



PARTNERS FOR CHANGE

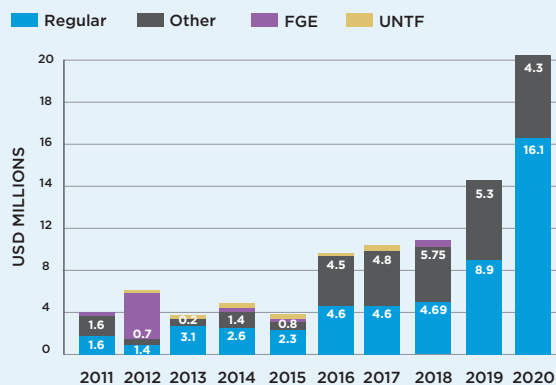


UN WOMEN AND GERMANY

Partners for progress

Germany has been an important partner for the gender equality agenda since the 1990s and its support was key for the creation of UN Women in 2010. Germany also hosts a UN Women National Committee, which supports UN Women's mission through public awareness initiatives and fundraising efforts.

Germany Government Funding to UN Women



In 2020, Germany significantly increased its regular resources to UN Women with a contribution of USD 16.1 million. In total, Germany provided USD 20.4 million and was the eighth-largest government contributor.

Sharing common goals

Germany and UN Women share a fundamental commitment to gender equality. Our common goals are women's economic empowerment, prevention of violence against women and girls, and women's participation and leadership in all aspects of peace and security processes. With its strong focus on multilateralism, Germany is a co-lead of the Action Coalition on Economic Justice and Rights, as well as a strong proponent of trilateral cooperation under the Team Europe Approach.



Photo: Bundesregierung

During the Generation Equality Forum in Paris on 30 June 2021, Chancellor Merkel announced EUR 140 million in new funding for the economic empowerment of girls and women worldwide, bringing the total of Germany's engagement to EUR 240 million.

Banner photo: The Women's Peace Hut in Gao is one of 28 sites across Mali, built by UN Women with financial support from the governments of Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden, Japan and the Peacebuilding Fund. Following the successful examples of the such Peace Huts in Liberia, the first ones were built in Mali in 2013 to give women a place where they can meet independently from their communities and families. Photo: UN Women/Sandra Kreutzer

Together we achieved: Women's Leadership for Stability

Photo: UNFSCO/Asihwanya Seligal



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In 2017, with the support of Germany, UN Women launched the **'Women's Leadership Initiative for Stability in Africa'**. This initiative aimed to strengthen African women leaders' capacity to build sustainable peace in the continent and led to the establishment of the African Women Leaders Network (AWLN).

The first two phases of the AWLN achieved the establishment of 18 national chapters and Groups of Friends of the AWLN in New York and Addis Ababa. The AWLN has supported the African Union's (AU) Special Envoy on Women, Peace and Security and contributed to the roll out of the Continental Results Framework on monitoring and reporting on women, peace and security. A key result during the second phase was the support to the UN-AU solidarity mission to South Sudan, Chad and Niger in pursuit of the implementation of the women, peace and security agenda.

The third phase (2020-2021), with adjustments to ensure safety, continues with a focus on the rollout and operationalisation of national chapters; increasing women's meaningful participation in peace and political processes; strengthening the institutional stability of the network and its coordination mechanisms; and supporting the network's Groups of Friends in Addis Ababa and New York.

The AWLN is present in 25 countries across Africa and many of the chapters have been active in the response to the pandemic, contributing to gender-responsive COVID-19 regional and national recovery plans.

Humanitarian Action, Women, Peace and Security

Through its special initiative **"Tackling the Root Causes of Displacement, Reintegrating Refugees"**, Germany invested EUR 3 million* to UN Women's project in **South Sudan and Mali (2016-2020)**, supporting sustainable livelihood activities for women and the reduction of gender-based violence among displaced populations and in host communities.

In Mali, results included training on advocacy, community mobilization, sensitization and the promotion of the rights of women and girls. Other results included the development of a revolving fund to finance income generating activities to benefit women, and skills training and support to start income generating activities, including market gardening management skills and techniques. A peace hut to promote dialogue and women's participation in strengthening reconciliation and social cohesion was also established.

In South Sudan, men, boys and community leaders received training on gender-based violence (GBV) prevention and to intensify community awareness of GBV. Women and girls were able to access vocational and income generating skills and rural women farmers were able to strengthen their skills, and gain access to resources and yields.

Additionally, in South Sudan, Village Savings and Loans were established or reinvigorated, providing women with regular access to micro-credit to enable creation of new businesses, and access to vocational skills and diversification training.



Total contribution to FGE: **USD 5.9 million*** (since 2012)

Total contribution to UNTF: **USD 5.6 million*** (since 2011)

Women's Empowerment in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA)

Since 2016, Germany has partnered with UN Women to increase women's presence, influence and protection in peace and political transition processes through capacity-building, technical assistance and knowledge generation, particularly in Iraq, Jordan, Libya, Syria and Yemen. Germany is contributing EUR 9.1 million* over the course (2016 to 2022) of the programme, **'Enhancing Women's Leadership for Sustainable Peace in Fragile Contexts in the MENA Region'**.

The first phase of the programme has generated a number of knowledge products, contributed to an increase of knowledge and evidence on women's engagement in peace processes, and addressed specific knowledge gaps from the MENA region. The second phase began in 2019 and is developing strategies for women's inclusion in peace processes and expanding engagement with women's groups to participate in global, regional and national processes.

Research continues and efforts to engage a younger audience and expand access to the resources have resulted in the development of a phone application as well as development and piloting of an online modular training course on women's inclusion in peace processes.

Gender and Migration

Germany is also contributing EUR 2.2 million* to the **'Making Migration Safe for Women'** programme which began in 2019. During this four-year programme, with an initial focus on Ethiopia, Kenya, Mali and Niger, UN Women is working with national partners to develop and implement gender-responsive migration policies and with regional and international partners to strengthen norms and standards which protect and promote migrant women's rights.

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