# 2023 FACTSHEET WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY

At the heart of UN peacemaking and preventive action, the Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs (DPPA) is accelerating its efforts to advance women's meaningful participation across all its work. Recognizing that success is measured by impact on the ground, DPPA works to support multi-track efforts to help fast-track women's participation, integrate gender equality considerations into analysis and actions, and shape strategies based on the priorities of women's rights constituencies.

The 2023-2026 Multi-Year Appeal (MYA) calls for **\$170 million** for the next four years, including **\$30 million** specifically to support DPPA's dedicated Women, Peace and Security (WPS) funding window. The funding will support DPPA programmatic initiatives in the field and headquarters, as well as the Gender, Peace and Security unit in the Policy and Mediation Division, which leads <u>DPPA efforts</u> in this regard. The Department aims to program at least 18 percent of the annual MYA budget towards activities in support of the WPS agenda.

### What we do

DPPA's WPS work focuses on four priorities:

- 1. Gender-sensitive political and conflict analysis
- 2. Promoting inclusion and women's meaningful participation in all peacemaking, and peacebuilding.
- 3. Promoting women's participation in electoral and political processes
- 4. Preventing and addressing conflict-related sexual violence (CRSV) as a priority for peace

DPPA's Gender Marker helps ensure the mainstreaming of WPS considerations throughout MYA project design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation.



# Why it matters

- Gender equality is the number one predictor of peace.
- Inclusion and meaningful participation of women in conflict prevention, mediation and peacebuilding processes is fundamental to the full realization of their human rights.
- Peacemaking strategies that include women and civil society are more likely to generate ownership and last longer.
- The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development enshrines the participation of women in electoral and political process as a vital contributor to more stable and prosperous societies.
- Conflict-related sexual violence, triggers violence that – beyond having serious consequences for survivors – can undermine peace efforts.

## 2022 Highlights

100 per cent of all UN led and co-led peace processes received gender support; all UN mediation support teams had women members

62 per cent (8 out of 13) of conflict party delegations in the above UN-led and co-led peace processes included senior women members, and DPPA continued to promote inclusion of women in party delegations

46 per cent (16 out of 35) of DPPA Heads and Deputy Heads of Missions, Special Envoys and Personal Representatives of Special Political Missions were women

100 per cent of UN mission transition strategies included gender/WPS perspectives

### Expanding our knowledge, and helping others to learn

Some key initiatives, supported by the MYA:

- To ensure DPPA's engagements are built on the foundation of gender-sensitive conflict analysis, DPPA conducted a self-evaluation in 2022 of gender mainstreaming in its analysis. Over 3,000 analytical products were assessed through a semisupervised machine learning/natural language processing approach led by two external evaluators. The results highlighted improvements during the period evaluated (2019-2021), and identified pathways to further progress, which DPPA is currently implementing.
- As part of DPPA's commitment to understanding and expanding knowledge on linkages between gender and peace and other agendas, such as climate security, DPPA published a <u>new practice</u> <u>note</u> in 2022 that highlights how the management of scarce natural resources and environmental dialogues can be critical entry points for women's more meaningful participation in decision-making and peacemaking.
- DPPA's searchable online repository of peace agreements, <u>Language of Peace</u>, was updated in 2022 to support new search categories, including inclusion of women and civil society.

# How we track results Senior Leadership Compacts 2023-2026 Results Framework Mid-Year and Annual MYA reports MYA Project Gender Marker (which also allows us to track MYA resource allocation)

We can allocate

funding within 72

hours of a crisis

We use innovative approaches to peace and security with emerging technologies



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is unearmarked

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