UN Women’s Operational Response: Asia and the Pacific

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Context:
- Low and falling economic participation of women
- Lagging rates of women’s political participation
- Persisting high rates of violence against women
- Climate induced disaster and other complex crises
- Backlash and regression on women’s rights
Growth in Annual Revenue (2018-2022)

- 2018: $13M
- 2019: $50M
- 2020: $97.5M
- 2021: $93M
- 2022: $9.3M

Budget for Development Results: $13.2M

Regional Office Budget by Impact Area 2022

- Governance/Political Participation: $7,085,411 (54%)
- Women’s Economic Empowerment: $1,305,815 (10%)
- Ending Violence Against Women: $1,963,754 (15%)
- Women, Peace & Security/Humanitarian Action/Disaster Risk Reduction: $2,800,722 (21%)

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Results

Ending Violence Against Women

10-country programme to protect women migrant workers’ rights:
- Enhanced capacity of 12,413 service providers, supporting 302,912 women
- 78 laws, policies, strategies, national SOPs on labour migration & violence
- Referral systems and processes
- 7,977 women migrant workers were organized into workers unions
- Reached over 7 million people through campaigns and awareness raising

Climate Change

Three country programme on climate change and disaster preparedness:
- 12 gender-responsive climate change actions and policies implemented
- Economic benefits from Renewable Energy interventions to over 2,000 women
- Multiplier effects through 39 women-owned climate resilient businesses
- Knowledge and evidence shared with 18 countries across region

Women’s Economic Empowerment

Regional programme mobilizing private sector in support of gender equality:
- 3,096 women trained to start and expand businesses
- Contributed to 51 policy processes in support of creating gender equal economies in Asia-Pacific region
- 2,053 companies engaged as Women’s Empowerment Principles signatories and 304 champions/advocates mobilized
Thank you for your attention

Questions?