Gender equality and access to justice are essential for achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Realizing this ambition requires an integrated response, based on the UN Delivering as One approach.

Since 2020, UNDP and UN Women have worked together to empower women, support their leadership and fulfil the promise of justice and human rights for all. In 2022, this partnership evolved into the Gender Justice Platform, a framework for strategic cooperation and upscaled joint initiatives.

**Mission**

Guided by a people-centered approach, the Gender Justice Platform seeks to advance gender equality and close the global gender justice gap by enhancing women’s access to justice and supporting women’s meaningful participation and leadership in the justice and security sectors.

**Objective**

The Gender Justice Platform brings together diverse stakeholders, including governments, civil society, academia and UN entities, with a commitment to:

- Promote women’s meaningful participation and leadership in the justice and security sectors;
- Support gender-responsive and people-centred justice and security service delivery;
- Contribute to policy discourse on gender equality and the rule of law through innovative, intersectional, evidence-informed analysis and learning.

**Our Areas of Work**

To increase women’s meaningful participation and access to justice

1. Addressing discrimination in legal frameworks, including constitutions;
2. Expanding legal aid provision to respond to women’s immediate justice needs;
3. Meeting women’s demands for transformative justice in the context of building peace, including the fight against impunity;
4. Supporting comprehensive rule of law reforms to advance gender equality.
Almost 43,000 people (84% women) in 18 countries accessed to justice; Nearly 5 million people were reached through awareness-raising campaigns on women’s rights; Implemented an improved gender-sensitive monitoring and evaluation (M&E) measurement system; Over 20 UN and civil society partners engaged with the platform.

Knowledge Generation and Policy Support
The Gender Justice Platform develops ground-breaking publications to inform strategic programming. Knowledge products developed under the umbrella of the Platform include:

- Women’s meaningful participation in transitional justice: Advancing gender equality and building sustainable peace
- Documenting good practice on accountability for conflict-related sexual violence: The Sepur Zarco case
- Identifying gender persecution in conflict and atrocities: A toolkit for investigators of crimes against humanity

How the Gender Justice Platform Operates
As a flexible network for joint initiatives and programming, the Platform implements its activities through UNDP’s Global Programme for Rule of Law, Human Rights, Justice and Security for Sustainable Peace and Development following the framework of UNDP’s Gender Equality Strategy, and through UN Women’s Global Facility for Women, Peace and Security.

The Platform operates in close coordination with the UN Global Focal Point for the Rule of Law with valuable financial support from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of the Netherlands, the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) of Germany, and the Prevention of Sexual Violence Initiative of the United Kingdom’s Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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