



UN-WOMEN'S SUPPORT TO WOMEN'S POLITICAL PARTICIPATION: INSIGHTS FROM THE FIELD

MANAGEMENT PERSPECTIVE

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Overall Response

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UN Women welcomes the analysis and recommendations of the corporate evaluation of UN-Women's support to women's political participation (WPP) which is a key thematic area of the Entity's efforts to achieve gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls.

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UN Women accepts the evaluation's five main recommendations, which arrive within the second year of UN-Women's Strategic Plan 2022-2025. The findings coincide with the finalization of the Gender Equality Accelerator (GEA) and a new global programme on WPP, which address some of these recommendations. Timeframes and responsible units are assigned across the Entity to carry out specific key actions under each recommendation

KEY POINTS

UN-Women will leverage its **Strategic Plan 2022-2025** to continue addressing key barriers to WPP, aligned with **Impact Area 1**, related systemic outcomes and the **Gender Equality Accelerator on WPP**

UN-Women will **strengthen advocacy and communications** with a broader range of partners; while boosting efforts to enhance synergies between women's rights movements, member states, decision-makers, and other key actors to strengthen coalition building, and advocacy, including through implementation of **the CEDAW Committee GR 40**

UN Women will further **mainstream leave no one behind** considerations into WPP programming, and define the particular **harmful social norms** that hamper women's political participation and identify key levers to mitigate them through country programming

UN-Women will develop **longer-term, strategic planning on WPP** beyond election cycles, and will **strengthen its coordination role** at country level on gender mainstreaming across UN programming on political participation

RECOMMENDATIONS

1

Continue addressing key barriers to women's political participation, while including a focus on persistent constraints and forms of backlash such as violence against women in politics

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Strengthen advocacy and convening role by providing guidance on navigating and communicating with diverse coalitions of partners in support of women's political participation.

3

Develop strategic and long-term programmes to support women's political participation at the country level.

4

Strengthen guidance on mainstreaming considerations of leave no one behind into women's political participation, particularly as programmes scale and work with new partnerships for social norms change.

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Enhance measurement of key results on women's political participation to better contextualize and demonstrate the impact of its work at country level.

UN-WOMEN ACTIONS

1



Strengthen implementation of programming to prevent, monitor and mitigate Violence Against Women in Politics (VAWP), with increased attention to Technology Facilitated Gender Based Violence (TFGBV)

Continue rolling out of national prevalence surveys on VAWP

Develop knowledge on financial resource barriers and opportunities for funding women in politics

2



Develop communications and advocacy plan on WPP, including with UN and external partners, and diverse stakeholders.

Strengthen advocacy with a broader range of national partners, such as multi-party international foundations, youth and disability groups, local governments and associations, and political parties as appropriate

Develop advocacy plan to support CEDAW GR 40

3



Adopt long term programming approaches to WPP in Strategic Notes, project documents and joint programmes in alignment with the GEA on WPP

Showcase good practices of gender mainstreaming in UN programming on political participation through regional and global peer to peer exchanges.

Regional offices compile and good practices on long-term fundraising efforts and develop regional planning documents.

UN-WOMEN ACTIONS

4



Codify good practices integrating LNOB principles into WPP programming at country level and disseminate through Community of Practice webinars and knowledge products

Convene a global expert group meeting and structured dialogues to define the specific social norms hampering WPP, and how they impact on women's participation in practice, to frame key messages and inform advocacy

Develop training tools and guidance on social norms change for implementation at regional and country level through programming interventions.

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Develop guidance that can be used for rapid impact assessments on WPP at country level

Undertake quality impact assessments on WPP programming at country level and share widely for knowledge sharing and donor outreach

THANK YOU

