




Summary of Key Results 2021


Ethiopia Country Office

Introduction


UN Women (UNW) implements a four-year Strategic Note (SN) 2017-2020, which has been extended until the end of 2021 due to ongoing global pandemic and restrictions put in place by the Government of Ethiopia related to COVID-19, followed by the postponement of the general election and worsened access to people in need as a result of a surge in conflict and inter-community violence.


Highlights


 **1,300 women candidates were reached, and 23 training sessions delivered in seven cities** in collaboration with National Election Board of Ethiopia (NEBE) (Adama, Assosa, Bahir Dar, Dire Dawa, Gambela, Hawassa, and Semera) to enhance awareness on electoral framework and gender equality

 Market linkages strengthened and networks were established to benefit **95 urban & rural women and youth-led cooperatives and enterprises**

 **880 rural women were organized into 9 agribusiness groups** and accessed land from government

 Out of these, **250 rural women accessed loans and engaged in income generated opportunities such as livestock businesses models**

 Leadership of women in prevention and response to COVID-19 has been amplified through documentaries, TV drama series on GBV and TV programs to promote generation equality have been produced and broadcasted nationwide

 **40,300 copies of IEC materials on prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA)** targeting both affected populations as well as service providers were distributed to humanitarian actors in Tigray

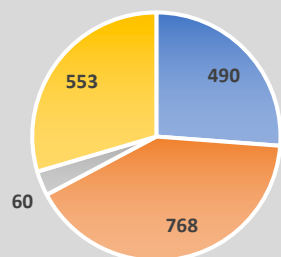


Intergenerational Dialogue on Gender Equality March 2020
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Shelters and conflict response

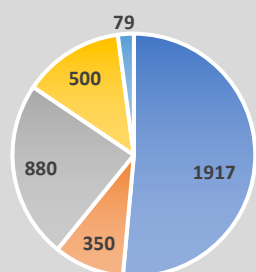
UN Women **supported the One Stop Centre and Shelter in Mekelle (Tigray)** through provision of essential emergency items (such as dignity kits, food items, clothing, and sanitary materials) to the women and girls' survivors who were in dire need. UN Women also **supported the opening of a shelter in Semera (Afar)** to rehabilitate and reintegrate women and girls who are survivors of violence, or those at risk of violence. Furthermore, UN Women **supported Norwegian Church Aid in the provision of dignity kits for 840 women and girls in North and South Wello (Amhara).**

Impact Snapshot



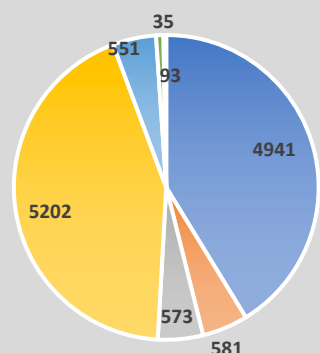
Economic Empowerment of Women and Girls

- WEE Women and female youths with boosted business skills
- WEE Women engaging in CSA
- WEE Women trained on fuel saving stove production
- WEE Women trained on transformative leadership and gender equality



Empowering Women and Girls to Lead

- WILG Participants in community dialogue groups to promote women as leaders (women and men)
- WILG Women trained on political leadership and campaigning
- WILG Women organised into agro business groups
- WILG Number of copies distributed of training manual on integration of Gender responsive ICT education
- WILG Number of participant in training and policy revision workshops

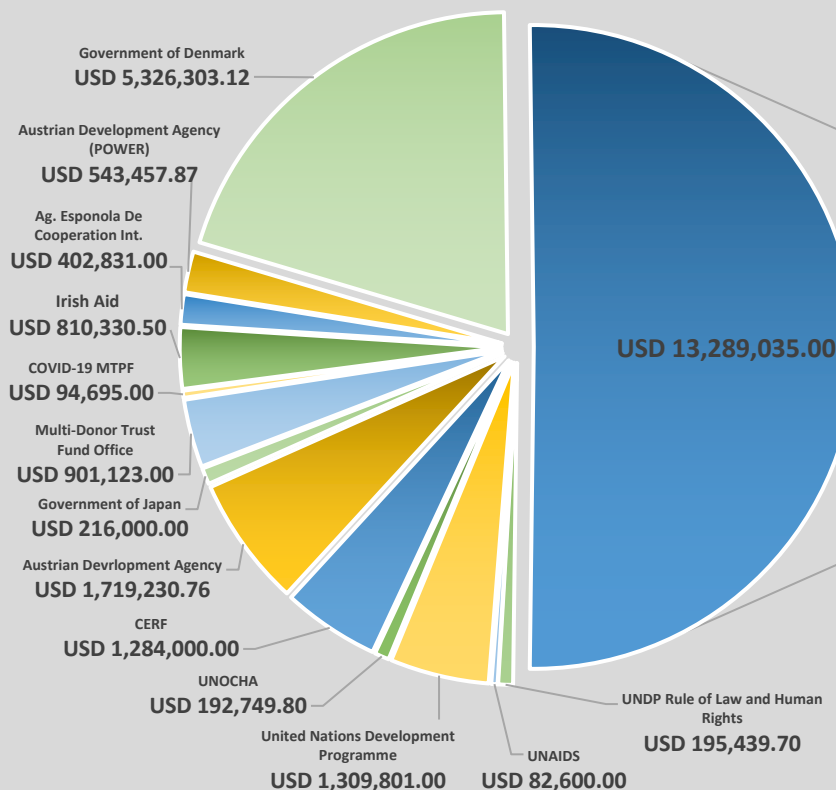


Ending Violence Against Women and Girls

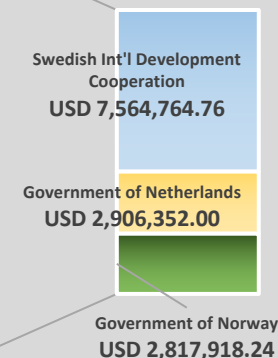
- Community members reached through faith based organisations
- Religious leaders capacitated to advocate for the rights of women and girls
- Survivors and children accessing comprehensive services in shelters
- Benefitted from efforts to sensitize and increase access to information on GBV
- Service providers with strengthen GBV response capacities
- PSEA trainings delivered to service providers
- Supported AAP trainings for PSEA Network members

Financial Snapshot

Programme Donors



SN Donors



Total: 26,367,596.75

Non-USD contributions converted to UN Rate as of November 2021

Thank you

Thank you for supporting the vision and work UN Women Ethiopia. The commitment, vision, and generous pledges you have made to UN Women Ethiopia's Strategic Note and Programmes are critical as we strive to change the lives of women and girls and to strengthen gender equality. We look forward to working with you in the future and to take policy commitments from paper to action.

COVID - 19

UN Women **amplified women's role in the COVID-19 response highlighting the significant leadership roles women played in leading the response efforts in**

Ethiopia and raising awareness on disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on women, girls and vulnerable and marginalized groups. For example, ICT

materials on COVID-19 prevention disseminated in local languages and hand washing facilities were constructed in 6 elementary schools. **528 returnee migrant women workers from the Middle East and domestic workers across Addis Ababa** have been provided with basic sanitation and hygiene training and with food and non-food items. In addition, **1000 leaflets, 500 stickers, and two billboards on COVID-19 prevention and response** were prepared in local languages and disseminated.

Thematic Key Results

National Planning and Coordination

- Gender Equality Audit Manual for the Federal Auditor General. Gender Equality Strategy and a Gender and Aid Effectiveness Toolkit
- A gender budget statement was piloted by the Ministry of Agriculture and Federal Job Creation and Food Security Agency to improve gender responsive budgeting and planning
- **The capacity of 40 (19 female and 21 male) civil society representatives** was enhanced on the collection, production and use of citizen-generated data
- **The capacity of 17 government and CSO stakeholders (13 female and 4 male)** was enhanced on gender responsive humanitarian interventions for COVID-19
- **Financial support was distributed to 480 women in Amhara, Tigray and SNNPR Regional States** under the leadership of the Ministry of Women and Social Affairs (MoWSA)

Women Economic Empowerment

- **Business and social skills of 490 women and female youths (264 youth and 226 adult women) have been boosted** through trainings on basic business skills (BBS) and life skill conducted in partnership with Women in Self Employment (WISE)
- **768 women engaged in climate-smart agriculture (CSA)** through accessing irrigation technologies, drought resistant, early maturing seed and seedlings and biofertilizer
- **264 women farmers have been provided with multi-peril crop insurance** which strengthened their climate-smart agriculture techniques and increased resilience to impacts of climate shocks
- As a result of training on fuel saving stove, 60 women have started producing and marketing energy efficient stoves

Women in Leadership and Governance

- **553 women leaders trained on Transformative Leadership and Gender Equality** at Federal level, Oromia and Amhara regions
- **1,917 community members (959 women and 958 men) reached through 64 community dialogue groups** to promote positive portrayal of women's role as leaders at community level in Amhara region
- **350 women candidates were trained on political leadership and campaigning skills** in collaboration with Network of Ethiopian Women's Associations (NEWA)
- The first ever interparty political debate on gender equality organized in collaboration with Ethiopian Women's Rights Advocates (EWRA) and the Swedish Embassy

Ending Violence Against Women and Girls

- **4941 (2964 female) community members reached through faith-based organizations, CSOs, local medias using SASA!** and other community mobilization approaches to promote favorable social norms
- **581 religious leaders and 29 women leaders of faith structures were capacitated to advocate for the rights of women and girls** in Amhara, Gambella, and Sidama regions
- **573 survivors and their 194 children accessed comprehensive services in five shelters** in Addis Ababa, Amhara, Oromia and SNNP regions
- Through the support to a local feminist organization, Setaweet, the Alegnta hotline counselling service (toll-free service available on 6388) **provided counselling service to survivors of violence on 61 occasions**



Shelter for survivors of violence supported by UN Women
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Generation Equality Campaign
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Human Impact Stories

“When Covid-19 strikes, I was deported from Saudi Arabia, I had nowhere to go but the protection house for women”



Mare Gobena and her four-year-old son separated from her abusive husband and moved in with her family when she was expecting her second child. Looking for work, she decided to go to Saudi Arabia – a journey which saw her imprisoned for four months in Yemen. Once she finally arrived in Saudi Arabia, she was caught and imprisoned again. Here, she gave birth to her second child in prison, with medical support only arriving three days after the birth. With her ex-husband denying that he was the father of her second child, her family refused to take her back, unless she left the child in Saudi Arabia. As COVID-19 descended, Mare and her children, along with many other Ethiopian prisoners, was deported to Ethiopia. Having nowhere to go, she came to the protection house for women where she was provided with food, clothes, sanitary items, and counselling services. She is now hoping to finish her rehabilitation and to start working to support herself and her children.

UN Women’s “Women of Faith” Initiative working towards Ending Violence Against Women and Girls in Ethiopia

According to the national census conducted in 2017, 98% of the Ethiopians say they belong to a certain faith or religion. As a country that prides itself in having long history of both Christianity and Muslim practices, religion plays an important role in people’s lives and Ethiopian society in general. According to some members of the ‘Women of Faith’ groups the issue of sexual abuse was among the subjects considered taboo in their respective religious organizations. With the support of UN Women, NCA has been working with faith actors since 2019. One of the programme’s key interventions has been working with women of faith structures to access opportunities for dialogue, information sharing, and peer support. These structures encompass existing structures within the faith setting and are extended to women from all age groups. These structures also bring together mixed groups of women from different cultural, economic, and social spheres, having the potential to empower women who would otherwise remain marginalized. Over the last two years, the capacity of faith structures has been strengthened through training, and awareness raising materials. Through these structures, more than 1000 women were further reached with messages on violence against women and girls, training, and skills transfer.

Among these groups, the Hawassa Kidane Miheret Catholic Church and Werancha Catholic Church have scaled up the VAWG prevention by reaching other women of faith groups taking their own initiatives. They not only managed to convince the leadership of their own churches to include the issue of Sexual Violence and abuse in their programs, they also collaborated and lobbied the religious leaders of the congregations beyond their locations, where, for example, the Hawassa Kidan Miheret Catholic Church has 17 branch churches with more than 12,000 congregations. In Total these two groups trained 853 (520 Male & 333 Female) church members from 17 denominations, and reached 150 families with reported challenges of domestic violence and intimate partner violence with emotional and peer support.

UN Women and Partners Working to Enhance Participation of Women in Politics

UN Women and Network of Ethiopian Women’s Association (NEWA) provided capacity-building training on Political Leadership and Candidate Training to women candidates running for Federal Parliament and Regional Council levels. More than 381 women candidates have been supported through tailored and targeted interventions focusing on political leadership and campaigning. *“Since I do not have much experience in politics, I was afraid of the challenges and obstacles of becoming a political candidate and people not wanting to vote for me only because of my gender”* said Mulunesh Sorsa, a candidate in 6th general election, representing the Wolayta People’s Democratic Front Party. As the Head of Planning and Monitoring at the Party Mulunesh have a Master’s degree in Development Policy Analysis. Though she has a passion to participate in politics, she didn’t get the opportunity and training to help her overcome her lack of confidence about her ability to lead in politics. She is grateful for the UN Women led training programme which changed her perception about herself and her leadership potential.



Women of Faith against Violence against women conference, Hawassa, Sidamo

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Mulunesh Sorsa, Wolayita People’s Democratic Party

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