GENERATION EQUALITY

COUNTRY AND REGIONAL LEVEL ACTION FOR GENERATION EQUALITY AND KEY RESULTS

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GENERATION EQUALITY IS WORKING

POWER IN NUMBERS: Generation Equality is mobilizing new funding and delivering game-changing results on policy, programmatic and advocacy commitments, including through collective actions on shared priorities.

92% of reported Generation Equality commitments are on-track to be completed by 2026; 11% are completed.

AT LEAST $47B in financial commitments reported, with $20B already secured and $9.5B spent.

$958M spent by Compact signatories reaching 22.1M women and girls.

849 policies reported being implemented, along with 2,306 programmes and 3,649 advocacy initiatives.

Findings based on self-reported data by Action Coalition Commitment Makers and Compact Signatories in 2023
Localization breaks down silos, increasing ownership, collaboration and coordination. Critical for success is the involvement of all stakeholder groups in the Steering Committee, which strengthens knowledge generation and ownership for effective decision-making. This replicates the global multistakeholder partnership approach at the national and subnational levels.

Political will at the highest level has a domino effect in spurring budget allocations. Localization is driven by national governments that establish National Steering Committees chaired by the ministry responsible for implementing commitments. This ensures political will, support, budget allocation, and transparent monitoring.

Generation Equality has created a framework for accountability and knowledge-sharing that is mutually beneficial for State and non-State actors. Countries have introduced regional, national and sub-national monitoring frameworks to track the progress of State and non-State actors.
The youth have called upon UNW to strengthen local support through UNW COs by facilitating the networking of GE CMs in a given country. They are interested in exchanging with local CMs, forging alliances to strengthen commitment implementation, receive capacity building from COs for their work and also are calling for increased transparency from their governments on the implementation of the government’s commitments. The latter could be resolved through a national steering committee and the former could be facilitated through the CO.

EXAMPLE

A young women leaders roundtable with the Libera’s country rep on the 27th of March on Generation Equality and Liberia's action coalitions. The conversation was linked with recent conversations at CSW on GE and how to localize GE in Liberia and the role of young women. The final output is the creation of a national action plan for young women on GE. In line with this year’s CSW theme, Liberia’s CO is looking at how young people forge alliances across the economic and educational divide to collectively advance progress on the action coalitions Liberia has signed up to (GBV and EJR).
In Kenya and Tanzania, national governments established steering committees with international partners, donors, civil society, youth-led organizations, and private sector representatives. This collaboration validates and reviews commitments, assesses annual action plans, monitors progress, and reports on implementation.

**Political backing ensures commitments retain prominence.** Kenya allocated 23 billion KES (~$169 million) for gender-based violence policies, and Tanzania dedicated 4 trillion TZS (~$1.5 billion) for women's economic empowerment.

Rwanda appointed the Ministry of Gender to coordinate all GE efforts, as well as 26 inter-ministerial GEF focal points to support monitoring, implementation, and reporting of the GEF in Rwanda.

UN Women Rwanda and the Ministry of Gender and Family Promotion convene all GE stakeholders in Rwanda to advance Generation Equality commitments on a bi-annual basis. Two bi-annual reflection roundtable hosted so far captured progress and established timelines, targets, resources, and responsibilities to accelerate implementation by 2026.

Bosnia and Herzegovina CO organized a Generation Equality event with the aim to discuss progress of Generation Equality localization in Bosnia and Herzegovina and honor commitment makers from all 6 Action Coalitions. BiH has a total of 23 commitment makers across governmental institutions, private sector, non-governmental organizations, and creative media platforms.