Germany’s prioritization of regular resources to UN Women contributed to...

The global pandemic challenged people and institutions everywhere. With regular resources, UN Women was instrumental in providing accurate sex-disaggregated data and guidance on the gendered impacts of COVID-19. This included global policy briefs about economic fall-out and recovery and the care economy, and the “shadow pandemic” of gender-based violence.

Since 2011, 75 countries, home to 2.6 billion women and girls, have a stronger legal, regulatory and policy environment on women’s economic empowerment.

In 2020, UN Women partnered with 40 United Nations entities across the humanitarian-development-peace nexus to support women and girls to contribute to, and equally benefit from, measures building peace and resilience, and respond to humanitarian crises and disasters.

Between 2011 and 2020, Germany has contributed USD 50 million to UN Women’s regular resources. These funds have supported, among several actions, normative engagement at all levels and women’s economic autonomy.

Germany’s support to specific programmes resulted in...

UN Women supporting women throughout sub-Saharan Africa to have increased opportunities to participate in international and regional events and support their leadership and participation in national election processes, in an effort to foster stability on the continent.

In Iraq, Libya, Syria and Yemen, UN Women is working toward increasing women’s presence, influence and protection in peace and political transition processes, in order to support building sustainable peace in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA).

UN Women is supporting the Government of Niger to develop and strengthen migration policies, laws and services that are gender-responsive. This includes building personnel capacity to implement the National Migration Policy, and produce and analyse sex-disaggregated data and gender statistics in migration.

Other resources of USD 36 million have allowed UN Women to strategically focus on women’s political leadership and participation, peace and security, and ending violence against women and girls.

Banner Photo: In Lebanon’s capital Beirut, a young entrepreneur crafts artisanal goods through carpentry in a shared studio space provided through a cooperative. Cooperatives serve an important role in women’s economic development, improving access to resources and women’s opportunities and strengthening economies. Photo: UN Photo/Joé Saade
PEACE & SECURITY
Enhancing women’s leadership for sustainable peace in fragile contexts. Increasing women’s presence, influence and protection in peace and political transition processes through capacity-building, technical assistance and knowledge generation.

The global pandemic highlighted and exacerbated the inequalities faced by women and girls. It also reinforced the need for strong women, peace and security agendas in conflict-affected and fragile states, including Iraq, Libya, Syria and Yemen. Through this programme, UN Women continued to generate, exchange and disseminate knowledge about women’s participation in conflict prevention and peacebuilding. For safety and security, activities were mostly online, including policy-making discussions, to ensure that successes achieved continue to be accompanied by requisite policy changes for more consistent results and sustainability. For example, UN Women initiated and led the development of a joint policy brief with the UN’s lead entity for mediation, the Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs (DPPA). The brief outlines the impact of COVID-19 on women’s participation in ceasefires and peace processes and offers recommendations, including for the shift online.

The programme continued its innovative and strategic initiatives through new partnerships with diplomatic, peacebuilding and public policy groups. It also continued to collaborate with global policy, mediation and reconstruction actors for knowledge generation and expanding reach with decision-makers across the full peace cycle.

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT
UN Women is working with the Government of Niger to ensure that migration is safe and regular for all women migrating from, into and through Niger. Through capacity-building of government personnel, the ability to implement the National Migration Policy is strengthened as is the ability to produce and analyse sex-disaggregated data and gender statistics in migration.

At the global level, UN Women is working with governments, human rights bodies, civil society organisations and other stakeholders to strengthen international norms and standards to protect and promote the rights of migrant women workers.