



United Nations Entity for Gender Equality
and the Empowerment of Women

Operational Response at Country Level: Haiti



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- **Haiti ranks 138 out of 155 countries in the Gender Inequality Index (GII)**, reflecting serious disparities in wellbeing, opportunities, access and control over productive resources seriously impeding Haiti's prospects of ensuring equal opportunities between women and men.
- **Feminization of poverty** and acute gender gaps in service delivery: Around 44 % of Haitian families are female headed households and women represent the majority of persons living in extreme poverty, and occupy the bottom rungs of the economically active labor force.
- **Extremely low levels of women's participation in decision making:** Despite women constituting approximately half of the electorate, women in Haiti have extremely low participation in the decision-making and representation at almost all levels of governance. Currently 1/30 senators and 3/99 congresswomen in the Parliament.
- **Violence against women and girls** is routinized and reinforced by norms and attitudes



- **New 2018 -2021 Strategic Note has been approved**
- **Swearing-in of new President**, cabinet following an election re-run held after an 18-month political gridlock resulting from contested Presidential elections held in 2015.
- **UN Mission drawdown** and a shift in emphasis in the approach by the UN towards stabilization in Haiti from a ‘technical’ (i.e. traditional peacekeeping) to a ‘political’ (i.e. rule of law institutions, good offices) focus.
- **New strategic political and strategic directions** provided by: new UNDAF, first National Gender Policy framework and the 10 year National EVAW Plan.
- **Sustained commitment and levels of engagement by international partners**, though with a pronounced emphasis on exploring new and different approaches and national partners and coalitions.





1. Gender Responsive Normative and Institutional Frameworks
2. Women's Political Participation and Electoral Gender Based Violence
3. Violence Against Women and Girls and Access to Justice
4. Women's Economic Empowerment: Job Creation, Early Recovery and Resilience



- **Innovative approaches to institutional strengthening in support of gender mainstreaming** *(first comprehensive capacity development and support plan developed for Ministry of Women Affairs with the support of UNW; capitalization of this plan already started and Unit gender models being put in place in key public entities to ensure gender mainstreaming at all levels)*
- **Closing gender gaps in agricultural productivity and service delivery** *(About 44 % of families are female headed and women represent the majority of persons living in extreme poverty while being the backbone of the economy. They receive low and unreliable profits from agriculture due to weak infrastructure, poorly defined land tenure and lack of access to credit)*



Investment conduit for partners looking to invest in integrated approaches to the attainment of big gender equality results *(technical expertise and knowledge of the field, integrated approach for intervention and leadership in the coordination of technical and financial partners working in gender equality, including UN agencies)*





Political representation at local level. The political combo for the municipal assembly 3 local candidates: 2 male and one female, invariably. This mechanism was conceived to increase the number of women political representative at municipal level. **Today Haiti is the country with the highest political participation at municipal level 33.3% of whole LAC region.**

Multiplication effect/ Tot approach: 240 women certified by the Haitian Professional Training Institute (INFP) and 1,500 men and women trained by these accredited trainers

New and non-traditional markets/resilient agriculture: Production of moringa and other market good

Innovative approaches : Buy from women platform





- New National Strategic plan to combat violence against women 2017-2027
- Integrated and coordinated approach to provide services to SGBV victims
- Inter-agency coordination and complementary approach

PARTNERSHIP AND COORDINATION

GOVERNMENT

Strategic partnerships with range of ministries (Gender, Infrastructure, Justice, Interior) agencies (e.g. National Statistical Office, Elections Management Body, Office of the Defender of Human Rights, National Police Service) and municipal and communal-level authorities)

CSOs

Women's organizations networking

COORDINATION MECHANISMS:

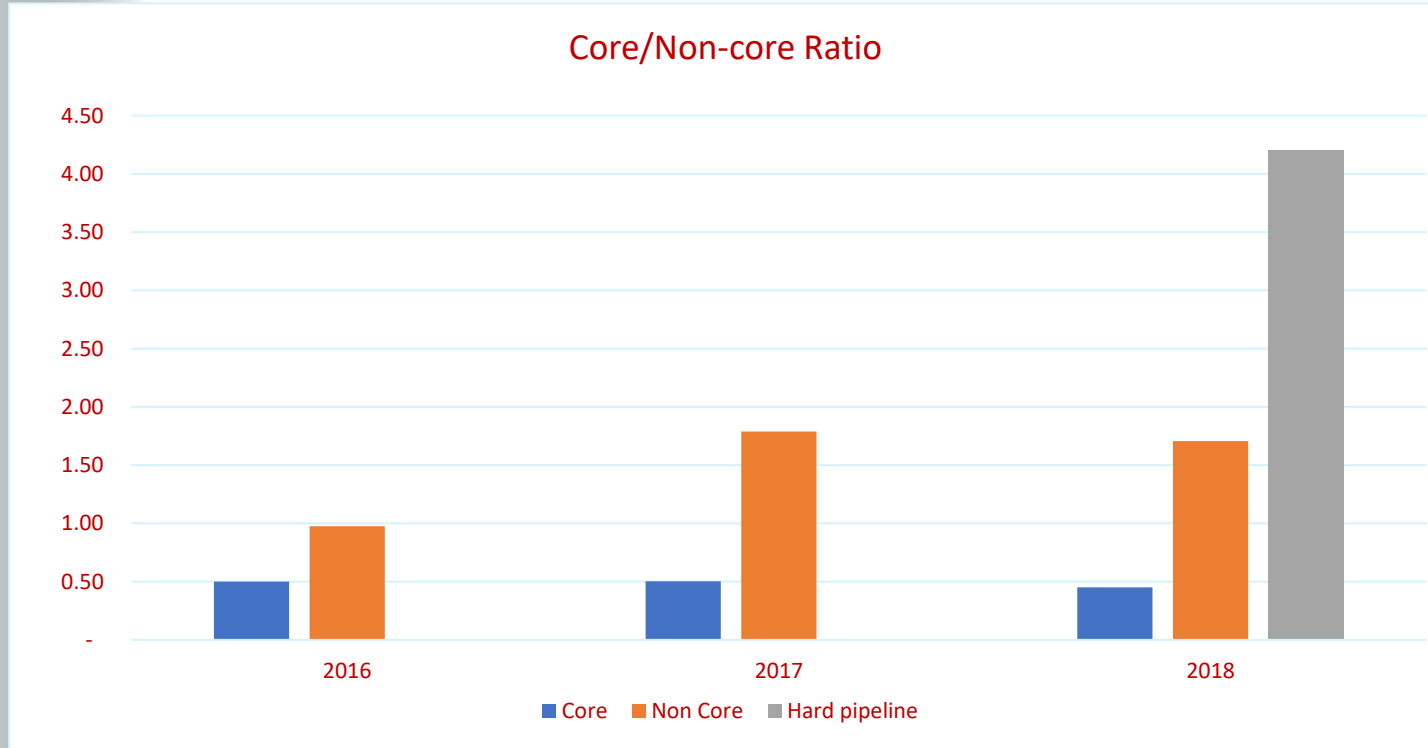
Gender Thematic
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PTFG
HCT
CSAG

UN AGENCIES

(1 JP underway, 2 under development)
Multilaterals (negotiations underway with IADB and WB)
International partners: (e.g. Canada, Norway, Switzerland)

PRIVATE & EDUCATIONAL SECTORS

Chambers of trade/industries, Digicel, UNIQ, etc)



Delivery rate the past 2 years: 90% and up

AWP BUDGET 2018: US\$ 7,912,678

Core: 452,664; Non-core available: 2,583,371 ; Non-core TBM: 4,034,212

Team: 7 FTA, 1 UNV, 10 SC

IB: 610,816 XB: \$231,615

Anticipated MR: 9.1%

Use of core for staff: 18.28%



THANK YOU!