WOMEN’S POLITICAL PARTICIPATION & LEADERSHIP

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Methodology

- **Document review**: 500+ documents reviewed
- **Interviews**: 397 interviews with UN, Govts, donors, CSOs, Academia, and others
- **In-country field visits**: 6 in-country field visits covering 5 regions, ECA covered remotely
- **Case studies**: 43 countries, 19 countries + 5 ROs for in-depth review
- **Surveys**: 246 internal respondents (25% response rate), 119 external respondents (26% response rate)
The 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals framework’s systemic approach situates UN Women as the key UN actor and thought leader for providing integrated policy advice on WPP.
In order to be ‘fit-for-purpose’ to support the Sustainable Development Goals implementation, UN Women would benefit from adopting a thematic lens for strengthening its internal capacities and resources to match desired impact with delivery capacity on WPP.
UN Reform efforts provide new opportunities as well as challenges to implementing UN Women’s coordination mandate on women’s political participation, especially at the country level.
Although UN Women has demonstrated effectiveness across its normative and operational work, it could increase the level and sustainability of its results by adopting a more systemic and holistic approach to its programmatic work.
UN Women needs to prioritize and increase its efforts to address marginalization within its women’s political participation work.
Work on social norm change to support women’s political participation work is a promising, yet under-developed area of programming.
1. Strengthen prioritization capacity at the country level to contribute strategic and sustainable results on WPP

2. Establish a clear division of labour with other UN agencies around potentially overlapping mandates and provide thematic operational guidance on coordination role

3. Develop a long-term WPP capacity strengthening plan to enhance its ability to deliver results and meet stakeholder requests
RECOMMENDATIONS

4. Invest in a thematic resource mobilization approach that addresses regional priorities.

5. Consistently prioritize ‘Leave No One Behind’ within its WPP programming at the global, regional, and country levels.

6. Invest in new programming on social norms change, which complements its WPP work and develop effective methods to monitor and report on progress in the long-term.
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