

Financing Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment Results

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## Gender Equality Financing Context



#### **WE FACE**

Uneven progress on SDG 5 and COVID-19 could reverse limited progress and exacerbate existing gender inequities

#### **WE NEED**

Diverse financing partnerships and instruments to realize ambitious investments in gender equality

#### **WE ARE**

Generating financial commitments through our advocacy and partnerships such as those with the IFIs and DFIs, collaboration around the GEF and work to grow SDG 5 investments



## Investments in Results

## Presentation Outline

Revenue and Expenditure in 2020

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UN Women's Response





# Investments in Results



## A Decade of Investment in UN-Women

#### **EVAW**

Over 54 million people reached since 2015 with grants through the UN Trust Fund to EVAW; 2.9 billion women and girls in 96 countries have stronger legal EVAW frameworks and in 85 countries have improved access to quality EVAW support services.







#### **Economic Empowerment**

75 countries, home to 2.6 billion women and girls have stronger regulations and policies on WEE;
 100,000 women per year enhanced their skills to participate in the economy;
 125,000 rural women benefited from access to sustainable livelihoods and climate-resilient technologies and resources, and
 4,445 companies signed on to the WEPs.

#### **Leadership & Governance**

89 countries have stronger legal protection for 3 billion women and girls through 700+ legal reforms; statistical systems in 80 countries strengthed to track gender equaltiy; 55 NDSs are gender-responsive and 24,000+ aspiring women leaders enhanced campaigning and other skills.





### **Peace & Security**

365 million people in 42 countries benefit from gender-responsive DRR policies; 76 countries adopted NAPs on WPS, 1.3+ million women and girls in humanitarian services benefited from support; and funding for gender equality in UN peacebuilding has almost tripled.



## Flexible Investments Underpin COVID-19 Response

**\$14M regular resources** and **\$91M earmarked other resources reprogrammed** to support governments, UN system and CSO COVID-19 response through convening, policy advocacy, service delivery and technical assistance in **88 countries**.



Ending Violence
against Women – 68
offices responded to
the shadow pandemic
with support for
violence prevention
and response,
including essential
services (shelters,
counseling, hotlines).



Economic Security – 64 offices supported economic resilience and social protection, including cash for care work; assistance to FHHs and women's enterprises; and via gender provisions in economic stimulus packages.



Data & Gender
Mainstreaming – 55
offices supported
evidence, data and
gender mainstreaming
in national COVID-19
response plans and
national data,
supporting impact
assessments and score
cards.

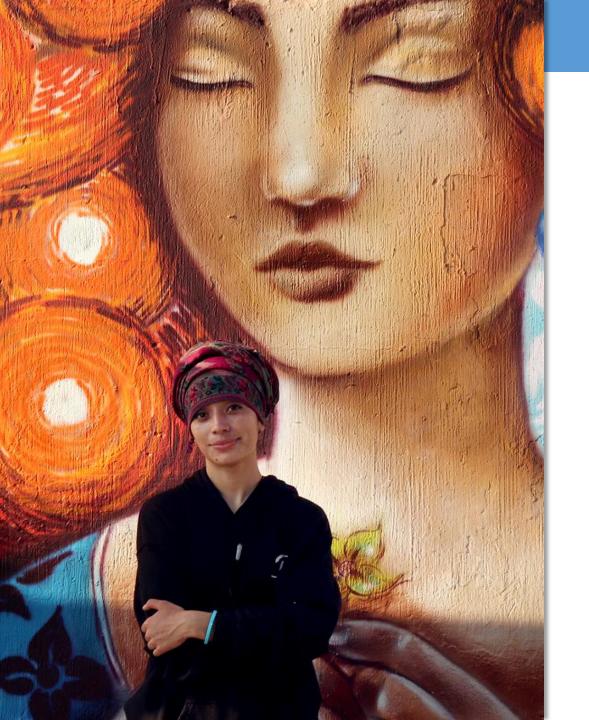


Leadership – 48 offices convened women leaders in government and civil society from local to national levels to ensure their voices inform national policy processes.



Humanitarian
Action – 18
countries received
support in
humanitarian
settings to mitigate
the impacts of
COVID-19.





## Revenue and Expenditure in 2020



## Resource Partnership Results 2020



HIGHEST LEVEL REGULAR RESOURCES RECEIVED



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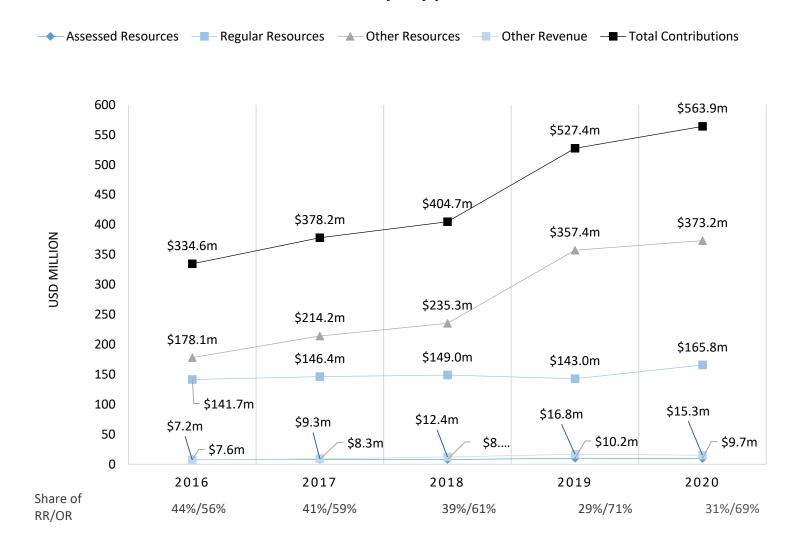
HIGHEST LEVEL EXPENDITURE RECORDED

- Record revenue and expenditure despite COVID-19 challenges
- 15 of our Top 20
   Government Donors
   increased contributions
- Fastest RR growth of any NY-headquartered UN Fund or Programme

## Revenue in 2020

- Total revenue at an all-time high of \$563.9M with RR and OR records
- RR up **15.9%,** OR up **4.4%**
- 50% of RR and 56% of OR in multi-year commitments (versus 21% and 65% respectively in 2016)
- Average agreement value
   \$1.7M for RR and \$0.9M for OR
   (versus \$1.2 M and \$0.7M respectively in 2016)

#### Revenue by Type, 2016-2020

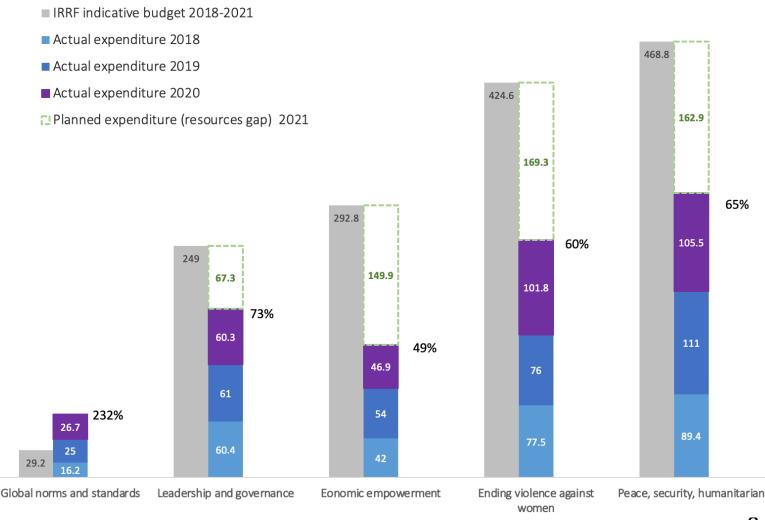




## Expenditure in 2020

- Total programme expenditure reached a record \$341.4M, a 5% increase from 2019.
- Programme expenditure in the field reached a record \$258M, representing 75.5% of overall programme expenditure.
- Majority of resources expended on SP Outcome 5 (WPS/HA), then SP Outcome 4 (EVAW).
- Expenditure on SP Outcomes 2 and 5 were in line with indicative planning; Outcome 1 exceeded anticipated demand; Outcomes 3 and 4 were underfunded.

#### SP outcome expenditure 2018-2020







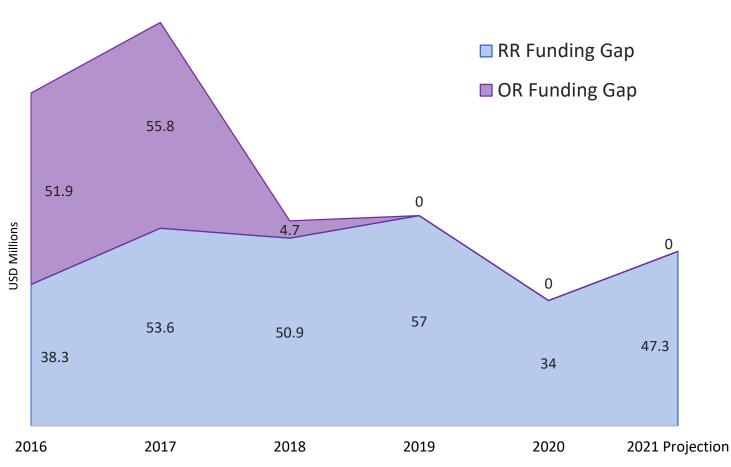
## Implications of Funding Gaps



## Funding Gaps in 2020

- 2020 RR funding gap narrowed to \$34M from \$57M in 2019 and the OR funding gap closed in 2019-2020
- 2021 projections is that OR is on track to meet the \$285M integrated budget estimate but anticipates a \$47M RR gap or 23.5% of the \$200 M RR integrated budget estimate and a 7% reduction from 2020
- Most donors have held RR contributions stable or increased in 2021. These have largely offset donor reductions in the light of increased economic demands of COVID recovery
- Share of contributions received as RR is declined from 44% in 2015 to 31% in 2020.
   However, the projected share of RR in 2021 is 53%, primarily due to an anticipated reduction in OR

### Funding gaps against IB estimates 2016-2021





## Impact of Regular Resources Funding Gaps

RR funding gaps reduces available core programmable, which impedes our ability to undertake mandate-driven work and leverage resources



IMPACTS OUR ABILITY TO BE FLEXIBILE AND RESPOND TO EMERGENCIES



IMPACTS OUR ABILITY TO DEVELOP
INNOVATIVE AND CATALYTIC GEWE PROGRAMS



IMPACTS OUR ABILITY TO LEVERAGE PARTNERSHIPS & OTHER RESOURCES FOR THE MANDATE

Year	Other resource dollars raised		
	per available core		
	programmable dollar		
2016	\$3.70		
2017	\$4.10		
2018	\$4.70		
2019	\$8.00		
2020	\$5.40		



## Funding Gaps Impact Results

#### **NORMATIVE**



### \$15 million would

ensure alignment of sexual, reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health frameworks and COVID-19 health response plans in 36 countries with global normative frameworks and reform of discriminatory laws.

#### **COORDINATION**



## \$15 million

would have enabled UN Women to expand sustained gender advisory capacity and technical assistance to United Nations-led humanitarian efforts to over 30 crisis settings worldwide.

#### **OPERATIONAL**



## \$20 million would

expand policy, advisory, and programme support for COVID-19 recovery to 66 countries on the intensification of women's and girls' unpaid care and domestic work, increased stress on the paid care sector, and women's economic insecurity.





## UN Women's Response in Partnership



## Meeting the Challenges of the Next Decade

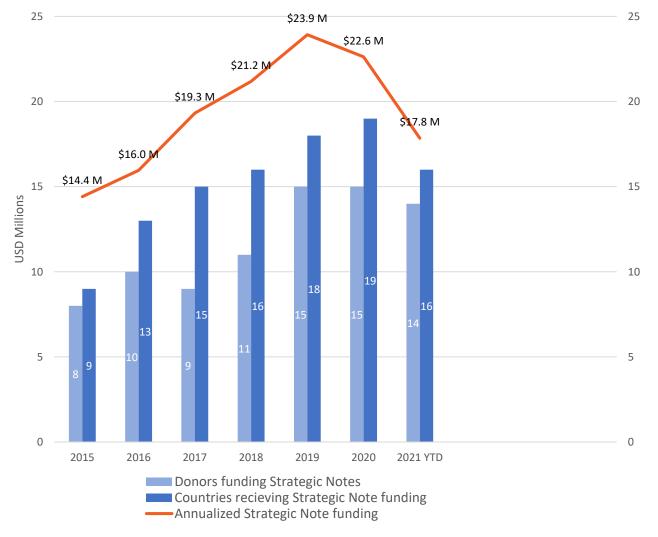
- Building partnerships with IFIs to influence their financing and programming to expand resources for SDG5
- Supporting Gender Bonds as an innovative financing instrument to support gender equality
- In line with coordination mandate, a global 5-year action on gender equality, underwritten by billions in new funding commitments through GEF.





## Country Programme Strategic Notes

#### Strategic Note funding 2015-2021



#### 2020 Donors

Alwaleed Bin Talal Foundation, Austria, Denmark, Finland, France, Iceland, Kazakhstan, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Turkey, UNOPS, United States, US National Committee, Zonta

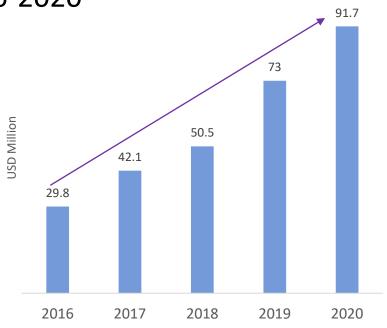
#### Advantages

- SNs align with UNSDCFs and with national priorities and promote UN system-wide coherence
- SNs funding is earmarked but reduces transaction costs related to programme development and management
- Allows for more strategic allocation of resources to reach transformative results



## **UN Interagency Pooled Funds**

Interagency contributions 2016-2020



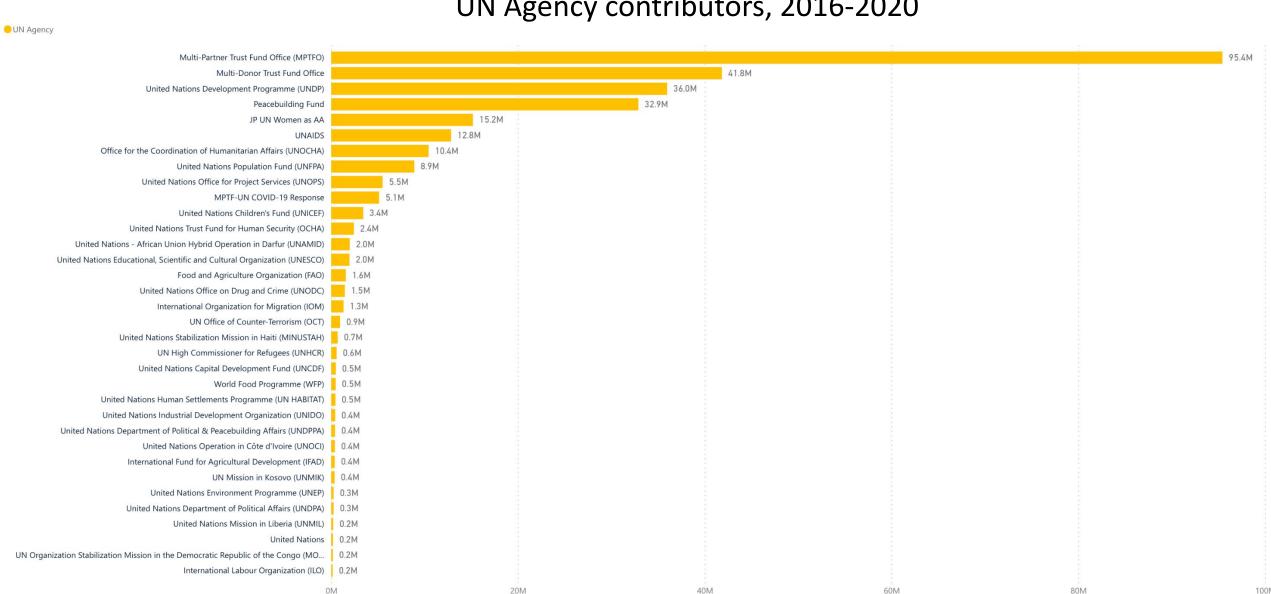
Interagency revenue grew by over 200% in 5 years and 26% of expenditure is through joint programmes, surpassing 2020 SP target of 20%



UN Women helped to influence
Peacebuilding Fund allocations for gender
equality: 51 PBF-funded projects
implemented in 2020 in 28 countries
with total multi-year budgets of \$43M

## **UN Interagency Pooled Funds**

#### UN Agency contributors, 2016-2020





## Individual Giving Pilots Demonstrate Potential

National Committee Campaign	UN Women Investment	Year 1 Revenue	Year 1 Rol	Estimated Year 3 Rol
Iceland Fundraising TV show	\$200,000	\$240,822	1.2	3.1
Sweden Digital marketing and telemarking	\$39,000	\$26,278	(0.67)	2.32
Netherlands Face-to-face and telemarketing	\$30,000	\$24,687	(0.82)	2.7

Overall estimated individual giving Rol based on previous pilots

Year	<b>Estimated Rol</b>		
1	(0.7)		
2	1.5		
3	2.7		
4	>3		



## Individual Giving as Source of Regular Resources

Individual givers are traditionally loyal (**7+ years**) which offers resilience when the economy turns

Gross revenue from monthly giving in 2020 was \$2.46 M

NatCom	# New in 2019	# New in 2020	# End 2020
Australia	276	889	1,967
Austria	-	2	19
Finland	44	159	2,830
France	13	31	35
Germany	217	154	828
Iceland	2,885	1,326	9,573
Japan	13	22	42
Netherlands	75	83	146
New Zealand	5		10
Sweden	81	158	411
UK	59		186
US	12	33	65
TOTAL	3,860	2,857	16,112



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## RM Partnerships 2020

#### 2020 Top Government Donors

165	MILLION IN RR CONTRIBUTIONS, THE
	HIGHEST LEVELS EVER RECORDED

GOVERNMENTS CONTRIBUTED RR TO UN WOMEN

GOVERNMENTS PROVIDED MULTI-YEAR RR COMMITMENTS

PARTNERS INCREASED RR CONTRIBUTIONS

GOVERNMENTS MADE EARLY YEAR RR PAYMENTS

COUNTRY	Regular Resources (Core)	Other Resources (Non-core)	TOTAL	
1. European Commission*		75	74.66	
2. Sweden	19	53	71.63	
3. Finland	20	12	32.28	
4. Norway	10	16	25.55	
5. Australia	5	19	23.12	
6. Japan	4	19	22.56	
7. Switzerland	16	4	20.55	
8. Germany	16	4	20.38	
9. United Kingdom	16	3	19.10	
10. Canada	5	14	18.66	
11. United States of America	11	7	18.61	
12. Denmark	11	6	16.89	
13. Netherlands (the)	4	7	11.16	
14. Italy	3	4	6.51	
15. Republic of Korea (the)	3	3	6.42	
*The European Commission is a Government member organization,				

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