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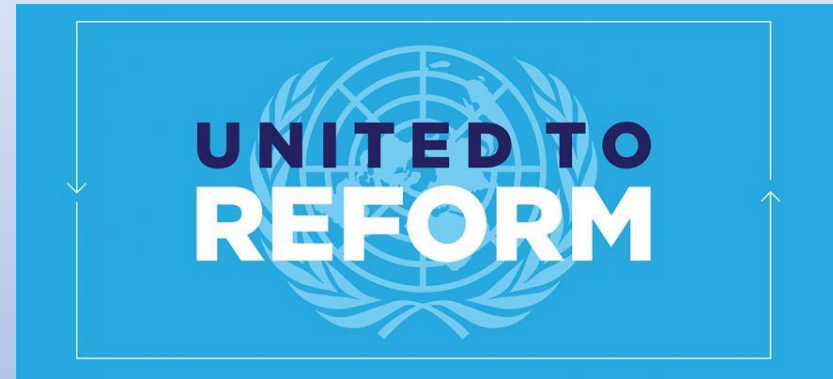
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UN-WOMEN 2023 SURVEY ON UNDS REFORM

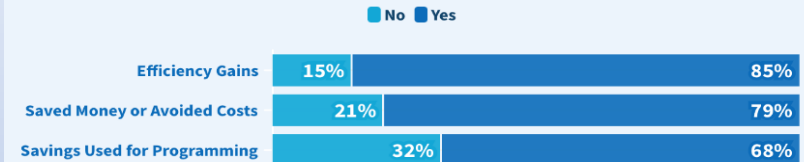
- *Country level survey: followed example of other funds and programmes*
- *48 questions*
- *Conducted July to September 2023*
- *91% response rate*
- *Mostly positive perception regarding the benefits from the UNDS reform*



2023 SURVEY: UN REFORM - PERCEPTIONS

- *Independent RC system beneficial*
- *RC – UNCT Accountability enhanced*
- *Strengthened support of the RC to UN Women’s triple mandate and thematic areas of work*
- *Cooperation Framework, a useful tool to achieve greater coherence*
- *Integrated policy support/ collaboration in the humanitarian-development-peace nexus*

Has your office experienced any of the following from Common Business Operations since the UNDS reform?



- *Overall efficiency gains and savings*
- *Access to pooled UN funding: 64% from Multi Partner Trust Fund and 55% from Peace Building Fund*

2023 SURVEY (CONT.)

- *Competition for resources remains a challenge*
- *Quality and timeliness of common services unchanged*
- *Transaction costs not necessarily decreased*
- *Multi-Country Offices face unique challenges*
- *UN WOMEN support gender mainstreaming in pool funds (MPTF, SDG funds and PBF...etc)*



SUPPORTING CONSOLIDATION OF UNDS REFORMS

- *MAF and UNSDCF alignment*
- *BOS 2.0 harmonizing business practices*
- *Global shared services*
- *Funding the RC system*
- *Mobility and flexible workforce*



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SUPPORTING CONSOLIDATION OF UNDS REFORMS (cont.)

- *Actively engaged in the United Nations Sustainable Development Group*
- *Strengthened UN gender equality accountability*
- *Leading UN gender coordination networks and theme groups*
- *Gender parity in the UN system*



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SUPPORTING CONSOLIDATION OF UNDS REFORMS (cont.)

Joint Programming:

- 44% of all JPs focused on SDG 5 and gender equality
- 30% of UN-Women's expenditure
- Spotlight Initiative: 70% of technical role; \$86 million to women/gender organizations

System-wide reporting, evaluation, research and capacity building:

- Supporting the uptake of the UNSDG's Output Indicator Framework
- “Annual Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals: The Gender Snapshot Report”
- 50,967 UN personnel enrolled in UN-Women's *I Know Gender* online course

UN-WOMEN REGIONAL AND COUNTRY EXAMPLES

UN-Women **Regional Director from Americas and the Caribbean, María Noel Vaeza**, on UN-Women engagement in regional repositioning processes.

UN-Women **Representative from Multi Country Office in the Pacific, Delphine Serumaga**, on UN-Women's engagement in repositioning at the country level.



Photo: UN-Women



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UNDS REPOSITIONING

María Noel Vaeza, Regional Director from Americas and the Caribbean

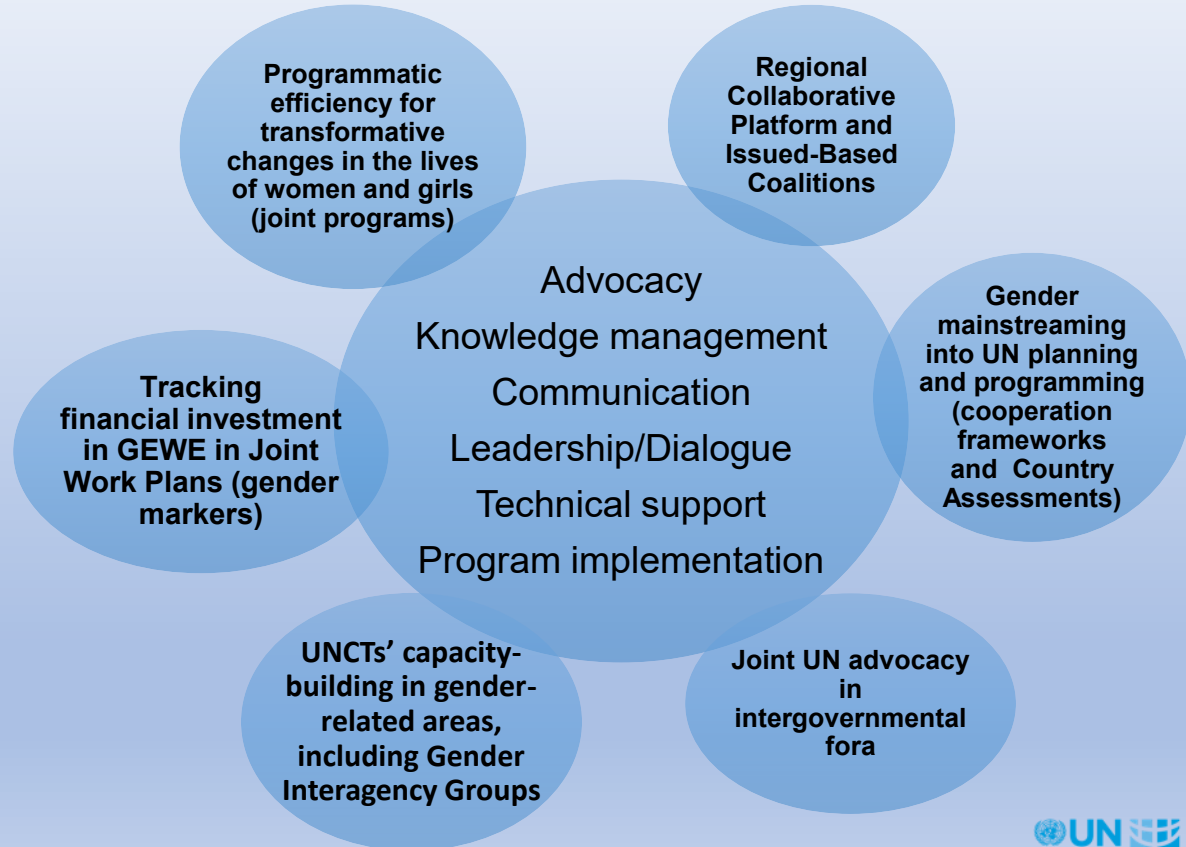
Regional Office for the Americas and the Caribbean



RETHINKING DEVELOPMENT FROM A GENDER LENS IN LAC

UN Women's Coordination efforts in LAC, aim

To leverage, within the UN System, comprehensive drivers of change that accelerate the achievement of gender equality



**Regional
Collaborative
Platform and Issued-
Based Coalitions**

KEY HIGHLIGHTS 2023

**Gender mainstreaming in
to UN planning and
programming**

- UN Women leads the Regional Gender Theme Group (co chaired with PAHO) and is now chair of the new Thematic Group on Populations Left Behind and the new Evaluation Working Group
- 3 IBCs addressed gender mainstreaming in priority areas: Climate Change and Resilience; Governance for Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions; Populations Left Behind.
- Led by UN-Women, the Regional GTG:
 - Developed the first Regional Gender Equality Profile among 15 AFPs, published on March 8, 2024.
 - Contributed to the implementation framework for the standards and procedures for GTGs, sharing good practices
 - Interagency advocacy campaigns reached a potential of 322 users

- 6 UNCTS prioritized gender equality in their CCA and UNSDCF, mainstreaming it in their outcomes

Chile stands out for being the first country in the region to incorporate Gender Equality as one of the four main pillars of its Cooperation Framework

Ecuador Country Gender Equality Profiles stands out in 2023 for being an interagency effort.

- 3 UN-Women country offices developed new Strategic Notes aligned to UNSDCFs, incorporating gender-responsive interventions and targeted results on youth and gender equality

**UNCTs' capacity-
building in gender-
related areas,
including GTG**

KEY HIGHLIGHTS 2023

**Tracking
financial investment
in GEWE in Joint
Work Plans (gender
markers)**

- 4 UNCTs strengthened their gender equality mainstreaming and accountability following UNCT-gender marker and SWAP trainings.
 - 9 UNCT-SWAP Comprehensive reports were submitted, demonstrating regional commitment towards GEWE.
 - UNCTs have also received key messages to counter react and communicate effectively on gender equality towards misinformation and anti-rights groups.
- 97,4% of the Joint Work Plans in the region have applied gender markers
 - 60% of activities in Joint UN Work Plans aim to have transformative potential on gender equality or integrate gender mainstreaming as a key priority



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Delphine Serumaga, UN-Women Representative from Multi Country Office in the Pacific

UN WOMEN FIJI MULTI COUNTRY OFFICE

Coverage:

- **14** Pacific Islands and Territories with presences in **6**
- Area **equivalent to 15 percent** of the earth's surface
- **Population : 2.5 million (<)** ranging between 896,444 (Fiji) and 1,500 (Tokelau)[
- **Works with three UN Country Teams (UNCTs):**
 - a) **UN Multi Country Office Fiji:** **Fiji, Solomon Islands**, Tonga, Tuvalu, and **Vanuatu**
 - b) **UNCT Multi Country Office Micronesia:** Palau, Federated States of Micronesia, Marshall Islands, Nauru, **Kiribati**
 - c) **UN Multi Country Office Samoa:** Cook Islands, Niue, **Samoa**, and Tokelau



LEVERAGING OUR COORDINATION MANDATE TO POSITION UN WOMEN



Inter-governmental and normative support



Gender Coordination Group
(UN Women/The Pacific Community and Civil Society Organisations (on rotation basis))

UN –Council of Regional Organizations of the Pacific Gender & Social Inclusion Coordination Group

(Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat/The Pacific Community/UN Women)

Pacific Resilience Partnership- Gender and Social Inclusion Technical Working Group (Co-Chairs: Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat /UN Women)



UN Coordination



UNCT (Heads of Agency level)- Fiji, Samoa, Micronesia

Regional Coordination Specialist (1) and Country Program Coordinators (4)

Pacific Gender Theme Group (Co-chairs: UN Women and UNFPA)

Pacific Humanitarian Team (PHT)

Pacific Humanitarian Protection Cluster (Chair)



Programmatic interventions



UN Joint Program – Peace Building Fund (Fiji)

(Participating UN Organizations: UNDP/OHCHR/UN Women)

UN Joint Program – Peace Building Fund (Solomon Islands)

(Participating UN Organizations: UNDP/UN Women/UNICEF)

UN Joint Program- Accelerating progress towards rural women's economic empowerment

(Participating UN Organizations: IFAD/FAO/WFP/UN Women)



Partnering on the region's normative agenda

- **Technical Working Group for development of the Revitalized Pacific Leaders Gender Equality Declaration (2023)**
- **Technical lead** on regional Commission on the Status of Women prep meetings, and **BPfA+30 Pacific reviews** (with Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat and The Pacific Community)
- **Member- 15th Triennial Conference Steering Committee**
- **Selected** to support **joint work planning – UN/Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat and the Pacific Community (Pacific Island Forum for Women Leaders, 2023)**
- **Nominated to Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting Taskforce for Women's Forum (Samoa)**

Driving UN collective action on GEWE

- Led Gender Theme Group support in development of Pacific UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (2023-2027)
- Spearheaded gender review of 14 Country Implementation Plans (results adopted by Programme Management Team)
- GTG and Human Rights Thematic Group review of 14 Country Implementation Plans UNCT GEM and UNCT Human Rights Marker coding
- UNCT Comprehensive Assessment for 3 UNCTs (2020, second comprehensive assessment (Q3-4, 2024)) - with Resident Coordinator Offices
- Participating UN Organizations – in 3 UN Joint Programs (Fiji, Solomon Islands)

