Partners for progress
The United States is a world leader in supporting gender equality and women’s and girls’ empowerment. The U.S. played a critical role in UN Women’s creation in 2010 and has remained one of its top contributors. The U.S. is also a vital policy and programmatic partner of UN Women. The U.S. has used its role as the world’s largest humanitarian and aid donor to lead efforts to end violence against women and girls in humanitarian settings. In 2017, it passed the Women, Peace, and Security Act and spurred the creation of the Women Entrepreneurs Finance Initiative (We-Fi).

Sharing common goals
The United States and UN Women share a fundamental commitment to gender equality. Women’s economic and political participation, prevention of violence against women and girls and engaging women in all aspects of peace and security processes are common goals.

In 2018, the U.S. was the seventh largest contributor to regular resources with USD 8.5 million and the eight largest contributor to total resources with USD 15.2 million.

US National Committee for UN Women
The U.S. National Committee supports UN Women through a range of fundraising, education and outreach. An independent 501c3 organization, the U.S. National Committee was the biggest contributor of any National Committee in 2016, 2017 and 2018. The U.S. National Committee and UN Women’s Civil Society Division work closely with vibrant women’s rights and civil society organizations across the U.S.
Together we achieved:

Partnership with the Private Sector

American companies support UN Women in a number of ways. Alcoa, General Mills, Merck, Microsoft, PepsiCo and Symantec have signed the Women’s Empowerment Principles. These seven principles, a product of collaboration between UN Women and the UN Global Compact, guide businesses on how to empower women in the workplace, marketplace, and community.

Better Gender Statistics for the Sustainable Development Goals

The U.S. Government is a major supporter of the Flagship Programme Initiative Making Every Woman and Girl Count. UN Women is helping governments to radically shift how statistics are developed and used by governments. UN Women is providing technical and financial advice that is already resulting in increased availability of accurate information on women and girls. This data will be used to inform policy and decision-making and monitor the implementation of gender equality commitments in the 2030 Agenda. This new approach to data has great potential to spur meaningful and lasting changes in the lives of women and girls everywhere.

Safe Cities for Women and Girls

Funding from the United States has been instrumental in allowing UN Women to continue its work on its Safe Cities programs. In India, strategic alliances were created with communities and local service providers to prevent sexual violence against women and girls in urban public spaces, as part of the Delhi Safe City Programme. In Cairo, Egypt, the Safe City Programme developed a comprehensive approach to address sexual harassment against women and girls.

United States Department of State funding has also enabled UN Women to work on various projects preventing violence against women and girls in Guatemala, Honduras, Mozambique, the United Republic of Tanzania and Vanuatu, amongst other countries.

Political Participation

The U.S. has made a three-year commitment to support women’s political participation and leadership in Tanzania.

Ending Violence Against Women

Through their contribution to regular resources, the U.S. has aided UN Women in efforts to end violence against women across the world. In 2018, 48 countries adopted the essential services package to provide better and more coordinated support for women and girl survivors of violence.

Over 140,000 people have made HeForShe commitments in the US, as part of the UN Women-led solidarity campaign, launched in 2015 by actor Emma Watson, to engage men around the world to stand up in addressing inequalities. More than 1.3 million have signed up globally.