UN Women is the UN organization delivering programmes, policies and standards that advances gender equality and support women and girls to achieve their full life potential. In Kenya, we work to ensure:

- Women participate in leadership and decision-making;
- National and county plans and budgets allocate resources for gender equality;
- Sex disaggregated data is available and is used to inform planning and policy;
- Women are economically empowered;
- Women and girls are free from all forms of violence;
- Women participate in peacebuilding and conflict prevention;
- The UN system delivers on its commitments to gender equality.

We work with multiple stakeholders to achieve these objectives. As we look to the future, we will build on the important gains and lessons learnt from our past programmes.

**Democratic governance**

More women were represented and won elective & leadership seats in the General Elections

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<th>Number of elected women governors more than doubled</th>
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More counties allocate budgets for gender, and a new budget tracking is in place at national and county levels

Social sector budget with priorities for children and women increased in the 14 counties supported by the Devolution Joint Programme

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Kenya has improved its capacity to utilize evidence-based data for gender advocacy, programming, and policy

Kenya identified 42/80 (53%) Gender-relevant SDG indicators in 2022, up from 31 in 2018[1], and reported on 26 (62%) of the 42 gender indicators.

**Ending violence against women**

Fewer women and girls reported experiencing violence

Increase in GBV cases resolved through the justice system

40% increase in the rate of resolved cases from 6,043 (2020) to 8,489 (2022), according to the State of the Judiciary and Administration of Justice Reports (SOJAR).

Increased number of women and girls accessing essential services

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Women’s economic empowerment

Improved access to financial resources/capital for businesses owned by women, youth and PWDs

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Increased uptake of Women Empowerment Principles (WEPs) by private sector companies

2,391 farmers

(Female: 2,002, Male: 389) adopted 15 gender-sensitive climate smart agriculture (CSA) technologies in Kitui, Laikipia and West Pokot counties.

Over 1,598 hectares of farmland were used to practice CSA.

Women, Peace and Security policy environment improved

Improved performance on Global WPS Index from

#107 (2017) to #90 (2022)

Number of female recruits within the Ministry of Defence increased from

321 (2018) to 807 (2021)

Number of women in county peace committees increased from

29% (2017) to 33% (2021)

With the generous support from our partners

UN Women has supported the development and implementation of gender-responsive policies and frameworks on peace and security, preventing/countering violent extremism (VE), disaster risk reduction. This includes review and inputs to county policies that embody UNSCR 1325 and to include KNAP II implementation budgets in the CIDPs.

UN Women also positioned women to participate in identifying and addressing conflict and security risks in their communities, including on VE, inter-communal conflicts, and elections at community, county and national level.