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UN WOMEN AND DENMARK

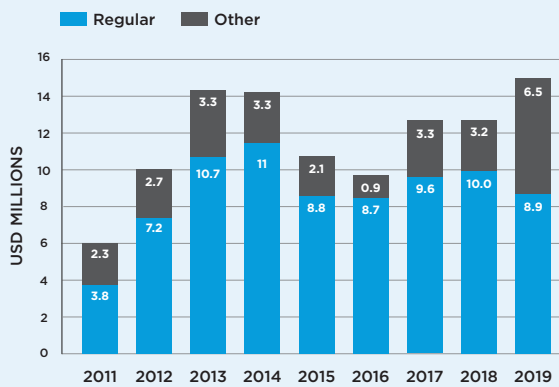
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Partners for progress

As a strong advocate for gender equality and women’s rights, Denmark was one of the Member States to advocate for the establishment of UN Women and has remained a key partner politically and financially to UN Women. In 2019, Denmark was the sixth largest regular resources contributor to the entity.

The Government of Denmark and UN Women hold annual high-level consultations to review their partnership.

Danish Government Funding to UN Women



In 2019, Denmark was the sixth largest contributor to regular resources with USD 8.9 million and the ninth largest government contributor to total resources with USD 15.5 million.

Sharing common goals

UN Women and Denmark share a fundamental commitment to gender equality. UN Women’s mandate and work corresponds closely with the priorities of the Danish Development policy which is to promote all human rights – economic, social, cultural, civil and political – with a special focus on women’s rights and equal access to decision-making, resources and opportunities. This common focus is exemplified in the **Strategic Partnership Agreement (SPA) 2017 – 2019** established between Denmark and UN Women to better coordinate support of the entity’s Strategic Plan for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda. A new SPA 2020 - 2022 has been established. Further, Denmark consistently and purposefully advocates for women’s and girls’ access to innovation training and opportunities, economic empowerment as well as women’s right to sexual and reproductive health and rights, and is a close ally to UN Women in this regard.



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UN Women’s Executive Director Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka meets with the Crown Princess Mary Elizabeth of Denmark to discuss collaboration to advance gender equality during a trip to Denmark in January 2019.

Banner photo: On 9 February 2019, girls from the African Girls Can Code Initiative, supported by Denmark, met with UN Secretary-General António Guterres on the sidelines of the African Union Summit in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, to share their experiences and ambitions.

Together we achieved:

Innovation for Development

With support from Denmark, UN Women has been able to establish an Innovation Fund to develop markets for innovations that advance gender equality; integrating gender issues within innovation; promoting women as innovators and entrepreneurs; and investing directly in technology-driven innovative solutions that meet the needs of women and girls. Through the SPA 2017-2019 further funding has been allocated to UN Women's innovation activities to further strengthen aid effectiveness and efficiency, and improve development results. The focus of this aspect of the partnership is on key pioneering, innovative activities and approaches from the field and headquarters.

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A participant experiences 'Courage to Question', a four-part virtual reality series about women's rights activists from around the world.

African girls can code initiative

With Denmark's support, UN Women has initiated a programme to provide access to education on coding and ICT to girls and young women in Africa. Through the pilot programme in Ethiopia, the objective is to work with Ministries of Education and Ministries of ICT in order to mainstream ICT, gender and coding in national curricula. Together with tech clubs to further promote girls' involvement in ICT and coding, the programme aims to raise awareness of the ICT opportunities and careers, develop pathways for girls to access education and training, and strengthen national capacities in the ICT and coding sector.

Promoting women-owned businesses



Supported by Denmark's regular resources, UN Women continues to support and promote women-owned innovative businesses. Between 2018 and 2019, over 200,000 women strengthened their capacities to participate in the economy, including as entrepreneurs.

Advancing women's rights, participation and freedom from violence

In Nepal, Danish support has helped UN Women work with the Nepali Government Ministries to strengthen their work on eliminating discrimination against women and set up gender-responsive budget committees in all ministries and district development committees.

In Afghanistan, funding from the Government of Denmark has supported the establishment of 12 women's protection centres and a family guidance centre that operate in 11 provinces. The centres provide essential services to thousands of survivors of domestic violence and their children, offering them protection, health care, legal aid, psychosocial support, and vocational training, as well as family mediation and legal aid.

In Ethiopia, Danish government funding has supported the project 'Enhancing Psychosocial and Economic Empowerment of Women and Girl Survivors of Violence in Oromia Regional State.' Through support for the biggest shelter in the Oromia region, this project has helped hundreds of survivors of Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) gain access to holistic rehabilitation and reintegration services, including housing, food, medical services, counselling, and legal support. Survivors of violence have also been provided with opportunities to enhance their professional skills and capacities, allowing them to successfully reintegrate into their communities and become economically self-sufficient.

This project also held consultations in local communities, increasing understanding of VAWG and promoting the rights of women and girls. These consultations increased local community leaders' understanding of their commitment in fighting VAWG, including reporting any incidences and to provide support to victims.



Counselling session for a survivor of VAWG in the Oromia shelter, Ethiopia.

Denmark hosts the UN Women Nordic Liaison Office in Copenhagen which has allowed UN Women to strengthen its collaboration with Governments, Civil Society, UN Women National Committees, the private sector and the academic world in the five Nordic countries.