

# GOVERNMENT RESPONSES TO COVID-19: REGIONAL APPENDIX

## SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

Globally, sub-Saharan Africa is the region with the third-highest number of gender-sensitive measures (221) but has one of the lowest measure densities, averaging just 4.4 measures per country/territory. With regard to women’s representation on COVID-19 task forces, women account for 20% of task force members and 15% of leaders. Lesotho and Namibia have achieved high levels of women’s representation on task forces (74% and 40%, respectively). The Sub-Saharan Africa region stands out for registering the second-highest absolute number of measures supporting women’s

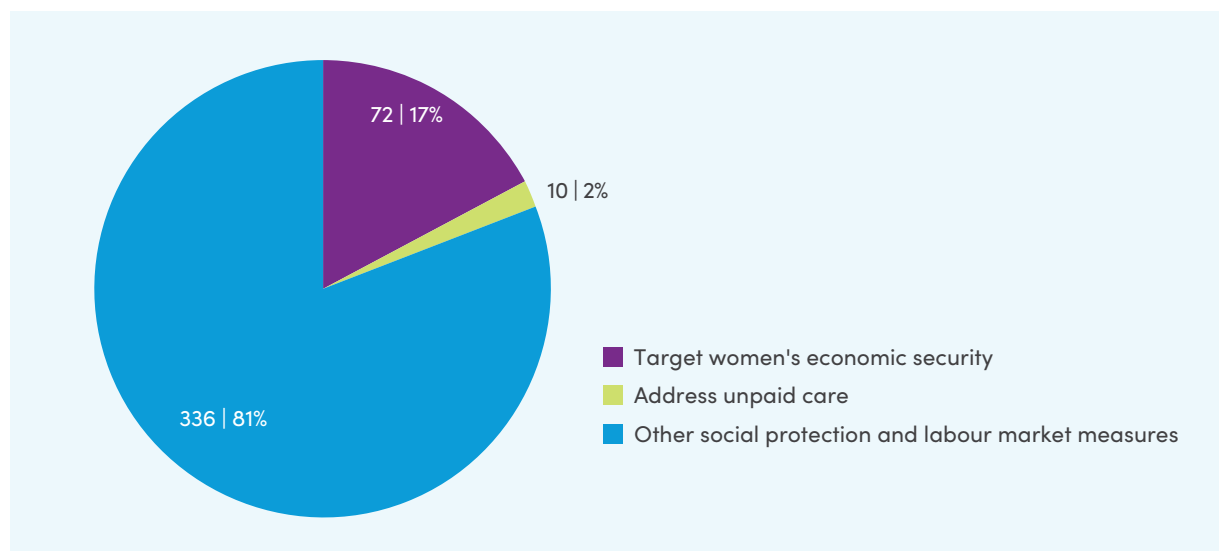
economic security (121 in 39 countries/territories), accounting for a quarter of all such measures globally. Countries such as Burkina Faso and Togo made important efforts to protect women workers in the informal economy. On both unpaid care and violence against women and girls, the region records the lowest number of measures globally. However, there are positive outliers in both areas, including Côte d’Ivoire on violence against women and girls and Cabo Verde and South Africa on unpaid care.

**TABLE A-1**  
**Most common gender-sensitive measures in sub-Saharan Africa**

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN	WOMEN’S ECONOMIC SECURITY	UNPAID CARE WORK
Helplines and reporting mechanisms (17)	Cash transfers prioritizing women as recipients (34)	Support for long-term care for older persons and care for persons with disabilities (3)
Awareness-raising campaigns (16)	Equity injections: public sector loans to businesses in female-dominated sectors (12)	Cash-for-care (3)
Police and justice sector responses to address impunity (16)	Equity injections: public sector subsidies to businesses in female-dominated sectors (12)	Support for childcare services, including for essential workers (2)
Note: Value in parenthesis is the total count per measure type in the region		

**FIGURE A-1**

**Number and percentage of gender-sensitive measures out of all social protection and labour market measures in sub-Saharan Africa**



**FIGURE A-2**

**Average share of women members in COVID-19 task forces in sub-Saharan Africa**

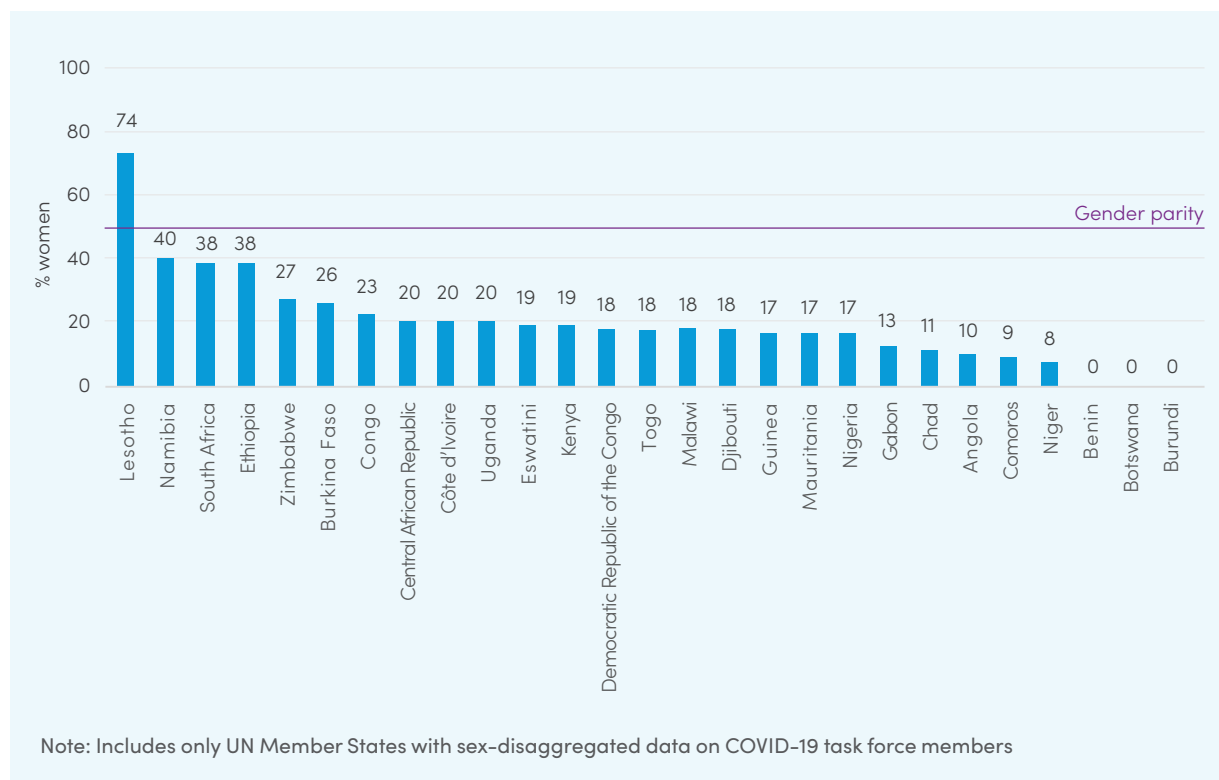


TABLE A-2

### Number and type of gender-sensitive measures and share of women COVID-19 task force members, by country/territory in sub-Saharan Africa

COUNTRY / TERRITORY	TOTAL NUMBER OF GENDER-SENSITIVE MEASURES	VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN	WOMEN'S ECONOMIC SECURITY	UNPAID CARE WORK	AVERAGE SHARE OF WOMEN IN COVID-19 TASK FORCES
Angola	7	2	4	1	10.0% (1)
Benin	2	0	2	0	0.0% (1)
Botswana	4	2	2	0	0.0% (1)
Burkina Faso	6	2	4	0	26.3% (2)
Burundi	3	0	2	1	0.0% (1)
Cabo Verde	9	4	3	2	--
Cameroon	3	1	2	0	--
Central African Republic	1	1	0	0	20.0% (1)
Chad	1	1	0	0	10.8% (1)
Comoros	0	0	0	0	8.6% (1)
Congo	2	0	2	0	23.2% (2)
Côte d'Ivoire	13	7	6	0	20.0% (1)
Democratic Republic of the Congo	5	3	2	0	18.3% (2)
Djibouti	4	0	4	0	17.5% (2)
Equatorial Guinea	0	0	0	0	--
Eritrea	0	0	0	0	--
Eswatini	2	0	2	0	19.4% (2)
Ethiopia	12	7	5	0	38.0% (2)
Gabon	0	0	0	0	12.5% (1)
Gambia	5	3	2	0	--
Ghana	7	2	5	0	--

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Guinea	2	0	2	0	17.2% (2)
Guinea-Bissau	2	1	1	0	--
Kenya	10	4	6	0	19.0% (1)
Lesotho	2	0	2	0	74.1% (1)
Liberia	4	1	3	0	--
Madagascar	3	0	3	0	--
Malawi	4	4	0	0	17.7% (2)
Mali	1	0	1	0	--
Mauritania	2	0	2	0	16.7% (1)
Mauritius	1	1	0	0	--
Mayotte	0	0	0	0	--
Mozambique	4	1	3	0	--
Namibia	0	0	0	0	40.0% (1)
Niger	5	1	4	0	7.7% (1)
Nigeria	13	5	8	0	16.7% (1)
Réunion	0	0	0	0	--
Rwanda	6	3	3	0	--
Sao Tome and Principe	2	0	2	0	--
Senegal	8	2	6	0	--
Seychelles	3	0	1	2	--
Sierra Leone	4	2	2	0	--
Somalia	3	1	2	0	--
South Africa	16	7	5	4	38.1% (4)
South Sudan	3	2	1	0	--
Togo	2	0	2	0	18.2% (1)

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Uganda	16	8	8	0	20.0% (1)
United Republic of Tanzania	3	1	2	0	--
Zambia	4	3	1	0	--
Zimbabwe	12	8	4	0	27.3% (1)
<b>REGIONAL TOTAL</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>19.9% (38)</b>

Notes: Value in parenthesis is the total count of task forces with sex-disaggregated data. "--" indicates "no data."