



# UN WOMEN KENYA:

## THE STORY SO FAR 2019 - 2022

### Who we are

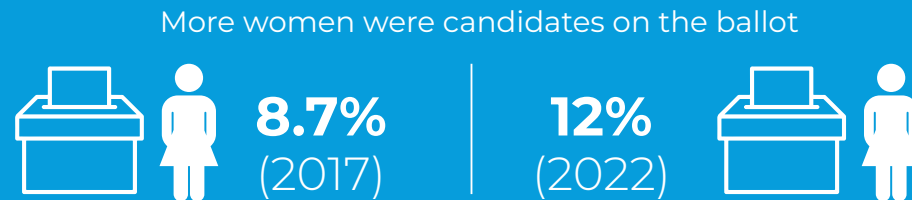
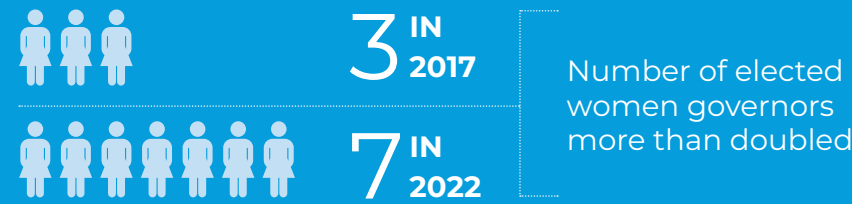
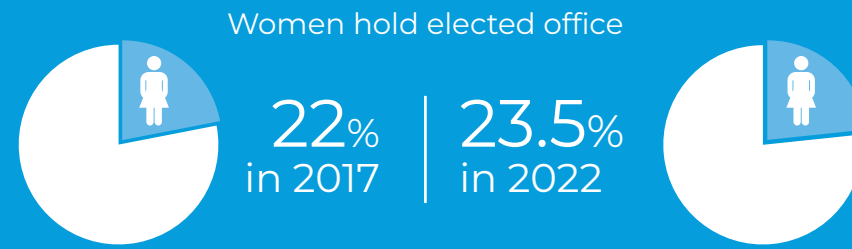
UN Women is the UN organization delivering programmes, policies and standards that advances gender equality and support women and girls to achieve their full life potential. In Kenya, we work to ensure:

- Women participate in leadership and decision making;
- National and county plans and budgets allocate resources for gender equality
- Sex disaggregated data is available and is used to inform planning and policy
- Women are economically empowered
- Women and girls are free from all forms of violence
- Women participate in peacebuilding and conflict prevention
- The UN system delivers on its commitments to gender equality

We work with multiple stakeholders to achieve these objectives. As we look to the future, we will build on the important gains and lessons learnt from our past programmes.

### Democratic governance

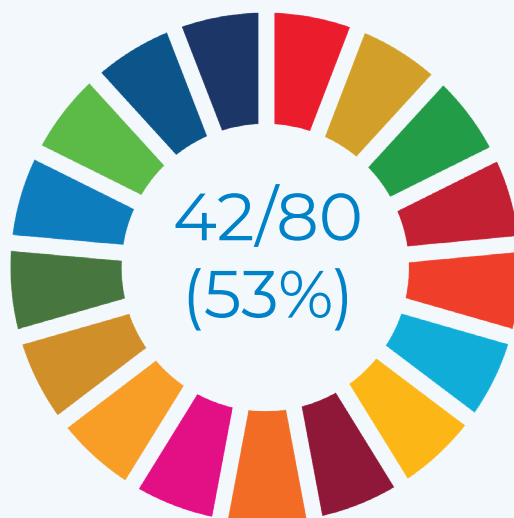
More women were represented and won elective & leadership seats in the General Elections



More counties allocate budgets for gender, and a new budget tracking is in place at national and county levels



Kenya has improved its capacity to utilize evidence-based data for gender advocacy, programming, and policy



Kenya identified 42/80 (53%) Gender-relevant SDG indicators in 2022, up from 31 in 2018[1], and reported on 26 (62%) of the 42 gender indicators.

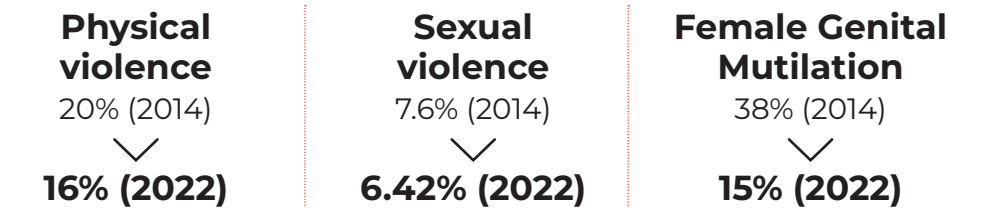
### UN Women Contribution:

In partnership with the government, civil society and media implementing partners, UN Women contributed to these results through:

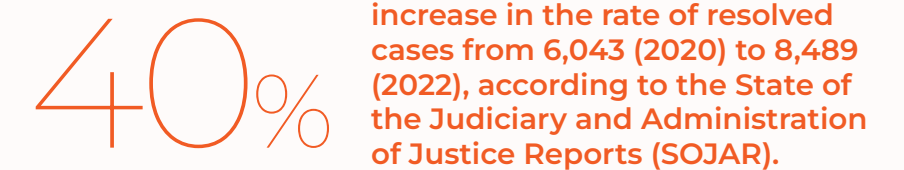
- 1 Supporting the review and implementation of laws to enable more women to take up leadership positions. A comprehensive national capacity-building programme targeting specific counties was also held for 800 women aspirants to support their candidacy in the elections.
- 2 Rolling out a gender-responsive civic education campaign to create community and civic understanding of women's political participation and leadership rights. UN Women worked closely with male champions and various media partners to change attitudes and encourage Kenyans to vote for women in various elective seats.
- 3 Building the capacity and implementation of gender-inclusive planning and budgeting through the Joint Programme on Devolution implemented with UNDP, UNICEF and other partners. This resulted in increased participation of women in planning and budgeting processes at the county level.
- 4 Working with the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) and the State Department for Gender (SDFG) to produce, analyze, and utilize relevant gender data.

### Ending violence against women

Fewer women and girls reported experiencing violence



Increase in GBV cases resolved through the justice system



Increased number of women and girls accessing essential services



Increased number of women and girls accessing essential services from 1,181 in 2019 to 5,689 in 2022.

## UN Women Contribution:

- 1 Facilitating community-level dialogues on harmful gender and social norms, toxic masculinity, GBV and women's rights, with men and boys. In 2021, UN Women used the impetus created by Kenya's co-leadership of the GBV Action Coalition under the Generation Equality Forum to drive the scale and depth of its GBV prevention work.
- 2 Specifically, UN Women supported stakeholders to provide quality shelter services, access to justice, counselling and dignity kits and supplies while enabling survivors to access and demand these services.

## Women's economic empowerment

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20%

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Increased uptake of Women Empowerment Principles (WEPs) by private sector companies



Signatories of Women Empowerment Principles (WEPs) increased 94% from 31 (2019) to 60 (2022)

Women benefitted from Women Economic Empowerment



2,391 farmers

(Female: 2,002, Male: 389) adopted 15 gender-sensitive climate smart agriculture (CSA) technologies in Kitui, Laikipia and West Pokot counties.

Over 1,598 hectares of farmland were used to practice CSA.

## UN Women Contribution:

- 1 Enhancing the adoption and reporting capacity of the AGPO secretariat, the Council of Governors, County Governments, and state ministries and agencies. These results were achieved by sensitizing and training women, youth, and Persons with Disabilities (PWD) on procurement rules and how to submit procurement bids.
- 2 Collaborating with the Global Compact Network Kenya to attract private sector companies to sign Women Empowerment Principles (WEPs) aimed at empowering women in the workplace, marketplace, and community, leading to increased capacity for these companies to, among other opportunities, elect more women to management boards, hire more women to senior management, and increase procurement from women.
- 3 Supporting the county governments in developing gender-sensitive CSA guidelines that contributed to developing the County Integrated Development Plans (CIDPs). UN Women also supported beneficiaries to influence the development of these plans, adapt CSA technologies, and ultimately increase their yield and income.

## Women peace and security, humanitarian action

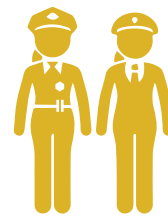
Women, Peace and Security policy environment improved



Improved performance on Global WPS Index from

#107 (2017) to #90 (2022)

More women influence peace and security issues at the national and county level



Number of female recruits within the Ministry of Defence increased from 321 (2018) to 807 (2021)



Number of women in county peace committees increased from 29% (2017) to 33% (2021)

## UN Women Contribution

UN Women has supported the development and implementation of gender-responsive policies and frameworks on peace and security, preventing/countering violent extremism (VE), disaster risk reduction. This includes review and inputs to county policies that embody UNSCR 1325 and to include KNAP II implementation budgets in the CIPDs.

UN Women also positioned women to participate in identifying and addressing conflict and security risks in their communities, including on VE, inter-communal conflicts, and elections at community, county and national level from our partners

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