UN Women’s coordination role: Recent developments

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Origin of UN Women’s coordination role

Comprehensive proposal for the composite entity for gender equality and the empowerment of women – Report of the Secretary-General (A/64/588) – 1/6/2010

- **Coordination and Coherence**: Lack of a coherent and system-wide approach and a fragmented intergovernmental policy making
- **Authority and Positioning**: Lack of a recognized driver to direct, support and strengthen accountability of the UN system for delivering results on the ground
- **Greater Accountability**: Inconsistent and inadequate political will and support for gender equality from senior management and lack of system-wide standards
UN Women’s Founding Resolution A/RES/64/289

- (para 52) the establishment of the Entity and the conduct of its work should lead to more effective **coordination, coherence and gender mainstreaming** across the United Nations system

- (para 53) with the additional role of **leading, coordinating and promoting the accountability of the United Nations system** in its work on gender equality and the empowerment of women

- (para 56) operating as part of the resident coordinator system, within the United Nations country team, **leading and coordinating the work of the country team** on gender equality and the empowerment of women, under the overall leadership of the resident coordinator

- (para 58) **support of gender mainstreaming** across the United Nations system will be an integral part of the work of the Entity
UN Women’s new Strategic Plan (2022-2025)

Outcome 7: UN System Coordination for Gender Equality

The UN System coherently and systematically contributes to progress on gender equality and the empowerment and rights of women and girls, in accordance with international human rights standards.
UN Women brings the UN system together

Leadership and Participation
Coordinated approach to assert and expand influence (a place at the table and the capacity to set the Agenda)

- Coordination Mechanisms at the HQ level, such as IANWGE

Gender Mainstreaming Products & Services
Coordinated approach to mainstreaming gender considerations in thematic areas and corporate frameworks

- Products and Services to build system-wide capacity on gender equality and gender mainstreaming
- Advance interagency production of gender data and analysis, and results measurement

Programmatic UN Coordination
A group of UN Entities implement a standardized GEWE solution with aggregated results over time

- Joint Programmes implementing commonly agreed standards to support monitoring of progress and results in thematic areas of interagency participation

Accountability for Gender Mainstreaming
Standardized accountability frameworks and reporting mechanisms

- UN-SWAP
- UNCT-SWAP
- Accountability Mechanisms for Thematic / Programmatic Coordination
Examples from Latin America and the Caribbean and on Ending Violence against Women and Girls
Coordination mandate examples (LAC region and country level)

Mainstreaming Gender in the UNSDCFs

UNSDCFs incorporate engendered results, outputs and indicators allowing for the positioning of thematic priorities such as:

- care system creation
- economic participation of women
- gender-based violence.

Guatemala

✓ UN Women co-chairs the protection cluster of the Humanitarian Country Team.

✓ UN Women leads the Peace, Security and Justice pillar of the UNSDCF.

Brazil

✓ Highly innovative “Gender and Race” interagency group and SWAP evaluation which strengthens intersectional perspective of GEWE from a UN coordination viewpoint.

Ecuador

✓ UN Women leads the UNSDCF interagency group on prosperity and GE is considered at the highest level of planning in 3 of 4 outcomes of the UNSDCF.

✓ UN Women leads the binational UN joint programme on communities of protection among the Colombia-Ecuador border.
UN Women Coordination and UN Women’s UN coordination and broader convening role in Ending Violence Against Women: Examples of Good Practices

✓ Delivering Normative and Operational Results

✓ UN Women System-wide coordination role on EVAW throughout the COVID-19 pandemic (thought leadership, strong and cohesive advocacy for action to respond to and prevent VAWG in public and private spaces) Multiple levels (Global, Regional Local) and multiple partners (internal and external).

✓ UN Frameworks to support evidence-based approaches to prevent and respond to VAWG (UN Prevention Framework on VAWG; Essential Services Package: 60+ countries) Technical accompaniment with complementary expertise is key.
Thank you!