s organization, in 69 countries
Aldijana Sisic

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The UNTF EVAW conducted a rapid assessment of 144 civil society organizations across all five regions.

**01**
Multiple forms across all five regions, increased frequency, intensity and severity.

Reported through formal and informal channels + overall under reporting.

**02**
CSOs reporting co-occurring risk factors.

Food shortages, school closures, loss of income, stress, alcohol abuse, lack of public transport, decongesting prisons.

All occurring simultaneously have compounded effects on VAW/G.

**03**
CSOs report continued lockdown and lack of essential services.

Lack of access to health care, justice, social protection – escape routes are jeopardized.

CSOs/WROs are being diverted to COVID-19 response, including diversion of women’s centers for testing centers.

**04**
CSOs working in prevention, services and legislation all affected.

Lack of access to primary and secondary beneficiaries for prevention programmes.

Massive surge in intake for service providers.

Lost momentum for CSOs pushing for progressive legislation.
IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS

- Efforts are focused on survival of beneficiaries (e.g. UNABU, Rwanda)
- Increased costs of living – communication, transportation, food (e.g. Leonard Cheshire, Zimbabwe)
- Funding constraints – closed offices, downsized, laying off staff (e.g. FODDAJ, Kenya)
- Lack of adequate ICT infrastructure to maintain communication between staff and beneficiaries
- Fragile institutional capacities / emergency preparedness to withstand a prolonged crisis (e.g. small orgs)
- Loss of momentum and reversal of gains for women’s movements (e.g. CAPEC, Cameroon)
- Limited bank operations (e.g. DRC) and constraints on fundraising (e.g. Malawi, ArtGlo)
- Staff burnout and mental health concerns: frontline staff stretched and overwhelmed (e.g. ALL projects)
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1. **UNTF EVAW Five Point Action Plan** which provides relief and support to all active grantees

2. Allocation of additional $9M to UNTF EVAW existing 44 Sub-Saharan Africa grantees in partnership with the EU and *Spotlight Initiative*

3. **COVID-19 Response Call for Proposals** (to be launched in September)
Kick-off of consultative process to the next SP (21 June 2019)

Internal scoping on the scope of the next SP (July – Oct 2019)

Consultation at the Grantee Convention (November 2019)

Series of Consultations with Partners (Jan – June 2020)

Draft Strategic Plan 2021+ (by September 2020)

Final external consultative meetings on the new SP (November 2020)

Final Strategic Plan 2021+ (launched January 2021)

Roadmap to the next UN Trust Fund’s Strategic Plan 2021-2025
Goal: Substance and Scope

To produce a new Strategic Plan that will provide the UNTF, its partners and relevant stakeholders with a clear vision and roadmap for the UNTF EVAW’s strategic direction and growth between 2021 and 2025.

Guiding principles: 1) Consultative - include a diversity of voices 2) Iterative - build on learning 3) Transparent - communicate progress
Methodology

- **Mixed methods**: document reviews, online KII & focus groups and surveys.
- **Informant groups** include: Grantees and beneficiaries, Advisory Group, Grantee Reference Group, Donors, Global Project Advisory Committee
- **Sequenced, iterative and flexible**: analysis from all interviews will shape further questions
- Focus on **4 areas of inquiry** (to start)
- Coordinated with **Business Model Review**
Areas of Inquiry

1. **State of the field**: what is new, successes and challenges, what is needed most now

2. **Looking back**: learning from the current strategic plan, mid-term review and grantee feedback

3. **Looking ahead**: shaping a vision for 2025 and beyond

4. **How** to achieve results by 2025: operations, resources, resource mobilization
Timeline for the new Strategic Plan

May: AG established, focus groups and interviews commence ✔️

June: AG, GPAC and grantee consultations

July: all essential interviews completed; detailed outline finalized

August/September: first draft of sections produced

October: first draft of full document

November: 2 rounds of revisions completed

15 December: Final product
THANK YOU & STAY SAFE!