



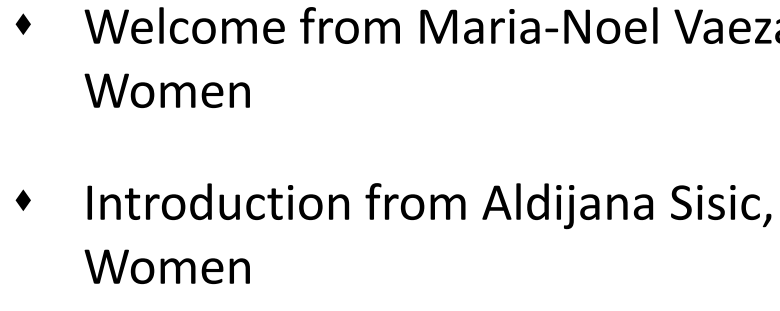

# Executive Board Informal Session on the Mid Term Review of the UN Trust Fund's Strategic Plan 2015-2020

Friday, 21 June 2019

United Nations Headquarters – New York



Planet 50-50 by 2030  
Step It Up for Gender Equality

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- ◆ Welcome from Maria-Noel Vaeza, Director Programme Division, UN Women
  - ◆ Introduction from Aldijana Susic, Chief of the UN Trust Fund, UN Women
  - ◆ Mid Term Review presented by Zaira Drammis, Independent Mid Term Review Consultant
  - ◆ UN Trust Fund reflections on the Mid Term Review (Aldijana Susic)
  - ◆ Roadmap to the next Strategic Plan (2021+) (Aldijana Susic)



# The UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women



United Nations inter-agency mechanism established by Member States in 1996 by the UN General Assembly Resolution 50/166

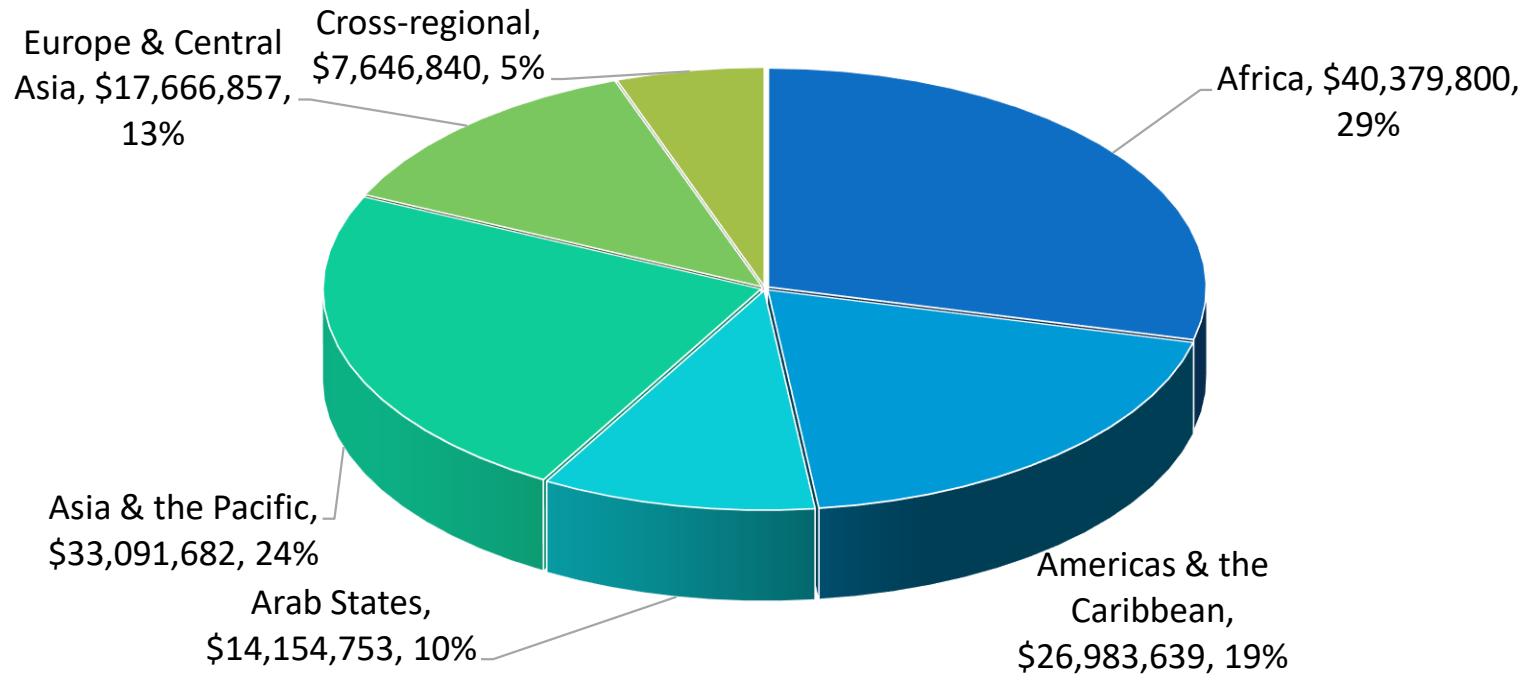
Reports annually to the Commission on Status of Women and the Human Rights Council

Administered by UN Women on behalf of the UN system

Mandated to support demand-driven initiatives to prevent and end violence against women and girls in ODA recipients' countries

The UN Trust Fund to End Violence  
against Women

# Historical Snapshot



- **21 years** of grant-giving through annual call for proposals
- **493** grants - **139** countries/territories - **US\$ 140** millions
- Over **24 UN bodies and organs and civil society** involved in consultative processes and grants decision-making



The UN Trust Fund Strategic Plan  
2015 - 2020

## Strategic Plan Outcomes

Improved access for women and girls to essential, safe and adequate multisectoral services

Increased effectiveness of legislation, policies, national action plans and accountability systems

Improved prevention of violence against women and girls through changes in practices, behaviors and attitudes



# UN Trust Fund Highlights from 2018







**THE UN TRUST FUND TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**

managed

125

projects

aimed at preventing and addressing violence against women and girls in

70

countries and territories

A total of

7,885,356

people

including women and girls, men and boys, government officials and the general public, were reached by supported projects during the year.



In 2018, the UN Trust Fund continued to reach out to small and women-led organizations and to support projects working to ensure efforts to prevent and address violence against women and girls “leave no one behind”.

At least

37

projects

supported by the UN Trust Fund focused on those women and girls who have historically been marginalized and underserved. Among those directly served by these projects were:

at least

1,530

women and girls with disabilities

8,107

indigenous women

7,718

refugee and internally displaced women and girls

At least

328,412



Women and girls

benefited directly from

▶ **SERVICES**

▶ **EMPOWERMENT ACTIVITIES**

▶ **PROTECTION FROM VIOLENCE DURING THE YEAR**

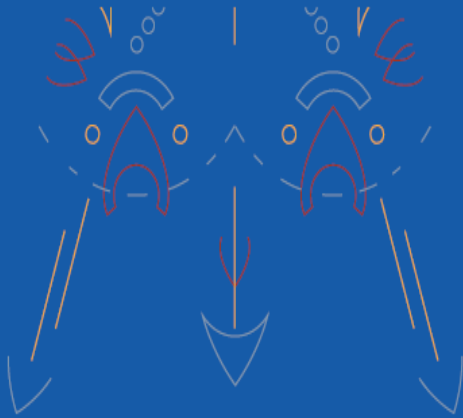


including

29,979

survivors of violence

# WHAT GRANTEES SAY ABOUT THE UN TRUST FUND



In the 2018 UNTF partner survey,

## 85

*grantees*

in all regions participated in a survey about their experience of partnership with the UNTF.



## 64%

*of respondents*

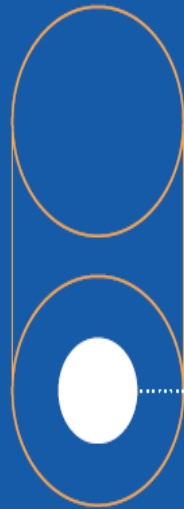
already mobilized additional resources in 2018:

## 54

*organizations*

had mobilized a total

# \$37.8 million



Of that

# \$8,166,226

was mobilized by

## 23

*organizations*

to continue or upscale the project funded by the UNTF.



## 92%

believed that securing a UNTF grant will help their organization to **mobilize additional resources** in the future.



**“I learned that we could do something against [...] the violence they exert against us women.”**  
Claudia Ajú, who attended a WJI legal literacy course

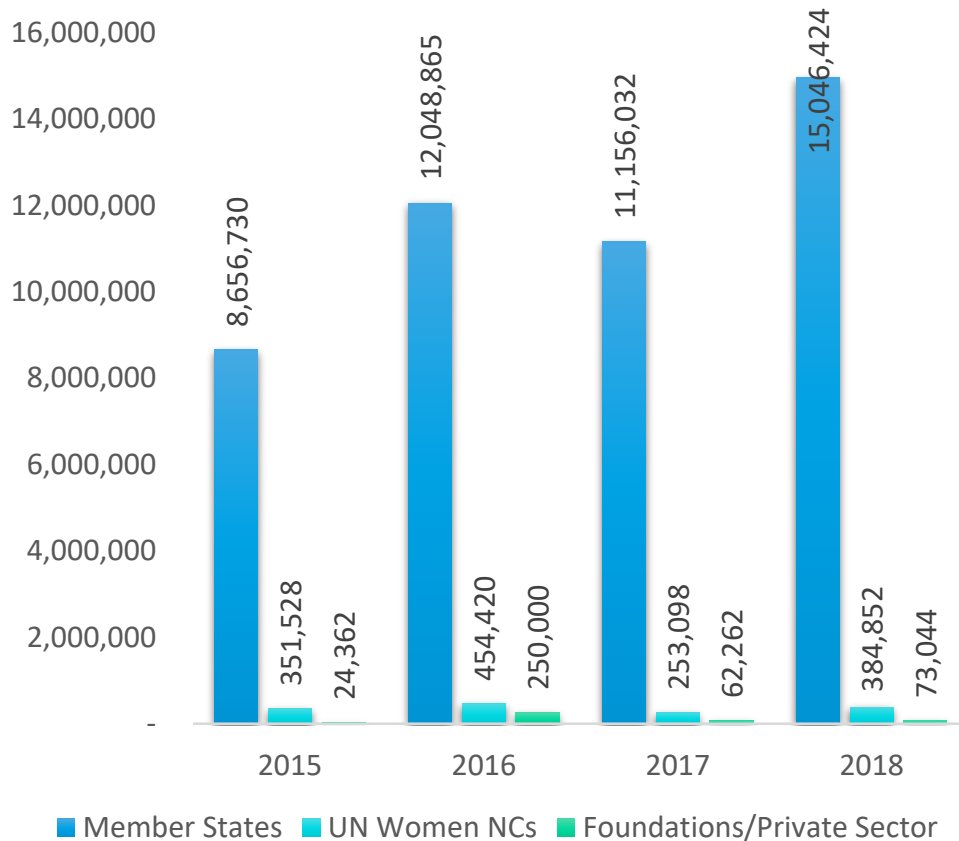
- In 2018, **22,383** women and girls used specialist support services to EVAW/G supported by UN Trust Fund grantees, and **4,160** service providers improved their provision of services to survivors.
- **135,665** women and girls gained knowledge of at least one available and accessible service that can provide help in cases of violence
- Last year, **45,757** women and girls accessed free legal aid or advice in cases of violence supported by UN Trust Fund grantees

**“With the help of a legal counsellor and classes at the centre, I feel confident about myself and my future”.**

Noura who received services at a Arab Women’s Organization



## UN Trust Fund Total Contributions by donor type in USD, 2015-2018



- In 2018 the UN Trust Fund increased revenue by 35%
- Strategic Plan RM target of USD 20 million is expected to be achieved and surpassed in 2019
- Renewed commitment of all 2018 donors (retention rate at 100%)
- New donor Member States on board

# Resource Mobilization and Advocacy



# Mid Term Review of the UN Trust Fund Strategic Plan 2015 - 2020



## Inception

- Adaptation of OECD DAC Criteria for Evaluating Development Assistance
- Assumptions and mid-term review questions

## Data collection

- 160 internal and public documents
- 47 semi-structured interviews, 51 people
- 266 grantees reached through survey in 3 languages; 101 responses received

## Validation

- Data triangulation
- Validation through additional documentation

### **Inspired by participatory and utilization-focused approaches**

Grantee organizations, donors, PAC members, women's rights organizations, UN Women staff

# Methodology and Approach

## Strategic Plan Delivery

- Delivery on track
- Excellent reputation
- Addressing sustainability
- Different Pillars and sub-strategies
- Under-resourced

## Grant Giving

- Fair and transparent
- Attracts large number of applications
- Outreach challenges of demand-driven approach
- UNTF = More than a donor

# Findings and Conclusions

## Coordination

Strategic alignment with UN-Women

Common UN Women / UNTF resource mobilization and knowledge management strategies

Suitability of programmatic and financial policies for grantees and coordination between HQ and country offices

Global PAC= potential

Inter-agency mechanisms vs part of UN Women alone

Relevant

## EVAW Landscape

Niche: focus on women-led and women's rights organizations

Effectiveness of special funding windows

# Findings and Conclusions



# Mid-Term Review Findings and Conclusions

During the UNTF's mid-term review of its Strategic Plan,

# 101

organization representatives responded to a survey.

THEY SAID:



## 87%

agreed or strongly agreed that being a UNTF grantee enabled their organization to achieve results on EAW/G.



## 84%

agreed or strongly agreed that being a UNTF grantee enabled their organization to generate knowledge and evidence on what works to EAW/G.



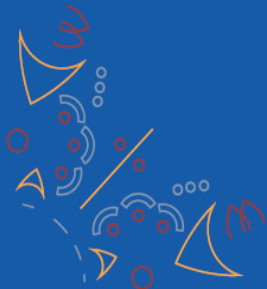
## 82%

said that what they had learned from the UNTF will help them to continue their work around EAW/G.



## 77%

agreed or strongly agreed that being a UNTF grantee responds to the needs of their organization beyond funding.



Besides funding, the most valuable elements of being a UN Trust Fund grantee include

- ▶ TOOLS PROVIDED
- ▶ TRAINING SESSIONS
- ▶ REPUTATION OF THE UN TRUST FUND
- ▶ KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE EVENTS

Capacity Building helped organizations in their:

- ▶ PROJECT DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION
- ▶ MONITORING AND EVALUATION
- ▶ ETHICS AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS
- ▶ EXPERTISE ON EAW/G



# Findings and Conclusions



*“We have found the UN Trust Fund staff to be extremely responsive and supportive of our work. They treat partners with respect and professionalism.”*

**Grantee**

# Mid Term Review Recommendations

## The UNTF Strategic Plan in the EAW landscape

- Capitalize on unique focus on small women's rights and women-led organizations
- Take a stance on an inclusive definition of "woman" (complexity of gender identities)

## Strategic Plan Delivery

- Development of sub-strategies for priority/around sustainability
- Creation of harmonized evidence hub
- Diversification of funding base





# Mid Term Review Recommendations



## Coordination

- Communication of complementarities and concerted UN-Women/UNTF resource mobilization strategy
- Review of policies and procedures for grant-giving
- Explore innovative collaboration between global PAC and UNTF
- Keep investing in HQ / country office coordination

## Grant giving under the Strategic Plan

- Assessment of how to best reach and support small women's rights and women-led organisations
- Continue capacity development for grantees
- Review call for proposals process (increase of outreach/bigger picture)

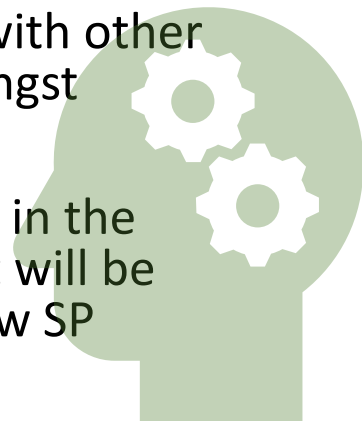


# UN Trust Fund reflections on the Mid Term Review



# UN Trust Fund Reflections on the Mid Term Review

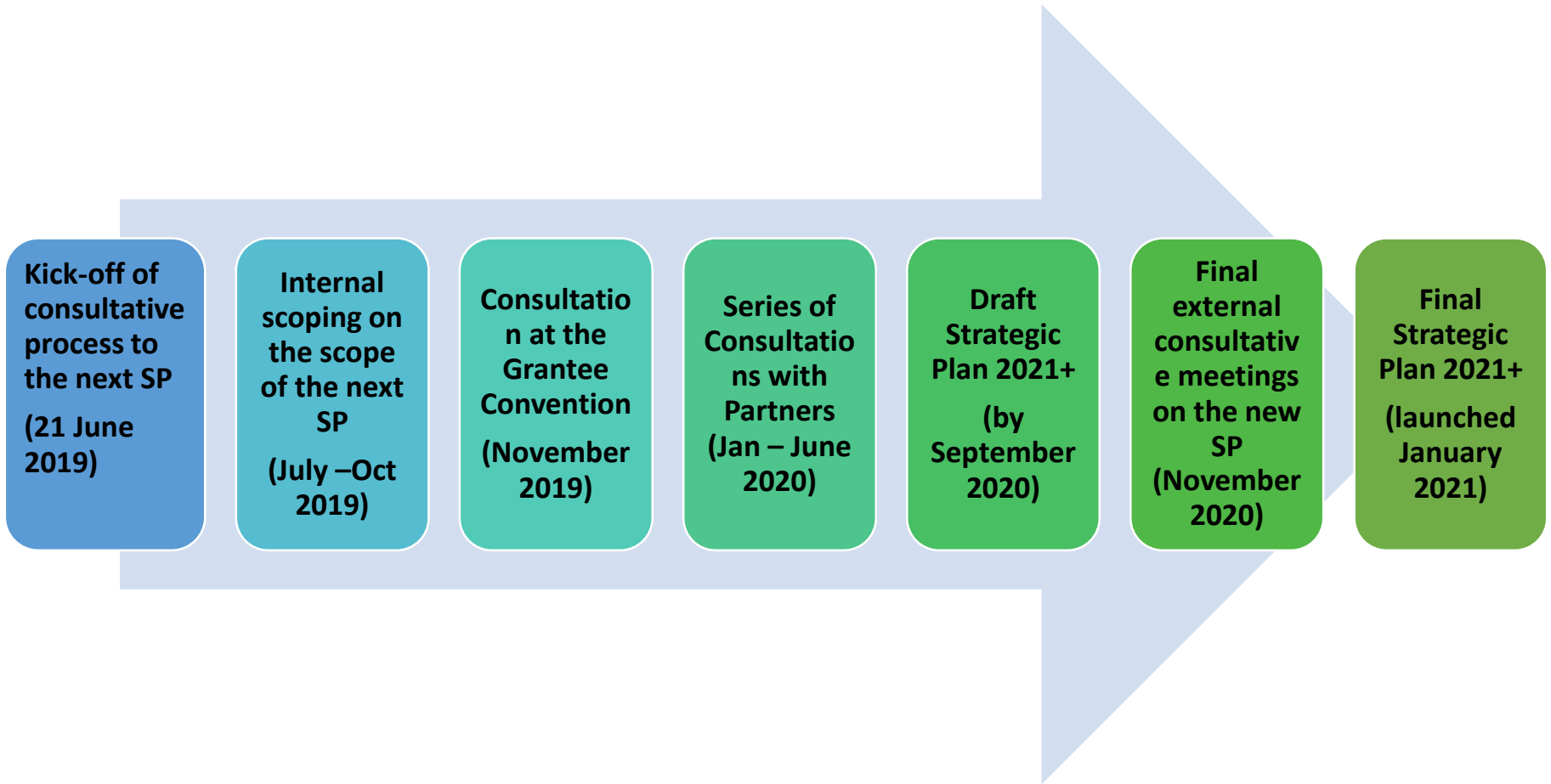
- The UN Trust Fund has already implemented some actions that respond to the MTR findings.
- The UN Trust Fund Secretariat will complete a management response to the MTR by 31 August 2019.
- The response will be developed in consultation with other sections in UN Women and the Global PAC, amongst others.
- The response will outline what will be addressed in the remainder of this SP (before end 2020) and what will be taken into account in the development of the new SP (2021+).





# Roadmap to the next UN Trust Fund Strategic Plan 2021+





# Roadmap to the next UNTF Strategic Plan





Thank you