FINANCING UN WOMEN’S GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN’S EMPOWERMENT MANDATE

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UNDS FINANCING CONTEXT

**UNDS FINANCING**
- Total ODA up **1.8%** in real terms in 2023
- Total funding to UNDS for operational activities up **100%+** in real terms between 2012 and 2022
- UNDS is the largest single channel of multilateral aid (equal to 32% in 2022)

**FC PROGRESS**
- 71% of development funds to UNDS in 2023 were tightly earmarked, more than other multilaterals
- **14% decline in core** to UNDS for development activities in 2023 over 2022
- Declining trend in multi-year core commitments

**UNDS RESPONSE**
- New Funding Compact demonstrates consensus on financing priorities
- Entity-specific monitoring framework allows customization
- UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF & UN Women harmonizing approaches and definitions
PROGRESS ON FUNDING COMPACT COMMITMENTS 2023

- 2019-2023 UN Women met or exceeded all 15 assessable indicator targets across the eight commitments that required entity-specific reporting

- Member State stalled or slow progress on commitments to UN Women:
  - RR funding gaps in SP IRRF
  - Fraction of RR multiyear contributions
  - % of non-core and # of contributors to pooled/thematic funds

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**UN Women**

- 100%

**Member States**

- 50%
- 11%
- 39%

- Full/rapid progress
- In progress
- Stalled/slow progress
INVESTING IN RESULTS
2022-2023
GLOBAL REACH

82 COUNTRIES have strengthened NATIONAL MECHANISMS, PROCESSES AND/OR GUIDELINES for the achievement of gender equality, including gender-responsive national reviews, financing assessments and inclusive peacebuilding processes.

2.8 billion women and girls in 78 COUNTRIES now have a more supportive LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY ENVIRONMENT to advance gender equality and women’s empowerment.

>13,600 PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS IN 92 COUNTRIES have increased capacities to SAFEGUARD WOMEN’S RIGHTS, including DELIVERING QUALITY GOODS, SERVICES, AND RESOURCES for women in humanitarian and development settings.

431 GENDER-RESPONSIVE SERVICES, PRODUCTS, TOOLS AND INITIATIVES in 73 COUNTRIES were developed and/or implemented, including innovative financing tools, multi-stakeholder initiatives and platforms for disseminating gender statistics.

Source: Executive Directors Annual Report 2024
2023 REVENUE

- Total revenue of $586.4 M, up by 4.7% from 2022

- RR up by 7% over 2022, impacted by FX increases; RR growth outpaced OR growth

- OR up by 1.5% over 2022, with year-over-year increasing trajectory since 2013

- 34% of RR and 61% of OR in multi-year commitments, down from 40% and 65% respectively in 2022
2023 EXPENSES

• Total programme expenses reached a record high of $464 M or 84% of all expenses ($441.3 M/82% in 2022)

• Country and regional programme expenses reached a new high of $360.8 M or 77.8% of total programme expenses ($341 M/77% in 2022)

• A $1 billion resource gap to be mobilized in 2024 and 2025 to meet IRRF targets

• Highest investment in SP Impact 4 (WPS, HA) followed by SP Impact 3 (EVAW), but investment levels lower than IRRF 4Y target at SP midpoint (36.5% and 39% respectively).

• Expenses on SP Impact 1 and 2 on track reaching 44% and 48% of 4Y target.
FUNDING GAPS 2023
2023 RR FUNDING GAPS

- 2023 RR funding gap of $36M against IB 200M target ($46.7 M in 2022)

- No OR funding gap in 2023; OR funding gap closed in 2019

- RR to OR ratio was 29% in 2023, just below 30% funding compact target (28.6% in 2022); was 55% at inception in 2011
FINANCING PRIORITIES
TOP 20 REGULAR RESOURCE PARTNERS 2023

1. Germany
2. Finland
3. Switzerland
4. United States of America
5. Denmark
6. Norway
7. Sweden
8. United Kingdom
9. Australia
10. Canada
11. France
12. Belgium
13. Netherlands (the)
14. Japan
15. Italy
16. Republic of Korea (the)
17. Ireland
18. Luxembourg
19. China
20. New Zealand

USD million

- Regular resources
**RR DRIVE GLOBAL GEWE IMPACT**

**Triple Mandate**
Results achieved across the mandate

**Global Presence**
A well-functioning institution with global reach

**GEWE Leadership**
Strategic leaders that build commitment to GEWE

** Agility**
GEWE policy engagement and advocacy in emergencies

**GEWE Expertise**
Specialized knowledge and skills to solve problems

**Catalytic Programming**
Able to pilot, innovate and develop programmes that leverage other resources
Increased Women’s Representation in Sierra Leone

RR funded technical staff provided sustained leadership, technical input and coordination over three years, supporting enactment of the GEWE Act 2022. In 2023, support for women candidates contributed to historic levels of women elected to Local Councils and the National Parliament.

- **2021**: Advocacy and technical support for development of GEWE Act
- **2022**: GEWE Act becomes law, including 30% quota provision
- **2023**: Women win a groundbreaking 32.6% of positions in the 2023 general election
2023 RR RESULT HIGHLIGHT

Led Global Standard-Setting on Technology Facilitated GBV

RR has been the primary source of funding backing UN Women efforts to address TFGBV, filling data and definitional gaps. As a result, in 2023:

- TFGBV was addressed in CSW 67 Agreed Conclusions and the Global Digital Compact.

- Supported adoption of EU directive on combatting DV against women and girls with provisions on online violence.
STRATEGIC NOTES

Strategic Note funding 2021-2023

HOW ARE WE DOING?

• SNs are the preferred OR flexible funding tool
• Currently underfunded & underutilized
• Increasing trend between 2021 and 2023

WHAT ARE WE DOING?

• Piloting user-friendly SN brochures to communicate country-level priorities
• Engage partners on the benefits of SN direct funding
INTERAGENCY POOLED FUNDING

Pooled funding 2018-2023

* Includes multilateral funds from IFIs and the Spotlight Initiative
NATIONAL COMMITTEES & INDIVIDUAL GIVING 2023

12
UN Women National Committees active in 2023

18,027
Number of monthly individual givers in 2023

$5.1M
Contributions from National Committee in 2023

$40.6M
Contributed by National Committees since 2017

+40%
Increase in volume of IG contributions since 2018