

# GENERATION EQUALITY SCALING UP TO NATIONAL LEVEL IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

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## **SCALING UP TO NATIONAL LEVEL METHODOLOGY**

#### **Partnership**

- Generation Equality
   Organizing Commitee co chaired with Agency for
   Gender Equality
- Multi-stakeholder (GIMs, CSOs, AC Leads, youth)
- Active youth engagement through youth advisory board
- Gender Mechanisms as key partners showcasing governmental approach toward legislation and policy

#### **AC** localization

- AC on BA and SRHR focus: HPV immunization and CSE (Lead: UNFPA)
- AC on GBV focus: sexual violence (Lead: UN Women)
- AC on EJR focus: care economy (Lead: UN Women)
- AC on FACJ focus: data gaps and legislation on gender and climate (Lead: UNDP)

# Leveraging UN Women's triple mandate

- Bringing together UN system; active engagement of RC
- Advancing gender integration in work of UN system
- Amplifying UN Women's normative operational work through joint advocacy, collective action and partnerships
- Partners mobilized through coordination mechanisms (GTG, IWGE)



# **KEY STAKEHOLDERS**

#### **National partners**

- 1. Three gender mechanisms
- Foundation United Women Banja Luka
- 3. Žene sa Une
- 4. Žena BiH Mostar
- 5. Vive Žene
- Experts: Mile Sikman and Majda Halilovic
- 7. BHWI (UNHCR partnership)
- 8. Vaša Prava (UNHCR partnership)
- 9. Vanja Bjelica-Prutina (CEC BiH)

# International partners

- Ambassador of Sweden
- 2. Council of Europe
- 3. European Union
- 4. OSCE
- 5. UN RC & UN entities

# Influencers and artists

- 1. Tomislav Cvitanušić
- 2. Brankica Raković
- 3. Fića Crew
- 4. Robert Dacešin
- 5. Nikola Vučić
- 6. Ana Kotur Erkić
- 7. Haris Jusović



# Action Coalitions – scaled up to nationa level





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FEMINIST ACTION
FOR CLIMATE
JUSTICE





# **AC APPROACH**

- UN Women together with governmental partners ensured consultations with relevel key stakeholders to gather inputs for framework of Action Coalitions.
- ACs gather stakeholders into focused discussion on joint priority areas
- UN Women provided support to other UN Agencies in leading ACs through partnership modality
- Key international counterparts and donors supported AC events and were directly involved (Government of Sweden)
- AC members co-created Declaration of Will (AC on GBV), Principles of Action Coalition (AC on FACJ).





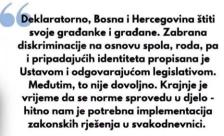










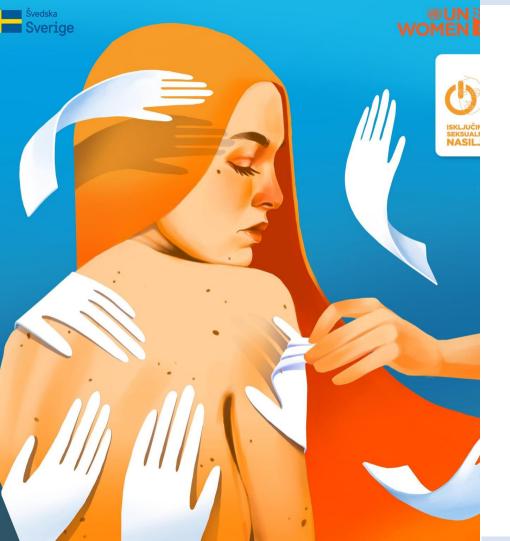






- Generation Equality Youth Advisory Board – 18 diverse youth from across the country
- Social media quotecards campaign outlining youth priotities within 16 days
- Youth involved in further consultations around national priorities (GAP, AP1325)





# **LINKS WITH 16 DAYS**

- AC on GBV focusing on sexual violence; spotlighted during 16 days of activism campaign
- Creative illustration by local mural artist used as symbol of the campaign
- 16 days campaign enabled higher visibility of the AC
- Campaign concluded with signing of Declaration of Action Coalition
- Campaign included opening events, thematic sessions, EVAW corners in local communities and discussions with youth on SV and SH





Sarajevo Canton Human
Papillomavirus vaccination
programme offers blueprint for
Bosnia and Herzegovina

27 January 2022





# SCALING UP TO NATIONAL LEVEL

 Amendments to Criminal Code of Federation of BiH to harmonize with Istanbul Convention

#### AC on EJR:

First Baseline Study on Care Economy in BiH

#### AC on BA and SRHR:

 HPV immunizaton purchased for Canton Sarajevo. Handbook on CSE created and piloted in Republika Srpska.

#### AC on FACJ:

First Report on Mapping the Gender
 Component in Data and Legislation on Climate
 Change, Environment and Biodiversity



#### Social media campaign

The social media campaign was realized on UN Women BiH social networks.

**FACEBOOK** 

**INSTAGRAM** 

TWITTER

YOUTUBE

The campaign featured a collection of illustrations highlighting various aspects of achieving gender equality, especially the importance of including all generations in the goal to achieve a gender-equal society, but also reflecting on specific topics of the Action Coalitions, such as gender-based violence, economic security and sexual and reproductive rights.

Thousands of persons were reached with the campaign messages through social media, and accompanying collaboration with the media.

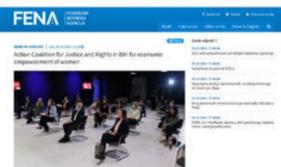
#### SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN

- 71.786 views
- 82.581 reach
- 17.039 impressions
- **27.041** impressions









#### Collaboration with the media

During the campaign, UN Women cooperated with a variety of national and local media that supported the campaign. The BiH media provided support to the campaign through regular reporting on campaign activities, but also through dedicated in-depth reporting on the goals of the campaign.

The momentum was used to highlight the importance of achieving gender equality together and include all relevant partners and stakeholders in this process.

A total of 60 media announcements were generated during the campaign.

Media outlets that reported on the campaign include BHRT, Al Jazeera Balkans, N1, Gracija, BH Radio 1, Klix.ba and many others.

# **SCALING UP TO NATIONAL LEVEL CHALLENGES**

- 1. Complex governmental structure in Bosnia and Herzegovina, required more intensified consultations with all levels of government.
- Diverse and large presence of international community in country required continuos efforst of placing Generation Equality campaign in focus of international donors and partners.
- 3. UN Women employed additional efforts as the main secretariat of the Generation Equality campaign to ensure leadership of other UN Agencies over their respective thematic Coalitions.
- 4. Increased attention of different actors for the campaign required additional human resources to ensure proper onboarding of commitment makers.



# SCALING UP TO NATIONAL LEVEL SUCCESSES MID-POINT EVENTS AND COMMITMENT MAKERS

- •Three mid-point events held in January and March 2024:
- Youth event
- Private sector dialogue
- Central event with 23 honoured commitment makers



## SCALING UP TO NATIONAL LEVEL SUCCESSES - MID-POINT EVENTS AND COMMITMENT MAKERS

- Central event gathered around 130 participants across government, international community, private sector, non-governmental organizations, academia and media.
- Total of 23 commitment makers were honored with plaques.
- The event also encompassed panel discussion among AC representatives.



### SCALING UP TO NATIONAL LEVEL SUCCESSES - MID-POINT EVENTS AND COMMITMENT MAKERS

- Youth event gathered around 40 youth across Bosnia and Herzegovina who discussed GE priorities in ACs thematic areas: GBV, EJR, BA and SRHR, Climate
- Private sector dialogue gathered current and prosperous commitment makers from private sector to discuss the campaign and Action Coalitions.



## SCALING UP TO NATIONAL LEVEL - RECOMMENDATIONS

- To ensure coordinated efforts during localization of the campaign and Action Coalitions, it is recommended to establish Generation Equality Organizing Committee comprised of all UN Agencies as thematic leads, RC, civil society and the government (gender institutional mechanism/s)
- 2. Use existing coordination mechanisms (Gender Theme Group and International Working Group on GE) to inform on the campaign and ensure constant exchange of information among stakeholders.
- 3. Employ sufficient human resources to ensure proper localization: campaigning, Action Coalitions and commitment makers.
- 4. Create a comprehensive plan of onboarding commitment makers, honoring and future programmatic work with CM.

