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and the Empowerment of Women

# UN WOMEN OPERATIONAL RESPONSE AT THE COUNTRY LEVEL:

## COTE D'IVOIRE

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# COUNTRY CONTEXT

## FROM A POST CONFLICT COUNTRIES TO A DRIVER OF DEVELOPMENT IN WEST AFRICA

- An economic engine for West Africa
- Goal: to become an emerging country by 2020

## Challenges to Peace & stability in Côte d'Ivoire

- The geopolitical context
- A non-inclusive growth
- An uncompleted reconciliation process
- Build up of political tension ahead of the 2020 presidential elections



# THE SITUATION OF WOMEN IN COTE D'IVOIRE

## ❑ EDUCATION

- ✓ High female illiteracy rate - National 51% (60% women)

## ❑ POLITICAL PARTICIPATION

- ✓ Women Ministers 17%
- ✓ Parliament: 11.37%,
- ✓ Mayor: 7,96%
- ✓ Regional: 3.22%

## ❑ PEACE & SECURITY AND HUMANITARIAN

- ✓ 2012: Appointment of a first woman general
- ✓ 2014: Opening to the girls of the entrance examination to the Military Preparatory and Technical School (EMPT)
- ✓ And the entry examination of the School of Gendarmerie



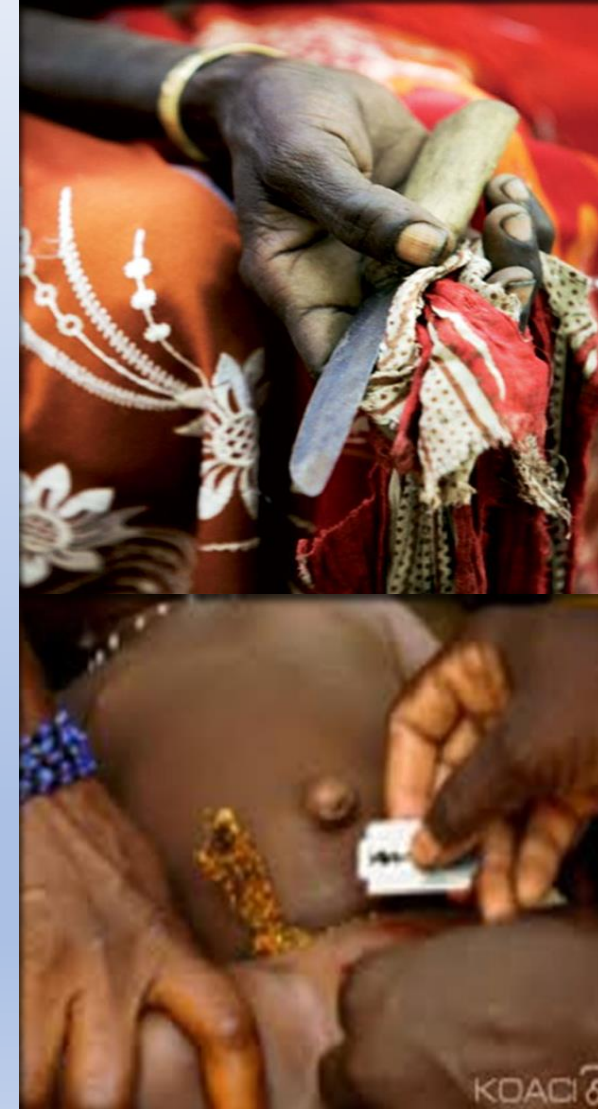
# THE SITUATION OF WOMEN IN COTE D'IVOIRE

## ❑ ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

- ✓ Private sector, informal economy
- ✓ Agriculture - The Ivorian agricultural sector currently accounts for 24% of GDP (PND 2016-2010). Women represent 67% of the labor force. Provide 60 to 80% of food production

## ❑ ENDING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

- ✓ Physical and/or Sexual Intimate Partner Violence : 26 %
- ✓ FGM - Prevalence rate of excision is 38% for women aged 15-49 years and 10% 0-14 years
- ✓ Early Marriages - 27% of girls in Côte d'Ivoire are married before the age of 18 and 7% are married before the age of 15.



# UN WOMEN RESPONSE IN COTE D'IVOIRE

## Strategic Note 2021-2024

*“Promoting gender equality, women's rights and empowerment that would fully unlock the potential of the Ivorian woman and girl for their effective participation in conflict prevention, governance and sustainable development as a prerequisite for Côte d’Ivoire becoming an emerging country”.*



# UN Women TRIPLE MANDATE in Côte d'Ivoire

- 1. Operational role**
- 1. Normative role**
- 2. Coordination role**

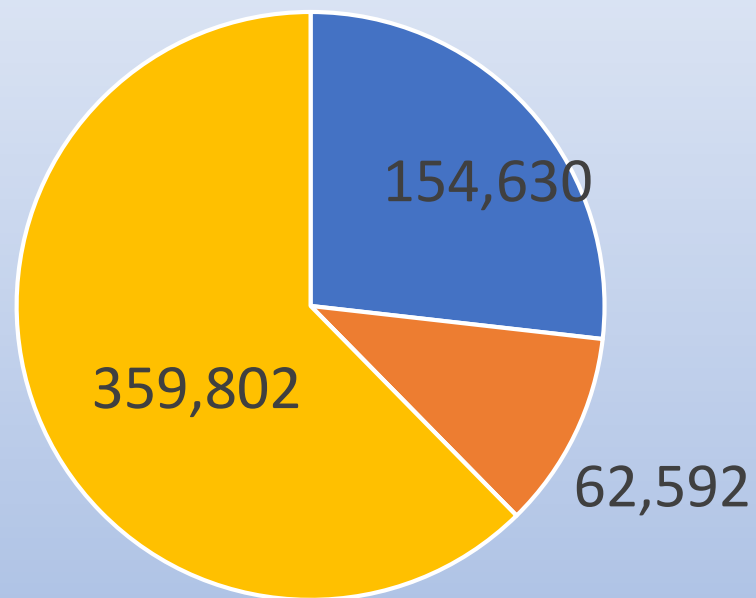


## UN WOMEN AREAS OF INTERVENTION IN COTE D'IVOIRE

- ✓ **GENDER NORMS**
- ✓ **LEADERSHIP & WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION IN DECISION-MAKING**
- ✓ **GENDER BASED VIOLENCE**
- ✓ **WOMEN ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT**
- ✓ **PEACE & SECURITY AND HUMANITARIAN ACTION**
- ✓ **PLANNING AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

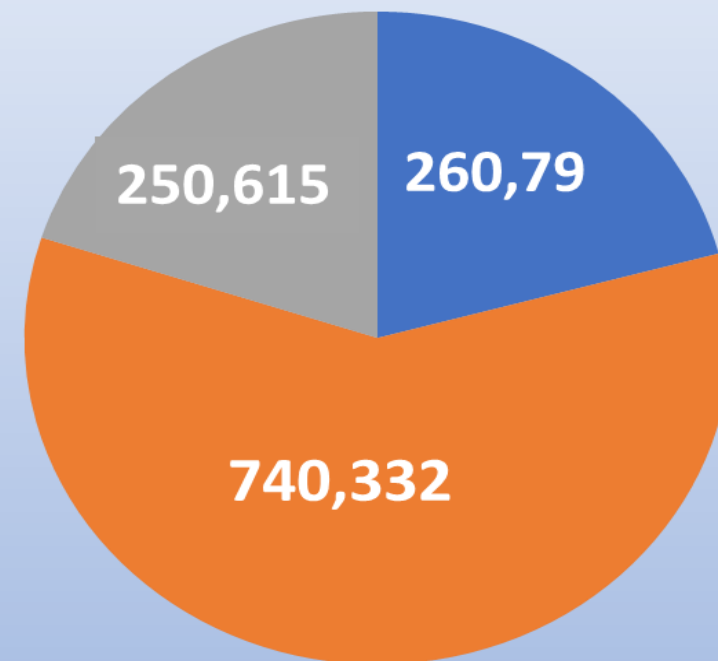


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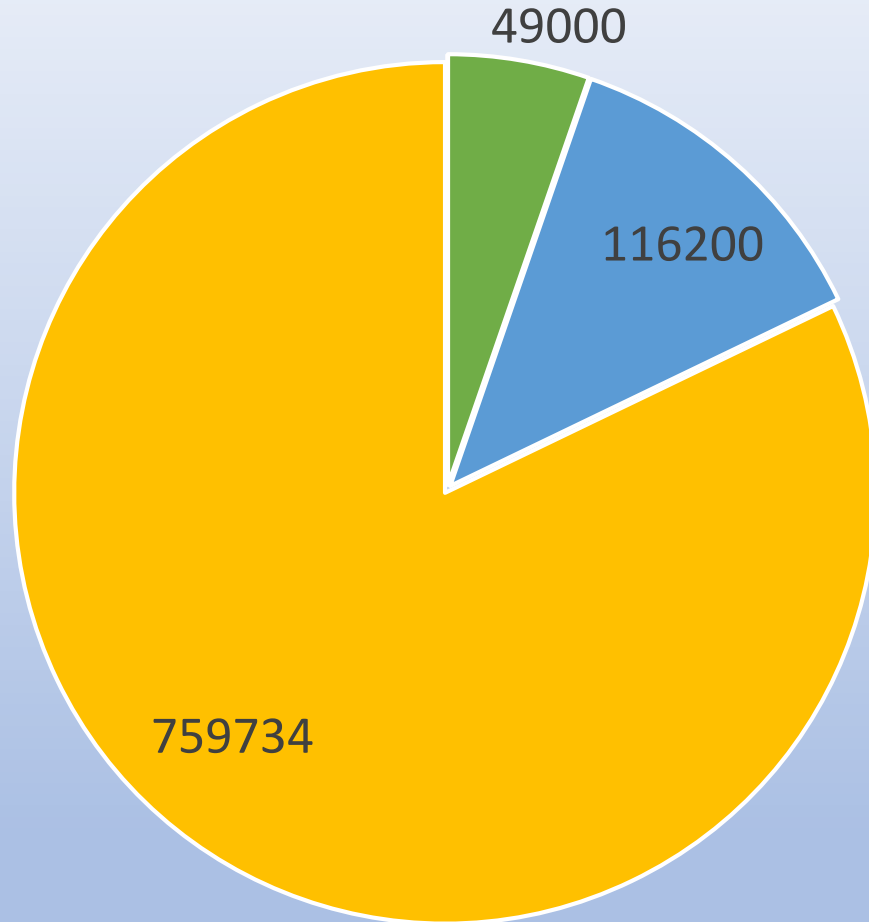
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- Economic empowerment
- Ending violence against women
- OEEF

### CIV Total Budget 2019 = 1,251,738 USD



- Political empowerment
- Economic empowerment
- Ending violence against women

## 2019 Total OEEF BUDGET



- Coodination and partnership
- RBM
- Organisational Effectiveness
- Manging ressources

# UN Women TRIPLE MANDATE in Côte d'Ivoire

## 1. Operational

### Women Economic Empowerment

- ✓ WEE through Climate Smart Agriculture – Buy from Women (AfDB) & AGRIFED Programme (Joint Programme SNU & AfDB) – Target: 40,000 women by 2021
- ✓ promoting women & girls entrepreneurship – Women Entrepreneurship Center (Government of Japan)

# Operational response

## ☐ Governance & Political Participation

- ✓ Constitutional review – (Government of Poland)
- ✓ Women capacity building for local governance (PBF)
- ✓ Women political participation – Target 50% - Review of draft legislation (24-25 June 2019)





## Operational Response

### ☐ Peace and security:

- ✓ Capacity building in peace building and conflict prevention
- ✓ Conflict prevention through economic opportunities for women & youth
- ✓ Promoting cross border initiatives and collaboration in fragile areas through support women and youth initiatives



# UN Women TRIPLE MANDATE in Côte d'Ivoire

## 2. Normative Mandate

- CSW
- Beijing 25
- CEDAW Report, Universal Periodic review.
- Review of discriminatory laws

## Policy support

High level/politico-economics dialogue in the context of the SDGs – Gender sensitive public policies, pro-poor policies with a view to supporting the country ambition of becoming an emerging country in 2020 leaving no-one behind.



# UN Women TRIPLE MANDATE in Cote d'Ivoire

## 3. Coordination Mandate

- ✓ *Joint Programming*
- ✓ *Gender Thematic Groups (UNCT, PTF)*
- ✓ *Capacity building*
- ✓ *Gap analysis & Policy support*



# Opportunities & challenges to the women empowerment agenda in Côte d'Ivoire

## ☐ Opportunities


- ✓ Commitment at the highest level
- ✓ Institutional Reforms
- ✓ Vibrant Civil Society
- ✓ Networking - AWLN






# Opportunities & challenges to the women empowerment agenda in Côte d'Ivoire

## □ Challenges

- ✓ Gender Statistics
  - ✓ Research, evidence based policy formulation
  - ✓ Institutional support
  - ✓ CSOs Consultations
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# Partnerships

- ✓ Private sector (MTN, etc.)
  - ✓ Multi-lateral Afdb, World Bank, IFI
  - ✓ African Union
  - ✓ France, Japan, Korea, Poland,
  - ✓ Canada, EU, Government of Québec, Switzerland
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**THANK YOU**