



# UN Women in Asia and the Pacific Priorities and Achievements

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# UN Women Presence in Asia Pacific



UN Women works in 32 countries across Asia and the Pacific, with Representatives in 12 countries – Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Fiji Multi Country Office (MCO), India MCO, Nepal, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Viet Nam, Timor Leste, Indonesia and Thailand.

In addition, UN Women has project offices in : Laos, Philippines and Gender Advisor to UN Resident Coordinator in Myanmar

National Gender Advisors are also in place in Maldives, Bhutan and Sri Lanka.

National and international staff in Pacific countries (Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, Samoa, Kiribati and Nauru) handling projects.

# Priority Areas in Asia Pacific



- Women's leadership and participation in decision-making-making at all levels.
- Gender equality in capability and resources; to ensure women, especially the poorest and most excluded are economically empowered and benefit from development
- Ending Violence Against Women & Girls - Increased engagements of males and boys;
- Peace, security and humanitarian assistance, through the promotion of national accountability for the implementation of Women, Peace and Security commitments.
- Gender Responsive Planning and Budgeting, Climate change, and HIV/AIDS.
- Strengthening normative processes – Treaty Bodies (CEDAW), UPR, CSW, Special Procedures – Rights Up Front
- Addressing gaps identified in Beijing Plus 20 Reviews and linking Post-2015 development framework.

# Principles for Annual Work Plan



- Meeting the HQ and Regional architecture functions (quality assurance, support and oversight, policy and technical advice, inter-agency coordination, inter-governmental support, advocacy and representation, knowledge management and partnerships)
- Meeting existing country presence and contexts in the AP region.

## **Working to comparative advantages:**

- high-level policy advisory expertise;
- inter-governmental liaison and UN coordination roles;
- strong partnership with regional women's rights organisations;
- presence at the regional UN hub;

**Policy advisory services:** Economic Security Advisor, Governance and Security; Climate Change and DRR; GRB; EVAW ; Evaluation, Planning and Coordination, HIV, GENCAP, Safe Migration



# AP- Regional Programming

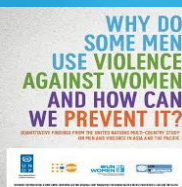
- Is responsive to regional inter-governmental developments/entry points and Humanitarian Situation
- Generates AP-wide knowledge for Policy influence and programme development
- Focuses on cross border issues (migration, trafficking)
- Multi-country work where there are commonalities and/or political/cultural sensitivities
- Opportunities to leverage resources (especially where middle income countries are concerned)
- Advocacy and communications: common messaging for inclusive and gender sensitive development



# Key Achievements 2014-15



## Programming and policy support



- **Programme oriented Knowledge creation:** costing exercises to enhance resource allocation to ERAW laws and policies; attrition studies, political party culture
- **Capacity building for enhanced access to justice**
- **GRB and planning**
- **Addressing social and behavioral change**
- **Enhanced credibility in addressing cross-border issues related to WEE** (migration programme)

## Inter-governmental and normative work



- **CSW 58 & 59:** First Regional Asia Pacific Review of the progress of the MDGs for Women and Girls & Follow-up
- **Regional Beijing +20 Review:** evidence creation; CSO engagement; Regional Ministerial Declaration
- **CEDAW Capacity and technical support:** parliamentarians, Judicial Education Institutes; CEDAW reporting in China and Laos.
- **ASEAN:** lead agency with AICHR; ACWC, seeking expansion to WPS and WEE issue



## Coordination

- UN Women a key actor in **UNDG AP and Peer Support Group:** Direct support to UNCT's in Cambodia and PNG; piloted integrated training on GE/ES/HRBA; direct facilitation of UNDAF reviews; support to gender scorecards
- **Expanded support to countries where we have limited/no presence** (Myanmar, DPRK; Malaysia; Brunei)
- **Pilot regional meeting on coordination mandate** and direct technical support to (M)CO's and PO's

# Key Lessons Learned and Actions for 2015



- **Rationalize regional programming – Responsive to national priorities**
  - Extension of CEDAW and access to justice work; development of regional strategies for WEE; DRR; humanitarian response, HIV.
  - Strengthen analysis of key gender issues at regional level. Policy advisors – policy briefs, think pieces etc.
  - Develop common framework for UN Women Intergovernmental support, including engagement with ESCAP, ASEAN, PIFS, SAARC.
  - Strengthen strategic and substantive engagement with partners/donors.
  - Working with agents that shape the gender culture – working with faith based groups.

# Key Lessons Learned and Actions



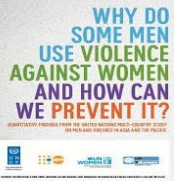
- **Diversify Resource Mobilization practices:**
  - Pilot “individual” giving/philanthropic resource mobilization;
  - Robust engagement with partners outside of project review meetings/traditional resource mobilization meetings to substantive Gender Forum on Beijing+20 and Post 2015, EB visit to country: Viet Nam in 2014)
- **Knowledge Leadership:** strengthen common understanding and approach to knowledge development and dissemination
- **Coordination:** strengthen engagement with RCs and with UNCTS as NRA (though UNITE, HeforShe etc)



# Key Strategies 2015



## Programming and policy support



- **Knowledge creation:** Databases, research, including ASEAN
- **Capacity building for access to justice, humanitarian/DRR planning, GRB and planning:**
- **Policy advice:** Prevention approaches to VAW, WEE, climate change
- **Partnerships:** Women, Peace and security: Afghanistan, PNG, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Philippines, Indonesia, Myanmar, Timor Leste



## Inter-governmental and normative work

- **CSW 59 and Beijing +20 Summit September 2015:** support to preparations of delegates; CSO engagement
- **Beijing +20 and Post 2015:** Gender Forum
- **CEDAW capacity building and technical support**
- **ASEAN** (strengthen and expand partnership)
- Support 1325 review processes
- Normative advocacy (UNITE, HeforShe)



## Coordination

- **Regional Policy work (RCM)**
- **UNDG AP and Peer Support Group:** UNCT Thailand; integrated training on GE/ES/HRBA in Indonesia;
- **Expanded support to countries where we have no presence**(Iran; support to gender scorecard, Malaysia)
- **Regional meeting on coordination** (including chairs of GTG's as NRA)
- **Direct technical support** to (M)CO's and PO's (BCO; VCO; Myanmar target UNDAF roll-out countries)

# Response to Nepal Earthquake



- After the twin earthquakes since 25 April over **8 million people have been affected in 39 of Nepal's 75 districts, with over 8,600 deaths and over 14,000 injuries** (estimated as of 18 May).
- **Participation and leadership** of women and girls in the assessment, planning and implementation of the humanitarian and early recovery response is crucial.
- **Long-term Strategy:** Addressing the needs and vulnerabilities of women and girls through Sustainable Livelihood Programme and Approach
- **Short-term Focus:** Establishing Multi-purpose Safe Spaces –
- Providing Non-food items including Dignity Kits over 10,000 women
- Awareness-raising amongst women and girls, especially in relation to healthcare and nutrition;

# Partnership



- Asia Pacific is one of the largest regions for UN Women with innovative, diverse and scalable program **portfolios- with robust relations with member states;**
- Total planned resources for Asia Pacific for 2015 equals to USD 97,214,637 out of which USD 25,348,429 has to be mobilized;
- Key Bilateral donors: The Governments of Sweden, Australia, Canada, Norway, New Zealand, Korea, Finland
- Emerging Partnership with Private Sector: Coca-Cola, Unilever, Proya, Benetton



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