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

- Women hold elected office
  - 22% in 2017
  - 23.5% in 2022
  - 3 in 2017
  - 7 in 2022

- Number of elected women governors more than doubled
  - 8.7% (2017)
  - 12% (2022)

More women were candidates on the ballot

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

- 41% (2018/19)
- 45.6% (2021/22)

Social sector budget with priorities for children and women increased in the 14 counties supported by the Devolution Joint Programme

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

- 42/80 (53%)

 Ending violence against women

Fewer women and girls reported experiencing violence

- Physical violence
  - 20% (2014)
  - 16% (2022)

- Sexual violence
  - 7.6% (2014)
  - 6.42% (2022)

- Female Genital Mutilation
  - 38% (2014)
  - 15% (2022)

Increase in GBV cases resolved through the justice system

- Increase in the rate of resolved cases from 6,043 (2020) to 8,489 (2022), according to the State of the Judiciary and Administration of Justice Reports (SOJAR).

Increased number of women and girls accessing essential services

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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 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.
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**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.

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### Women’s economic empowerment

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### 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)

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