CORPORATE EVALUATION OF UN WOMEN'S SUPPORT TO NATIONAL ACTION PLANS ON WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY

MANAGEMENT RESPONSE

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UN Women's Support to NAPs

- As of December 2020, 92 UN Member States and territories had adopted a NAP on WPS

UN Women:

- Global support to NAP development and implementation
- **Widely recognized for its NAP coordination and normative roles** at both global and country level
- NAP support is **well-aligned to the most directly relevant global frameworks**
- Support is **strongly aligned and widely seen as relevant to national contexts**
- Plays a critical role of bringing together multiple and diverse stakeholders, providing neutral spaces for dialogue, and raising awareness and **facilitating the development of a shared NAP agenda**

|UN Women's Support to NAPs

GLOBAL

UN System, multi-lateral forums and networks

- Leadership, Knowledge sharing, Advocacy, Communication

REGIONAL

Regional and sub-regional organizations

- Technical expertise, Knowledge sharing, Advocacy, Lessons and best practices

NATIONAL

UN Member States, civil society partners

- Advocacy, Coordination, Technical expertise, Guidance and tools, Lessons and best practices

LOCAL

Local government, civil society partners

- Advocacy, Technical expertise, Guidance and tools, Lessons and best practices

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Actions on Recommendations

Recommendation 1

Connect with and scale up a wider range of global normative frameworks, as well as regional frameworks and processes to increase traction

Action

1. On a case-by-case basis, map global and regional opportunities for engagement on WPS and NAPs and assess the potential of different global or regional frameworks, structures and processes for advancing RAPs and NAPs. (*2022, annually*) ■

Recommendation 2

Strengthen the synergy between UN Women's normative, coordination and operational roles in support of NAPs to enhance impact

Action

1. Update current guidance document on WPS national implementation with good practice examples of an integrated approach to NAP support and how it can be achieved. (*2022*) ■

Actions on Recommendations

Recommendation 3

Devise a strategy to harmonize external coordination efforts, with a focus on strengthening and linking global, regional and national-level coordination processes

Action

1. Channel knowledge and evidence generated from national-level coordination work to the regional and global level. Share effective approaches to NAPs in different contexts. (*Ongoing*) 🟩

2. Engage a wider range of national stakeholders in NAP processes, as well as international organizations, and use the Entity's external coordination with development partners to mobilize funding for NAP implementation. (*Ongoing*) 🟩

3. Expand global-level networks and spearhead more dialogue at regional level to strategically feed into global level recommendations. (*Ongoing*) 🟩

Recommendation 4

Continue to expand current strategies to support NAP development. Define a clear and consistent strategy for support to NAP implementation.

Action

1. Further expand on the embedded Theory of Change outlined in the evaluation to assess UN Women's added value to NAP implementation in different contexts and the feasibility of a standardized approach. (*2021*) 🟨

Actions on Recommendations

Recommendation 5

Strengthen understanding of how to support transformational shifts in gender equality and women's empowerment and use this to inform work on WPS and NAPs

Action

1. Develop a framework for understanding how transformational change in human rights and GE happens in conflict-affected settings, and how UN-Women can support such change as part of its work on NAPs. (*Ongoing*) ▮

2. Develop strategies and tools that could be used to assess what types of transformational change are most critical for delivering on the WPS agenda at the country level through NAPs. (*2023*) ▮

Recommendation 6

Enhance internal reporting systems related to tracking financial resources and results towards NAPs to better demonstrate and enhance results. Also strengthen technical leadership to ensure a harmonized approach to WPS NAP support.

Action

1. Undertake an assessment of the financial resources required to provide meaningful support to NAP implementation to inform the strategy to support NAP implementation. (*2021*) ▮

2. Enhance internal reporting systems to include stronger impact indicators, as well as strengthen understanding of how financial resources are linked to results. *(2023)* ▮

3. Increase the pool of NAP experts at headquarters that can be deployed to support NAP development and implementation. (*2022*) ▮

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Actions on Recommendations

Recommendation 7

Expand the range of actors and processes to engage with on WPS NAPs to broaden and deepen national level ownership and integrate engagement on WPS NAPs with other areas of work at the national level to support sustainable NAP implementation

Action

1. Systematize ongoing analysis of NAPs to identify how existing strategies and interventions can be linked to the Entity's support to NAPs. (*Ongoing*) ▮

2. Expand the range of actors and processes to engage with to build broader based ownership of NAPs. Also strengthen engagement with local-level actors and processes and support localization efforts. (*Ongoing*) ▮

3. Promote the integration of NAPs into other strategies and plans at the country level that UN-Women supports and other areas of work. (*Ongoing*) ▮

Recommendation 8

Address the immediate need to integrate WPS principles into COVID-19 responses, as well as the longer-term challenge of ensuring that NAPs are used to inform emergency planning

Action

1. Advocate for strengthened analysis and data, which applies to conflict and crisis contexts, to better inform how NAPs can be structured to more effectively address conflict and humanitarian emergencies. (*Ongoing*) ▮

2. Develop guidance to link NAPs to emergency policy and legal frameworks and planning processes at national level. (*2022*) ▮

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Opportunities for Impact

Summary of Recommendations

- Respond to evidence and demand for UN-Women to apply its **support more broadly to NAP implementation**

- **Strengthen internal thematic and organizational coherence** in UN-Women's support to NAPs and broaden engagement with other UN agencies

- **Leverage WPS principles and priorities in NAPs** to inform COVID-19 responses

- **Increase human and financial resources** at all levels for NAP support and implementation of Evaluation recommendations