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GENDER JUSTICE PLATFORM

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University scholarships for women and a women's legal association are part of the initiatives implemented for young women in Somalia (Puntland).

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Awareness-raising campaigns on gender-based violence and free legal aid services are developed for local communities in Mozambique

Acronyms

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|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| BMZ | Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development | IPU | Inter-Parliamentary Union |
| BLAST | Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust | JAC | Justice Action Coalition |
| CAJ | Center of Access to Justice | KLRC | Kenya Law Reform Commission |
| CENFOJ | National Center for Judicial Training | OGP | Open Government Partnership |
| CIJ | Customary and Informal Justice | OHCHR | Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights |
| CSW | The Commission on the Status of Women | OROLSI | Office of Rule of Law and Security Institutions |
| C2A | Call to Action | PSVI | Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict Initiative |
| DPO | Department of Peace Operations | RENLUV | Rede Nacional de Luta Contra Violência baseada no Género e Criança |
| EOSG | Executive Office of the Secretary-General | SPI | Secretariat of Indigenous Peoples |
| FAO | Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations | TAWJA | Tanzania Women Judges Association |
| FCDO | Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office | UNCT | United Nations Country Team |
| FIDA-U | Uganda Association of Women Lawyers | UNDP | United Nations Development Programme |
| FMMRP | Monitoring Forum of UPR | UNFPA | United Nations Population Fund |
| GFP | UN Global Focal Point for the Rule of Law | UNHCR | United Nations Refugee Agency |
| GJP | Gender Justice Platform | UNICRI | United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute |
| HRC53 | 53rd session of the Human Rights Council | UNODC | United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime |
| IAWJ | International Association of Women Judges | UN SWAP 2.0 | United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women |
| ICTJ | International Center for Transitional Justice | UN Women | United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women |
| IDLO | International Development Law Organization | | |
| INTECAP | Technical Institute for Training and Productivity | | |

Introduction

Progress towards equal power and equal rights for women remains elusive around the world. Globally, discriminatory laws, policies, social norms and attitudes continue to perpetuate inequalities, remain common and ingrained in the fabric of society.

In crisis and fragile settings, women bear the brunt of violence, marginalization, social and economic exclusion. Women continue to be under-represented in decision-making roles that directly impact their lives, safety and well-being. The 2023 World Justice Project Index states that women face greater barriers to justice than men in nearly 70 percent of the countries surveyed.¹ The 2024 UN Global Progress Report on Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 16 - Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions² shows disturbingly high levels of violence against women with an estimated 48,800 women and girls killed globally by their intimate partners or family members in 2022. The total number of female victims of homicide stood at 88,000 in 2022, the highest annual number recorded in the past 20 years. It also states that gender equality has not been reached in most parts of the world. Women's representation in public institutions varies, with some high-income countries achieving gender parity while women are significantly underrepresented in public service roles in low-income countries, particularly in leadership and decision-making roles.

Through the establishment of the Gender Justice Platform (GJP), UNDP and UN Women have joined forces to contribute to closing the global gender justice gap. The platform promotes women's full enjoyment of their rights and their meaningful participation, including in leadership, decision-making and peacebuilding roles, as essential components of building social and political trust and enabling safe and resilient societies.

This innovative and unique platform combines UN Women's gender equality expertise and UNDP's strategic rule of law niche and comparative advantage together with more than 20 partners, to provide high-impact, sustainable programming that emphasizes women's leadership and intersectional approaches, with international policy, advocacy, innovation and learning.

The Gender Justice Platform brings together diverse stakeholders and gender equality champions, including States, civil society, academia and UN agencies, that are committed to realizing rule of law systems that work for all women and girls.

Established in 2022, with generous 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 dedicated contributions from the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) of the United Kingdom,³ the GJP has been implemented as a strategic framework for joint collaboration.

The Gender Justice Platform is an integral part of UNDP's Global Programme for Strengthening the Rule of Law, Human Rights, Justice and Security for Sustainable Peace and Development. As such, it serves as a mechanism for implementing comprehensive and integrated programming and coordinating support at regional and country levels, in line with UNDP and UN Women frameworks, including UNDP's Gender Equality Strategy and UN Women's Global Facility for Women, Peace and Security.

This annual report takes stock of the Platform's achievements in 2023 as a catalyst and an influencer of transformative change in the advancement of gender equality through the promotion of rule of law, human rights and gender-responsive justice and security programming. It should be read in complement with the [UNDP Rule of Law and Human Rights Annual Report for 2023](#).

- ¹ World Justice Project, "Access to Justice Remains Elusive, New Data Shows", 5 December 2023. Available at <https://worldjusticeproject.org/news/access-justice-remains-elusive-new-data-shows>.
- ² UNDP, UNODC, and OHCHR (2024). Global Progress Report on Sustainable Development Goal 16 Indicators. At the Crossroads: Breakdown or Breakthrough for Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions. Available at https://www.unodc.org/documents/data-and-analysis/sdgs/sdg16_progress_report_2024.pdf
- ³ Specific details on the support provided by the FCDO is provided under the Partnerships section of this report.

Main Highlights

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In 2023, the Gender Justice Platform supported 37 countries to strengthen gender responsive rule of law and access to Justice. This was done through technical, financial and/or policy support, in collaboration with strategic partners from the United Nations such as the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC); external partners such as the International Development Law Organization (IDLO) and the World Bank; civil society organizations, such as the Rede Nacional de Luta Contra Violência baseada no Género e Criança in Guinea-Bissau and the academia.

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In 23 countries, the GJP collaborated with national partners, UNCTs and national stakeholders to identify discriminatory laws and make propositions for amendments or enactments of new laws resulting in stronger normative frameworks.

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In Colombia, Ethiopia and South Sudan, the Gender Justice Platform supported 913 survivors of conflict-related sexual violence (including 824 women) through accountability and reparations initiatives. In Ukraine, UN Women provided legal assistance to 120 survivors and developed strategic training that enabled more than 1,700 national officials to better address and respond to the immediate needs of conflict-related sexual violence survivors, in collaboration with national women's civil society organizations.

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26 justice institutions were supported to strengthen their capacity to provide people-centred services with a gender lens. The Platform prioritized women's leadership in the judiciary to ensure that justice systems are responsive to the needs of all people, especially the most vulnerable women and girls, including in Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique, Senegal and Tanzania.

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On thought leadership, the GJP developed and supported 8 innovation tools and nearly 30 research, knowledge, learning and policy products on topics including reform of discriminatory law and transitional justice. The platform contributed to global policy that addresses the needs women and girl, such as the new [United Nations Secretary-General's Guidance Note on Transitional Justice](#) and the [Secretary-General's New Vision for the Rule of Law](#).

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The Platform fostered strategic partnerships: For example, in Tanzania it collaborated with the National Association of Women Judges to develop strategic training on "gender-responsive" sentencing, ensuring justice meets the needs of women and girls. At the global level, the Platform partnered with the Department of Peace Operations/ Office of Rule of Law and Security Institutions (DPO/OROLSI) to establish the new Gender Justice Working Group within the Global Rule of Law Focal Point to implement the Women Peace and Security (WPS) agenda.

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The GJP's achievements have been recognized as best practices in collaborative efforts to achieve gender equality within the UN system. In 2023, the results of [the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women](#) (UN SWAP 2.0) demonstrated UNDP's outstanding performance,- the highest compliance rate to date - with the Gender Justice Platform specifically recognized for its contribution to these results.

Strategic Global Initiatives

This section highlights key achievements of the Gender Justice Platform in advancing innovative and transformative policies to promote gender justice at the global level. This includes the development of knowledge and learning-focused products as well as global and regional events on the reform of discriminatory laws, gender inequality and legal aid, to inform policy and innovative programming.

1.1. Supporting United Nations efforts on Rule of Law, Peace and Security

→ In 2023, the Platform successfully advocated for the integration of a gender perspective in key policy documents of the UN system, including the [Secretary-General's New Vision for the Rule of Law](#) and the [Secretary-General's Guidance Note on Transitional Justice](#).

a. The Secretary-General's [revised guidance note on transitional justice](#) directs the United Nations' approach to support societies that are grappling with legacies of conflict or large-scale human rights violations and abuses. The Gender Justice Platform played an important role in shaping the content of the guidance, informed by the joint [report on women's meaningful participation in transitional justice](#) launched in 2022.

b. The Gender Justice Platform contributed to shaping the [New Vision for the Rule of Law](#) by incorporating principles, good practices and lessons learned through the Gender Justice Platform. One of the pillars of the New Vision is that the rule of law advances gender equality, stating that effective rule of law institutions enables women, girls and boys to claim their human rights on an equal footing, and that the equal representation of women in rule of law institutions is pursued through dedicated efforts.





↳ Looking Forward

In 2024, the Gender Justice Platform will continue to promote the Secretary-General's new Guidance Note on Transitional Justice and its vision of transitional justice as a tool to mitigate gender inequality in the aftermath of conflict. The GJP will also continue to promote gender equality in rule of law work through the UN's support to rule of law institutions under the Global Rule of Law Focal Point mechanism and its Gender Justice Working Group.

UN Women is developing a rule of law strategy setting out UN Women's vision, priorities and actions on non-discriminatory legal frameworks for women and girls and address women's justice needs. UNDP will finalize its global Policy Paper on People-centred Justice and Security and commence the development of a global guidance note for Country Offices on People-Centred Approaches to Justice for Women .

1.2. Improving the legal environment for women and girls

→ A legal environment in which women and girls can be and are empowered to claim their rights is essential to achieving gender equality and is a prerequisite for the realization of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The Gender Justice Platform continued to support the Task Team on Combating Discrimination in Law, as part of the [Secretary-General's Call to Action \(C2A\)](#). The Call to Action is the Secretary-General's transformative vision for human rights to remove barriers to women's equal participation.

In 2023, the Task Team played a key role in supporting the pilot countries - Albania, Colombia, Liberia and South Sudan to rollout the checklist for eliminating [laws that discriminate against women and girls](#), a tool to help UN Country Teams to identify obstacles and entry points in a country's legal framework and enabling a coherent UN approach to eliminating discriminatory laws through conducting national legal reviews and legal assessments.

- In [South Sudan](#), the legal assessment was completed and launched. In 2023, with support from the Gender Justice Platform, National Elections (Amendment) Act was enacted, providing that 35 percent of seats in the national legislature should be held by women. In Albania, the legal review was a key instrument for the Ministry of Justice in the development of a new criminal code, including revised provisions on sexual crimes. In Colombia, an assessment of the legal framework review was done, and the national Congress expressed a willingness to continue working with the UN System on this issue. Lastly, in Liberia, although the assessment is in its early stages due to the elections held in 2023, the UN Country Team (UNCT) will support the national legal reviews and assessments during the next years.



↳ Looking Forward

An assessment in Uganda is expected to be published in 2024, with a focus on legislation addressing violence against women, while a study on discriminatory laws in both Tanzania mainland and Zanzibar is also expected to be published in 2024. In Kenya, in collaboration with IDLO, a "Comprehensive legislative analysis of gender-responsive laws" report will be published in 2024, with support from the Kenya Law Reform Commission (KLRC). Additionally, in 2024 all pilot countries (Albania, Colombia, Liberia and South Sudan) will continue their work on ending discrimination in legal frameworks through partnerships with UNCTs and Resident Coordinators.

1.3. Advocating for women judges' leadership in justice institutions

- The Gender Justice Platform launched the Women in Justice in Africa initiative, based on extensive research commissioned by 14 African countries.⁴ In March 2023, on the occasion of the International Day of Women Judges, the Platform also published a web story entitled [Justice for all: Why having more women judges benefits all of society](#), highlighting key findings from the research.
- In May 2023, UNDP, UN Women and UNODC, in partnership with the Conference of African Constitutional Jurisdictions and the Constitutional Court of the Gabonese Republic, organized the [First Meeting of African Women Judges in Gabon](#). A key outcome was the Libreville Declaration, committing to further progress in women's judicial leadership in Africa as a precondition for better access to justice for all in the region. More than 60 women judges from 30 countries shared experiences, good practices and main gaps in their country contexts.
- At the [Hague Justice Week](#), in June 2023, under UNDP's Justice Futures CoLab, the Gender Justice Platform held a high level panel on Women in Justice in Africa initiative. Three, high profile women judges from Mozambique, Nigeria and Uganda discussed the main challenges faced by women pursuing legal careers in Africa, as well as good practices, lessons learned and recommendations for women participation in justice responses.
- The initiative on women judges was highlighted in a statement made by the UNDP during the 53rd session of the Human Rights Council (HRC53) in 2023, and, as part of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence in December 2023, the Platform launched a digital story titled [Empowering women in justice: Why investing in women is vital to achieving justice](#).

Looking Forward

The Gender Justice Platform will continue to support women's leadership in justice institutions and women's political participation. In 2024, this initiative is expected to expand to other regions, including Latin America, Asia Pacific and East Europe. Collaboration with other partners is expected, including with IDLO, UNODC and the International Association of Women Judges (IAWJ).



“Being a judge gives me an opportunity to change people's lives for the better. We need to talk about it every day to ensure gender is on the agenda of the judiciary. Sometimes all the quotas and legislation are there. What we need to change is the mindset.”

Judge Elisa Samuel Boerekamp, a High Court Judge and General Director of the Centre for Judicial and Legal Training of Mozambique



“When UNDP helped set up a law course at Puntland State University and gave us scholarship opportunities, it was one of my happiest moments. When we started, even female survivors of violence wanted male prosecutors to handle their cases, they did not believe we could prosecute. Now, when women are looking for us saying they need a female prosecutor, I feel we are making a difference.”

Shamso Bile, one of the first seven female prosecutors in Puntland (Somalia)

⁴ The research is expected to be launched soon and it covers 14 countries from Africa: Algeria, Burkina Faso, Central African Republic, Ethiopia, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Morocco, Mozambique, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Uganda and Zimbabwe.

1.4. Advocating for Financing Gender Equality efforts

- Justice financing for women and girls is an integral part the work of the Gender Justice Platform as its intrinsically linked to the overall people-centred justice agenda and the commitment to gender equality stated in the 2030 Agenda.
- In 2023, the GJP, IDLO, the Pathfinders and the World Bank commenced a joint research and knowledge collaboration on financing women's justice needs, particularly in the context of violence against women, to understand the existing gaps in funding that need to be addressed to achieve access to justice for women and girls globally and fulfill the commitment of the 2030 Agenda.

- Initial findings from the research show that data on government spending to prevent and respond to violence against women is scarce, which poses a concrete challenge for the identification of trends in women's access to justice and the extraction of good practices. While the research aims to fill some of these data gaps, similar studies focused on regional contexts are needed in the future.



↳ Looking Forward

The global research [on justice financing for women](#) will be launched during the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in 2024. In addition, a country-focused study on the Ugandan experience is being developed to complement this global research and is expected to be completed in 2025. All these joint efforts will serve as a strategic contribution to the broader effort to develop [a framework for financing access to people-centred justice for all](#), led by [the Justice Action Coalition \(JAC\)](#), [Overseas Development Institute \(ODI\)](#) and [Pathfinders](#).

1.5. New partners in support of accountability for conflict-related sexual violence - United Kingdom (FCDO): The catalytic impact of the Gender Justice Platform

- In 2023, the United Kingdom, through the Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict Initiative (PSVI) of the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) began funding UN Women's programming developed through the Gender Justice Platform on advancing gender-sensitive transitional justice, as a catalytic entry point for the pursuit of survivor-centered accountability for conflict-related sexual violence.

- Support was provided towards strengthening national capacities to pursue gender-sensitive transitional justice in Colombia, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Kenya, South Sudan, Ukraine and also Kosovo,⁵ as well as to support global policy-level interventions on gender justice.

- This new funding is a strategic complement to the existing contribution from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of the Netherlands and the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) of Germany, to scale up efforts on conflict-related sexual violence response and broader peacebuilding efforts for women and girls.



↳ Looking Forward

UN Women will continue to support the promotion of survivor-centred accountability for conflict-related sexual violence, in partnership with the United Kingdom's PSVI programme. This includes supporting national authorities, justice practitioners, civil society organizations and survivors to promote accountability for conflict-related sexual violence.

⁵ References to Kosovo shall be understood to be in the context of UN Security Council resolution 1244 (1999).

Country Level Results Highlights

The Gender Justice Platform offers strategic support to countries to enhance capacities for the provision of justice services to address the specific needs of women and girls, in line with United Nations frameworks and national policies on gender equality and the rule of law. This chapter presents key highlights from 2023 country support which include gender-sensitive legal aid, strategic capacity building for justice and security actors and support for transitional justice processes.

2.1. Contributing to increasing capacities justice institutions and other stakeholders in Africa

While women's leadership was a critical priority in 2023, the GJP also worked towards capacity development of other justice stakeholders to ensure that justice systems are responsive to citizens justice needs, address their concerns and are responsive to women's demands and aspirations.

In **Mozambique**, support was provided for the development of the forthcoming Gender Strategies for the Ministry of the Interior, the Supreme Court and the Attorney General's Office. Additionally, a strategic capacity building programme on investigative skills for conflict-related sexual violence cases was developed and implemented for paralegals, community judges and members of the community police in Cabo Delgado, Niassa and Nampula (provinces in northern Mozambique). Through this training, the Gender Justice Platform contributed to strengthening the capacities of 90 judges on violent extremism, and 35 national prosecutors benefited from new skills in investigating conflict-related sexual violence cases.

UNDP, enabled the Ministry of Justice through the Institute for Legal Assistance (IPAJ) and the civil society organizations - We World - GVC and Monitoring Forum of UPR (FMMRPU) – to hold awareness-raising campaigns in ten districts of Cabo Delgado, Niassa and Nampula provinces. As a result, more than 28,000 people (including more than 16,000 women) benefited, especially in remote areas. In partnership with IPAJ, roadshows were conducted in Nampula and Cabo Delgado provinces, reaching over 7,000 people, including nearly 3,000 women, raising awareness about child marriage, gender-based violence and free legal aid services.

In **Guinea-Bissau**, UNDP continued to support the Center of Access to Justice (CAJ)'s 7 offices in the country, to prevent and respond to gender-based violence, with a particular

focus on the needs of children, young girls and women at the local level. In 2023, 3,783 people (including 1,716 women) benefited from direct justice services, including 55 specific cases of domestic violence and 22 cases of sexual gender-based violence.

Further, strategic awareness-raising campaigns, were conducted in rural areas in 33 communities to prevent and combat gender-based violence, in collaboration with women's civil society organizations such as the Rede Nacional de Luta Contra Violência baseada no Género e Criança na Guiné-Bissau (RENLUV), the Association of Women Jurists, the Center of Access to Justice (CAJ) and the Guinea-Bissau Bar Association. These campaigns reached over 3,219 people (including 1,465 women) and enabled community members to seek justice services for the most vulnerable and marginalized communities.

This initiative is focused on addressing taboo issues in the country such as sexual gender -based violence and human rights violations, and therefore focuses on local communities that have less access to legal information, in alignment with the Platform's goal of empowering the most vulnerable people to exercise their rights. As a next step, the Platform will make special efforts to target the needs of women from local communities.

Significant results were achieved by the National Center for Judicial Training (CENFOJ), through the implementation of a strategic training programme focusing on equipping women lawyers and judges with knowledge and skills on gender equality and career management was developed. The training benefited 40 women from the national judicial system, including Public Ministry magistrates, judges, lawyers and technicians from the CAJ. The Gender Justice Platform support resulted in the creation of a network of women legal professionals in Guinea-Bissau aimed at facilitating knowledge sharing, peer support and cooperation among women in the legal field.

Training Seminar on the Situation of Gender-Based Violence and the Judicial System in Guinea-Bissau
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In **Tanzania**, the Platform, in collaboration with the Tanzania Women Judges Association (TAWJA), supported the translation of the country's first **Gender Bench Book** on women's rights to Swahili thereby providing an accessible reference guide for judicial officers in protecting the rights of women and girls. Through the roll out of the Gender Bench Book, 50 judges and magistrates, including 33 women from the Mbeya and Njombe communities, increased their ability to deliver gender-responsive judgments in the administration of justice.

To contribute to the knowledge and learning from this initiative, a series of interviews were conducted in December 2023 to document the impact of this initiative through TAWJA, providing important lessons to strengthening this collaboration in the future.

In **South Sudan**, the Platform supported 32 civil society organizations under a women-led coalition on the constitution making to lobby for women's participation and position women's constitutional demands in the permanent constitution to replace the current Transitional Constitution adopted in 2011. UN Women also contributed to the development of the South Sudan Women's Charter⁶, which empowers women to articulate their concerns and priorities in the permanent constitution.

↳ Looking Forward

In 2024, initiatives on women's leadership in justice will be supported. For example, in Montenegro, programming will be supported to strengthening the alliance of human rights defenders and empowering women within the justice and security sectors to ensure their active participation in decision-making and leadership. In the Southeast Asia sub region, new programming will be supported to formalize a regional network of women judges in coordination with the Justice Action Coalition.

⁶ Ministry of Gender, Child & Social Welfare, South Sudan Women's Charter: A charter of women's demands in the permanent Constitution, South Sudan, 2024. Available at https://africa.unwomen.org/sites/default/files/2024-06/south_sudan_womens_charter.pdf

2.2. Prevention and response to gross human rights violations, impunity and injustice for women and girls in Guatemala

In Guatemala, women and girls continue to experience the intergenerational impact of decades of impunity, gross human rights violations and structural violence. Guatemalan women, including young women and Indigenous women, are leading efforts to pursue justice. The Gender Justice Platform is supporting partners in Guatemala, including Indigenous women and survivors of sexual and gender-based violence, to develop solutions to restore the social fabric and create community engagement.⁷

In 2023, a total of 188 young people (including 130 women) benefitted through several trainings conducted at the local level on historical memory, community tourism, social entrepreneurship, leadership. In addition, training by the Technical Institute for Training and Productivity (INTECAP), benefitted 40 local youth (including 26 women) from three municipalities - Rabinal, Cubulco and San Miguel Chicaj focusing on economic empowerment initiatives contributing to national social cohesion efforts.

In coordination with the Supreme Electoral Tribunal, a training curriculum on civic-political leadership skills for local youth, with a special focus on the participation of women and Indigenous Peoples was implemented. In 2023, 54 local leaders (including 34 women) improved their skills in decision-making processes, increasing their capacity for participation, leadership and the exercise of their civic and political rights in local territories. Finally, a strategic plan was jointly developed with the Judicial Branch and the Secretariat of Indigenous Peoples to support Mayan youth to effectively access justice services.

↳ Looking Forward

In 2024, the training courses will continue to be implemented and will be focused on specific local departments to allow broader participation, due to the high demand for participation.



Female leaders meeting in Guatemala as part of the training “Young Indigenous Women Leaders Training School” supported in Guatemala by UNDP. ©UNDP Guatemala/ Sofía Vásquez

⁷ Ibid. This work builds on the 2022, the Gender Justice Platform supported the publication of in-depth research on the Sepur Zarco Case with the American University Washington College of Law. The Sepur Zarco Case was a groundbreaking case in Guatemala’s court system, as the first conviction by a national court anywhere in the world, for sexual slavery as an international crime.

2.3. Advancing Survivor-Centred Responses to Conflict-Related Sexual Violence in Ukraine

To address the acute needs, including justice needs, of survivors of conflict-related sexual violence in Ukraine, UN Women, through the Gender Justice Platform, alongside other strategic partners, supported a women's civil society organization, the Association of Women Lawyers (JurFem), to develop a training course for Ukrainian civil servants on identifying, preventing and responding to conflict-related sexual violence, aligned to national and international legal frameworks and standards.

As of December 2023, the course had been completed by 1,767 civil servants (1,414 women and 352 men), enhancing their knowledge on key topics, including on how to engage sensitively with survivors and to ensure a coordinated and holistic response across actors providing assistance to survivors.

The demand for this training course demonstrates the need for enhanced knowledge on conflict-related sexual violence by civil servants in Ukraine and resulted in the over-achievement of the Gender Justice Platform's indicator on training and mentorship on gender-sensitive transitional justice for 2023.

With support from UN Women, JurFem also provided direct legal assistance to conflict-affected people, including survivors of conflict-related sexual violence. In 2023, 103 women and 17 men benefitted from legal support.



↳ Looking Forward

In 2024, UN Women will continue supporting the justice response to conflict-related sexual violence in Ukraine, including through mentorship activities for justice service providers on international legal frameworks and standards



A workshop on gender-responsive transitional justice was organized in South Sudan by UN Women, UNDP and the Ministry of Gender, Child and Social Welfare. ©UN Women

2.4. Dominican Republic's global recognition on Gender Responsive Justice Strategy

In the Dominican Republic, UNDP is supporting the country's efforts towards institutional transformation of the justice sector by incorporating an innovative people-centred and gender-responsive focus in its national justice strategies to address the challenges of inequality, injustice and insecurity in the country.

A recently signed three-year institutional cooperation agreement between UNDP and the Judiciary of the Dominican Republic (of approximately US\$20 million), prioritizes access to justice, gender responsiveness and inclusion, and support to the current National Justice Sector Strategic Plan.

As part of the UNDP's Gender Equality Seal for Public Institutions, the Dominican Republic Judiciary was recognized with the Gold Award for actively promoting gender equality and contributing to the reduction of gender disparities in its sector, becoming the first judicial branch in Central America and the Caribbean to receive this award.



↳ Looking Forward

In 2024 and 2025, the Dominican Republic intends to host several global and regional justice events, including the Central American Justice Council, the Ibero-American Justice Summit and the World Law Congress, providing strategic opportunities to showcase and share good experiences on its people-centred and gender-responsive justice efforts. In 2024, the country will begin implementing people-centred and gender-responsive justice initiative with the support of the Justice Action Coalition.



Dominican Republic
UNDP Gender
Equality Seal
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2.5. Advocating for inclusive justice services in Tanzania and Uganda

The Gender Justice Platform is supporting the provision of integrated legal aid that addresses women's justice needs and at the same time enhances the capacities of women and women's groups for the inclusive delivery of justice services for women.

In **Uganda**, UN Women, through the Gender Justice Platform, supported the provision of free legal aid services, mediation and mentorship to vulnerable women and girls. As a result, in 2023, 15,620 people benefited from legal aid services, including 10,617 women and girls and 429 refugees (284 of them women). This assistance was provided in collaboration with several partners, including the Uganda Association of Women Lawyers (FIDA-U), the Uganda Law Society, Justice Centres Uganda and the Refugee Law Project.

The GJP supported women and women's groups to enhance their capacities to deliver inclusive justice for women, including the provision of legal aid. This support has allowed the strengthening of community level mechanisms and actors, including paralegals, legal aid providers and transitional justice actors. In 2023, 20 justice providers (13 women) were trained in survivor-centred mediation and referral of cases. Additionally, a series of community dialogues and awareness raising campaigns were held in collaboration with local cultural leaders and civil society organizations.

In 2023, UN Women successfully advocated for the passage of the Markets Act in Uganda,⁸ which tackles crucial women's rights issues. The law is revolutionizing the management of vendors in Uganda, requiring women's leadership participation and ensuring fair and legal market operations.

In **Tanzania**, legal aid awareness activities were supported in collaboration with the Ministry of Constitution and Legal Affairs for the Mama Samia legal aid campaign in the Mtwara and Lindi regions. The campaign provided legal aid to litigants in matters including land rights, property ownership, inheritance and gender-based violence. The legal services are provided mainly to women, children and other marginalized groups. As part of the legal empowerment and services package, citizens receive legal education on issues of rule of law and human rights. Separately, in the region of Simiyu, a total of 81,534 individuals received legal aid (40,680 women and 40,854 men).



HE Samia Suluhu Hassan, President of the United Republic of Tanzania launching the Gender Bench Book on Women's Rights
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⁸ Uganda Legal Information Institute (ULII), Markets Act, 2023, (8 June 2023). Available at <https://ulii.org/akn/ug/act/2023/7/eng@2023-06-08>.

Partnering for Gender Justice

3.1. The Justice Action Coalition as a convener for People-Centred Justice

The Gender Justice Platform remained a strategic partner within the Justice Action Coalition, the multi-stakeholder coalition launched in 2021 with the objective of achieving measurable progress in justice outcomes for people and communities by 2030 and beyond.

With the purpose to commit special efforts to achieving access to justice for women and girls, a dedicated Justice for Women [working group](#), was established with UN and external partners including UNDP, UN Women, The Pathfinders, IDLO, World Justice Project, Namati, among other partners.⁹

In 2023 UN Women, in collaboration with UNDP, IDLO, World Bank and Pathfinders, and through the Gender Justice Platform, commenced a study on gender-sensitive justice financing, with the objective of determining the extent to which national budgets are taking women's justice needs into account and make the case for the importance and concrete impact of public gender budgeting for gender justice. This research is under development during the reporting date.

The Gender Justice Platform is also a strategic partner of the Justice Action Coalition Working Group on Transitional Justice and SDG16+. This working group, led by The International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ), is an international policy platform, supported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, that champions equal access to justice for all.

In 2023 the Working Group on Transitional Justice and SDG16+ launched the report [Toward Victim-Centered Change: Integrating Transitional Justice into Sustainable Peace and Development](#) to advocate for a more strategic approach to linking transitional justice with sustainable development. The Gender Justice Platform's contribution was on emphasizing the pivotal role of women in peacebuilding and sustaining peace within comprehensive transitional justice processes. Additionally, the Platform's research on [Women's meaningful participation in transitional justice: Advancing gender equality and building sustainable peace](#) in 2022, served as a foundational reference for the report.



⁹ As per 2024, the partners of Gender Working Group of the Justice Action Coalition are: Pathfinders for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies, UNDP, UN Women, IDLO, World Justice Project, Namati, Open Government Partnership (OGP), MenEngage Alliance, The World Bank, Justice Canada, Mott Foundation, Legal Services Facility and Legal Resources Center and Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (BLAST)

Initial findings of the report were presented at the 2023 SDG Summit and the official launch was held at The Hague, serving as a strategic policy knowledge resource to guide national stakeholders.

In Latin America Ibero-America and UNDP collaborated on the [Report on Access to Justice in Ibero-America](#), coordinated by the Ibero-American Alliance for Access to Justice (the JAC regional network). The report provided an overview of the state of access to justice in the region, highlighting efforts by justice ecosystem stakeholders to enhance accessibility for all. It incorporated a gender mainstreaming approach to scrutinize challenges and gaps within the regional justice system.

In 2024, UNDP will develop a Policy Guide and a Guidance Note on People-Centred Justice for Women, to contribute to the global discourse on advancing gender equality.

3.2. Enhancing Gender-Equality through the UN Global Focal Point for the Rule of Law

In 2023, the Gender Justice Platform supported the UN Global Focal Point for the Rule of Law (GFP) to further strengthen the gender-responsiveness of its work, in particular through the establishment of a Working Group on Gender Justice. The Working Group is a result of the implementation of the recommendations of the 2022 [Guidance Note developed by the Gender Justice Platform and the GFP, Women, Peace & Security and the United Nations Global Focal Point for the Rule of Law: Promoting Gender Justice for Peaceful and Inclusive Societies](#), as a concrete effort to consolidate gender and rule of law expertise across the UN system and to serve as a forum for GFP partners to discuss and brainstorm on gender, women, peace and security, and rule of law issues.

The working Group is led by UNDP, Department of Peace Operations (DPO)/ Office of Rule of Law and Security Institutions (OROLSI) and UN Women, and is currently joined by nine entities working on rule of law across the UN system, including the Executive Office of the Secretary-General (EOSG), Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), Team Of Experts on Conflict-related Sexual Violence, the Office of High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), UNICEF and United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), covering a wide-range of expertise including on police, justice, corrections, security sector reform, conflict-related sexual violence, transitional justice and crisis response.

In 2023, the Gender Justice Working Group commenced the development of a gender marker system to track and assess the gender-responsiveness of GFP missions and deployments, including mapping gender expertise among GFP partners on rule of law issues.

3.3. Justice Rapid Response: a mechanism to deliver gender expertise in crisis settings

The Justice Rapid Response is a multi-stakeholder facility that supports the effective delivery of human rights and international justice by providing professional expertise to international, national and civil society actors to investigate serious human rights violations and to promote the rights and access to justice of victims and survivors.

In 2023, [Justice Rapid Response](#) became a partner for UN Women, through the deployment of gender advisors and sexual and gender-based violence investigators to international investigations documenting serious human rights violations and grave violations of international humanitarian law in conflict contexts.

In 2024, the Justice Rapid Response, with the support of UN Women, will develop guidance on intersectionality in the investigation of sexual and gender-based violence, including conflict-related sexual violence. Further, a meeting will be convened of recently deployed experts to take stock of achievements and develop strategies to address emerging issues, as well as side events in the margins of the Security Council open debate on women, peace and security to showcase the impact of gender expertise in investigations.

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Way forward

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In 2024, the Gender Justice Platform will continue to **prioritize the strengthening of the capacity of national security and justice institutions to provide gender-responsive services in crisis situations.**

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The Platform will continue to advocate for a **gender-responsive and survivor-centred response to conflict-related sexual violence.** In Ukraine, for example, UN Women, will engage with various stakeholders of the Government of Ukraine to address issues of conflict-related sexual violence and to support the coordination of the UN response. This includes through the Sub-Group on Reparations of the Inter-Agency Working Group on conflict-related sexual violence, which is the coordinating forum for the implementation and monitoring of the Framework for Cooperation between the United Nations and the Government of Ukraine on the response to conflict-related sexual violence.

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The Platform will also strengthen its efforts to **promote the participation of women and girls in decision-making in crisis, fragile and transitional settings** through the newly established Gender Working Group of the Global Focal Point for the Rule of Law.

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At the global level, the Gender Justice Platform will generate new knowledge and Develop a **monitoring, evaluation and learning (MEL) strategy on integration of gender in rule of law and access to justice.**

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The Platform will undertake in-depth [learning and research on customary and informal justice mechanisms, with a focus on their role in providing access to justice for women and girls in crisis contexts](#). In addition, through the Justice for Women Working Group of the Justice Action Coalition, the Platform will conduct in depth research and analysis on women's experiences with CIJ systems crisis and fragile contexts. The GJP will continue to highlight the role of inclusive, rights respecting and formally recognized CIJ systems in meeting women's justice and to share key messages at global events and processes.

Recognizing the complexity of CIJ systems, in 2024 UNDP will develop guidance for its country offices on people centered approaches to CIJ, through a lens informed by gender analysis and human rights-based approaches.

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The Platform will be engaged in [data collection efforts on women's justice needs and tracking of progress on justice for women](#). The joint research, Financing Justice for Women and the Uganda country study will be launched during the 68th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW68) in 2024, which will focus on "Reducing poverty and strengthening institutions and financing with a gender perspective". Webinars and learning events will be organized under the auspices of the Justice for Women Working Group of the Justice Action Coalition to disseminate these findings and share country experiences.

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The [Gender Justice Working Group of the Global Rule of Law Focal Point](#) will continue to be a key vehicle for building new knowledge and developing new data on gender-responsive solutions in crisis settings, and for sharing lessons learned and best practices among its partners to ensure gender-responsiveness in UN rule of law programming. The GJP will continue the development of the Gender Marker tool for the GFP in 2024 and the French- language version of the [Guidance Note on Women, Peace and Security and the United Nations Global Focal Point for the Rule of Law](#) will be published to expand implementation in francophone countries.



Launching of the Gender Bench Book in Tanzania.
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Strategic Result Framework

This section presents the progress and results achieved by the Gender Justice Platform in 2023, aggregating results across the contexts supported by the Platform vis-à-vis its results frameworks¹⁰ The Gender Justice Platform falls under a common Outcome on Advancing gender equality and increase women's and girls' access to justice, with three common Objectives that focus on **gender-responsive and people-centered justice and security services (Objective 1)**, **women's meaningful participation in justice and security sector (Objective 2)**, and **shaping the policy discourse on gender equality and rule of law (Objective 3)**.

The attached table reflects the results achieved under the three common objective indicators, and the subsequent tables reflect the results achieved under the specific activity indicators from each of the Dutch and German Results Frameworks separately, as the indicators and targets differ.

Given the unique and flexible structure of the Gender Justice Platform, most results and achievements are made possible through joint efforts of the Dutch and German contributions and are therefore reflected under both Results Frameworks, unless otherwise indicated. In addition, the GJP further benefits from UNDP's broader Global Programme (through technical, policy or financial support), increasing the catalytic effect of the Platform investment. Results of such support are summarized and

highlighted in the [UNDP's Rule of Law and Human Rights Annual Report 2023](#). Further as indicated in the "Partnering for Gender Justice" section of this report, additional financial contributions from the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) of the United Kingdom to UN Women has enabled the Platform to amplify its results through leveraging of resources. Additional information is provided under these specific activities.

Finally, as indicated in the design of the results frameworks, most indicators use the first year's results as the baseline for calculating the future years' targets, and do not have a specific target for the first year. Therefore, the level of achievement against indicator targets are not calculated for this first-year report. For the 2024 annual report, this analysis will be included based on targets set for 2024.

¹⁰ Currently two parallel results frameworks exist for the Gender Justice Platform, based on the agreements with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of the Netherlands and the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development -BMZ- of Germany, respectively. The two results framework share common objective indicators, for which aggregated results are presented in the table of Common Objective Indicators.

Objective 1

The Gender Justice Platform invested in the delivery of gender-responsive and people-centered justice and security services.

In 2023, the Gender Justice Platform supported 37 countries, including through technical, financial and/or policy support, in collaboration with strategic partners. The Platform invested in 26 justice institutions to provide people-centred and gender responsive justice services including 18 institutions at the national level and 8 at the subnational level in 14 countries, in order that they become effective, accountable and accessible, particularly to meet the needs of women and girls. With the Gender Justice Platform's support, more than 135,000 people (including nearly 72,000 women) benefited from legal aid awareness and legal representation, bringing justice closer to women and girls in Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique, Tanzania and Uganda, including more than 97,000 people (among which more than 51,000 are women) enabled to access justice through legal aid, particularly at the local level, bringing justice closer to women and girls through legal information and representation. The Gender Justice Platform prioritized the urgent needs of survivors of conflict-related sexual violence. To this end, in 2023, the Platform trained or supported more than 2,100 national staff- including investigators, prosecutors and transitional justice actors- in 6 countries on CRSV approaches and legal frameworks techniques, enabling them to better address and respond to the immediate needs of CRSV survivors, in collaboration with national women's civil society organizations.

Objective 2

The Gender Justice Platform actively promoted women's meaningful participation and leadership in the justice and security sectors

to ensure that they are responsive to the needs of people, especially the most vulnerable women and girls. In 2023, with the support of the Gender Justice Platform, more than 190 women increased their capacity to participate in and deliver justice and security services. In 10 countries justice and security institutions strengthened their capacity to achieve gender parity in their institutions, as a key step towards delivering gender-responsive services. The Platform made concerted efforts to promote the meaningful participation of women and youth in law reform and constitutional reform processes. In 2023, more than 130 women and youth's capacities were enhanced to publicly engage in constitution-making and law reform processes. In addition, 824 women directly participated in accountability and reparations initiatives supported, including 32 local civil society organizations. The GJP developed 7 concrete initiatives with the main objective of expanding women's leadership in the justice and security sector.

Objective 3

The Gender Justice Platform has actively contributed to shaping the policy discourse on gender equality and the rule of law through innovative, intersectional, evidence-based analytics and learning.

In 2023, the Platform developed 8 innovative tools and methodologies that produced lessons learned on gender justice. In addition, the Platform supported nearly 30 research, knowledge, learning and policy products on topics including reform of discriminatory laws, gender-responsive rule of law and transitional justice. To disseminate this learning and enable the exchange of knowledge and lessons learned at the national, regional and global levels, the Platform convened and participated in 14 multi-stakeholder events in collaboration with many partners, including the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), The Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict, International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ), International Development Law Organization (IDLO) and the Conference of Constitutional Jurisdictions of Africa.

Joint objective indicators

| Objectives | Objective indicators | Baseline | | Results Year 2023 | Reporting notes | Data source |
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| | | Value | Year | | | |
| Output 1 Support gender-responsive and people-centered justice and security service delivery | 1.a. Number of justice institutions with enhanced capacity to provide people-centred gender justice services, in line with human rights/gender/LNOB principles in terms of fairness, effectiveness, accountability or independence (a) Formal (b) Informal (c) Total | 26 | 2023 | (a) 26 (b) 0 (c) 26 | Institutions supported in Algeria, Bhutan, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Guinea Bissau, Kenya, Mali, Mozambique, Senegal, South Sudan, Ukraine, Tunisia. The results include 18 institutions supported at the national level and 8 institutions supported at the sub-national level. Examples of national level institutions include, Ministries of Justice, office of director of public prosecution, legal aid institutions such as the Mozambique Institute for Legal Aid and the Legal Aid Centre in Bhutan; transitional justice institutions such as the Special Jurisdiction for Peace in Colombia, National Observatory on ending violence against women in Tunisia. Examples of sub-national institutions include local Centers of Access of Justice in Guinea Bissau and local Municipality in Guatemala | UNDP Global Programme Reporting (GP Reporting), UN Women reporting |
| | 1.b. Number of people accessing justice through formal or informal justice mechanisms, disaggregated by sex (a) Female (b) Male (c) Total | 97,194 | 2023 | (a) 51,320 (b) 45,874 (c) 97,194 | The people accessed justice through justice mechanisms in Tanzania, Uganda and Guinea Bissau | UNDP Global Programme Reporting, UN Women reporting |

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| Output 2 Promote women's meaningful participation and leadership in the justice and security sectors | 2.a. Number of women with increased capacities for participation in justice and security delivery services | 191 | 2023 | 191 | Support includes national initiatives in Guinea Bissau, Tanzania and Uganda. Regional initiatives supported in Gabon (<u>Regional Conference of Women Judges</u>) and Kenya (<u>Corrections Officer Recruitment Exercise-CORE</u>) | Global Programme Reporting, UN Women reporting, Department of Police Office/Unitar Reporting |
| | 2.b. Number of justice and security institutions strengthened in terms of gender parity participation | 10 | 2023 | 10 | Training was provided to Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Kenya, Madagascar, Rwanda, Senegal, Sweden, Switzerland and Togo to increase capacities in correction services. This was done through the Justice and Corrections Government-Provided Personnel trained through <u>Corrections Officer Recruitment Exercise-CORE</u> by DPO -OROLSI and supported by the GJP. The judiciary in Dominican Republic received capacity through the <u>UNDP Gender Equality Seal in Public Institutions</u> initiative | UN Women and UNDP reports, Department of Police Office/Unitar Reporting |

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| Output 3 Contribute to shaping the policy discourse on gender equality and rule of law through innovative, intersectional, evidence-informed analytics and learning (GP4 Output 6) | 3.a. Number of innovative tools and methodologies that produced lessons learned on gender justice through the gender justice platform | 8 | 2023 | 8 | 1. One innovative discriminatory law assessment methodology, implemented in Nigeria, Tanzania, Uganda, South Sudan, Ethiopia, Barbados, Guyana, Bahamas, Trinidad and Tobago, Bangladesh, Burundi, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, Sudan, Zimbabwe, Colombia, Liberia, Mali, Morocco, and one global assessment | Global Programme Reporting, UN Women reporting |

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| | | | | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. One interagency Discriminatory Law Assessment methodology under the Secretary General's Task Team implemented in Albania, Colombia and South Sudan. The methodology included tools from UN Women, UNDP, OHCHR, UNFPA, FAO and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) for an integrated approach 3. Blog African Judges Improve Trust In Courts 4. One videographic storytelling tool used to produce Three Hague Talks of Judge Solomi Bossa; Judge Elisa Boerekamp and Judge Amina Augie. Hague talks allowed livestreamed personal stories to promote women leadership in justice Gender Justice Platform initiative 5. Blog 'Empowering Women in Justice' for 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence campaign 6. Asia Pacific Multi-Country Project on Behavioral Insights in Indonesia, Nepal, Samoa and Solomon Islands. Examples of innovative solutions includes a manual guide to support women GBV survivors with disabilities in their needs in Samoa and a behavioural intervention tool to facilitate legal support for women on land related disputes in Solomon Island 7. One Training on Historical Memory on intergenerational trauma in Guatamela, providing youth with economic empowerment tools in support to national social cohesion 8. One training in Guatemala on civic-political leadership skills for local youth, improving their capacity for participation and leadership of civic and political rights at local level | |
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The Netherlands activity indicators

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| Objective 1 Support gender-responsive and people-centered justice and security service delivery | 1.1.1 Number of multi-stakeholder consultations (i.e. involving UN, government and/ or civil society) held where the participants reached agreement on recommendations for reforming or repealing discriminatory laws and/or behaviors | 0 | 4 | 9 | <p>Four national consultation processes supported in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In Tanzania, as a stakeholder meeting on legal assessment reviews In Guatemala, one local consultation meeting was held on Mayan youth participation and two local consultations conducted on community tourism and local youth participation <p>Five Global consultations supported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three SG’s Task Team on Discriminatory Laws, three global consultations with national governments institutions in Albania, Colombia and South Sudan allowed the review of their national frameworks to adress discriminatory laws Steering Committee of <u>Equality in Law for Women and Girls by 2030</u>, annual consultation held in support of the implementation of the global strategy “Equality in law for women and girls by 2030” (developed by UN Women, the African Union, the Commonwealth, Inter-Parliamentary Union, Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie, and Secretaría General Ibero-Americana) | UNDP Global Programme reporting (UNDP GP Reporting), UNDP Country reporting, UN Women reporting |

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| | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, the consultation allowed the discussion of innovative strategies for the enactment of gender equality legislation in Barbados, Ghana, Kenya, and Rwanda. The GJP supports the global consultations through the participation of UN Women and/or UNDP in the global mechanism, representing the overachievement of this target. This work represents the important contribution of the GJP to the global agenda. | |
| <p>1.1.2 Number of new or strengthened people-centred justice policies or services solutions developed to addressing discriminatory frameworks with support of GJP</p> | 0 | 3 | 5 | <p>Support provided in Indonesia, Nepal, Samoa, Solomon Islands, under a regional initiative on behavioural insights and access to justice for women. People-centred justice services solutions includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A manual guide to support women GBV survivors with disabilities in their needs in Samoa A behavioural intervention tool to facilitate legal support for women on land related disputes in Solomon Island In Indonesia, behaviorally-informed Instagram advertisements on services for gender-based violence survivors In Nepal, a phone support system for GBV survivors to address the barriers of judicial process The regional initiative, supported by the Funding Windows, UNDP Global Programme and gender Justice Platform, started in 2021 and ended in 2023 | <p>UNDP Global Programme reporting, UNDP Country reporting</p> |

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| <p>1.2.1 Number of people provided with legal information, advice or representation, disaggregated by sex (a) Female (b) Male (c) Total</p> | <p>(a) 30,419 (b) 3,760 (c) 34,179 *As of 2021</p> | <p>(a) 37,500 (b) 12,500 (c) 50,000</p> | <p>(a) 71,942 (b) 63,431 (c) 135,373</p> | <p>Support provided in Guinea Bissau, Mozambique, Tanzania and Uganda. Results from Guinea Bissau and Mozambique represents the achievement of broader UNDP initiatives to which the GJP also contributed. The target was initially set based on initial data of 2021 from UN Women and did not anticipate UNDP results</p> | <p>Global Programme Reporting and UN Women reporting. Baseline disaggregation recalculated based on percentage information provided by UN Women for 2021</p> |
| <p>1.3.1 Number of commission staff, investigators, prosecutors and other transitional justice practitioners trained or provided with mentoring support on intersectional discrimination, survivor-centered approaches or CRSV accountability</p> | <p>0</p> | <p>30</p> | <p>2,130</p> | <p>Support provided at national level in Ethiopia, Kenya, Mozambique, Tunisia and Ukraine. Support provided at regional level through training conducted in Latin America (Strategic Litigation for GBV Workshop) The indicator target was over-achieved due to high demand training in Ukraine as part of the specific crisis context response in the country</p> | <p>UNDP Global Programme reporting and UN Women reporting</p> |

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| | <p>1.4.1 Number of GJP-supported initiatives that support justice institutions to develop or strengthen gender equality and representation policies and/or approaches, disaggregated by support to</p> <p>(a) GFP</p> <p>(b) Gender Equality Seal</p> <p>(c) UN Action on CRSV/Team of Experts on the Rule of Law and Sexual Violence in Conflict (ToE)</p> | 0 | 3 | <p>Total: 10</p> <p>(a) 1</p> <p>(b) 3</p> <p>(c) 6</p> | <p>(a) GFP- Interagency Gender Justice Working Group established in 2023</p> <p>(b)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>UNDP Gender Equality Seal in Public Institutions</u> initiative in Dominican Republic focusing on the judiciary 2. UNDP Gender Equality Seal Community of Practice developed and convened in LAC with a focus on judicial institutions and 3. a global community of practice convened for targeting judicial institutions as part of the gender seal process <p>(c) Joint support with UN partners as part of the ToE in Central African Republic, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Guinea, Libya, Sudan and Ukraine</p> | <p>UNDP GP reporting and DPO/OROLSI reporting</p> |
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| Objective 2 Promote women’s meaningful participation and leadership in the justice and security sectors | 2.1.1 Number of women, women parliamentarians and youth trained to publicly engage in constitution-making and reform processes, including advocate for the reform of discriminatory policies or laws | 0 | 50 | 130 | Support provided in Guatemala through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training school on <u>civic-political leadership</u>, gender inclusion and local government and • Training for indigenous youth on <u>historical memory</u> and sustainable tourism. (Ongoing support) The trainings received much interest from youth than expected and trainings ended up having much participants than previously expected, resulting in the overachievement of this target (More information on the training can be found under chapter “Country Level Results Highlights”) | UNDP GP reporting and UNDP Country reporting |
| | 2.1.2 Number of women, women parliamentarians and youth supported to publicly engage in constitution-making and reform processes, including advocate for the reform of discriminatory policies or laws | 0 | 150 | 34 | Support provided in Guatemala, where youth women leaders participated, and exchanged knowledge and best practices for youth political participation through the networks of women leaders. The indicator target was partially achieved as the national project is still under development and the final results will be reported next year as the project finalizes | UNDP GP reporting and UNDP Country reporting |

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| <p>2.2.1 Number of women (including, for example, lawyers, community paralegals, women human rights defenders) trained to provide quality legal aid services</p> | 0 | 200 | 86 | <p>Support provided in Guinea Bissau (training for national judiciary system including Magistrates of the Public Ministry, Judges, Lawyers, and Technicians from the Center for Access to Justice) Tanzania (<u>Rollout of the Gender Bench Book for judiciary</u>) and Uganda (support to community level mechanisms actors on legal aid services for VAW survivors). The indicator target was partially achieved as the national projects in Guinea Bissau is still under development and the final results will be reported next year as the project finalizes.</p> | <p>UNDP GP reporting, UNDP Country reporting and UN Women reporting</p> |
| <p>2.2.2 Number of new or strengthened national/regional initiatives developed to strengthening the capacities of youth and women human rights defenders with support of GJP</p> | 0 | 2 | 4 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Initiatives supported at national level in South Sudan (<u>Women’s Charter informing the permanent constitution</u>) 2. Guatemala (two scholar curriculum developed through Leadership Training School. Ongoing process) 3. Initiatives supported at regional level in Latin America (ReLeg Regional Network on Strategic Litigation to Address GBV). The initiatives in South Sudan and Latin America are supported under existing partnerships and where the Gender Justice Platform has actively provided technical policy and/or financial support, representing the overachievement of this target | <p>UNDP GP Reporting and UN Women reporting</p> |

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| <p>2.3.1 Number of women (civil society, justice practitioners, survivors of CRSV) participating in accountability and reparations initiatives supported by the Gender Justice Platform</p> | 0 | 300 | 824 | <p>Support provided in Colombia, Ethiopia, South Sudan and Ukraine. Additionally 32 women-led CSO's were supported in South Sudan. The indicator target was over-achieved due to high demand of CRSV services in Ukraine as part of the specific crisis context response in the country</p> | <p>UNDP GP Reporting and UN Women reporting</p> |
| <p>2.4.1 Number of initiatives supported with the main purpose of expanding women's leadership in the justice and security sector</p> | 0 | 5 | 7 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. National initiative supported in Tanzania (<u>Gender Bench Book training</u>). 2. Regional initiatives supported in Latin America (Training on strategic Litigation on GBV) 3. UNDP Regional Community of Practice on <u>Gender Equality Seal in Justice Institutions</u> 4. In Africa (Regional network of women judges in Africa) 5. Global initiatives supported in New York (Establishment of Gender Justice Practitioners Hub) 6. UNDP Global Community of Practice on <u>Gender Equality Seal in Justice Institutions</u> 7. <u>Gender Parity Initiative</u> (implemented with the objective of providing United Nations Women Corrections Officers and candidates on skills-building and to enable inclusive rule of law work environments within UN peace operations) | <p>UNDP GP reporting, UNDP Country Office Reporting, UN Women reporting</p> |

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| Objective 3 Contribute to shaping the policy discourse on gender equality and rule of law through innovative, intersectional, evidence-informed analytics and learning (GP4 Output 6) | 3.1.1 Number of GJP-supported knowledge and learning-focused products or events that contribute to increased understanding of good practices for reforming discriminatory laws | 0 | 2 | 26 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 22 National assessment on discriminatory laws supported. Finalized in Nigeria, Tanzania, Uganda, South Sudan, Ethiopia and global assessment. Ongoing in Barbados, Guyana, Bahamas, Trinidad and Tobago, Bangladesh, Burundi, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, Sudan, Zimbabwe, Colombia, Liberia, Mali and Morocco. 4 National assessments on discriminatory laws supported through SG's Task Team on Discriminatory laws in Albania, Colombia, Liberia and South Sudan. The target was exceeded as the results included assesments that started in 2022 and were completed in 2023 as well as new assesments that started in 2023. The support provided under SG's Task Team on Discriminatory is part of the existing partnerships with the Gender Justice Paltform through technical policy and/or financial support. | UN Women reporting |
| | 3.2.1 Number of research products related to gender inequality and legal aid developed and disseminated | 0 | 2 | 1 | Report <u>Legislating and Enforcing the Minimum Age of Marriage</u> . Additional researchs are reported under indicator 3.4 | UNDP GP Reporting and UN Women reporting |

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| <p>3.3. Number of multi-stakeholder events (including policy makers and practitioners) convened by the Platform to enable knowledge and lessons exchange related to gender and transitional justice</p> | 0 | 5 | 10 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Transitional Justice Guidance Note Launch; 2. Strategic Litigation on GBV in Latin America; 3. Catalyzing Change: The Ongwen case, Sexual and Gender-Based Crimes and Intersection 4. Launch of Guidebook on State Obligations for CRSV; 5. Briefing on Guidebook on State Obligations for CRSV; 6. Decolonizing International Justice; 7. Gender Justice Practitioners Hub; 8. Civil Society and Crimes against Humanity Convention; 9. Accountability for CRSV in Ukraine; 10. Task Team Regional Webinar for WCARO on SDGs. The target was overachieved as the demand for GJP participation and engagement in global and multistakeholder events was higher than expected | UNDP GP Reporting |
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| | <p>3.4. Number of knowledge products developed and disseminated through the Gender Justice Platform to inform innovative programming on gender-responsive rule of law</p> | 0 | 4 | 5 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GFP-Gender Justice Working group Annual brief, 2. Legislating and Enforcing Minimum Age of Marriage report, 3. SG Report on Women Peace and Security Agenda, 4. Toward Victim-Centered Change: Integrating Transitional Justice into Sustainable Peace and Development 5. Secretary-General's Guidance Note on Transitional Justice | <p>UNDP GP Reporting and UN Women Reporting</p> |
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Germany activity indicators

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| Objective 1 Support gender-responsive and people-centered justice and security service delivery | 1.1. Number of consultations held where participants identified actions for reforming discriminatory laws | 0 | 4 | 4 | <p>One national consultation process supported in Tanzania (Stakeholder meeting on legal assessment reviews). Three global level consultations were supported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SG’s Task Team on Discriminatory Laws, • Steering Committee of Equality in Law for Women and Girls by 2030 • Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference | UNDP Global Programme GP reporting (UNDP GP Reporting); UNDP Country Office reporting. UN Women reporting |
| | 1.2. Number of people provided with legal assistance, disaggregated by sex (a) Female (b) Male (c) Total | (a) 547 (b) 0 (c) 547 *As of 2021 | (a) 750 (b) 250 (c) 1,000 | N/A | Support under this indicator in 2023 was provided mainly using contribution from the Netherlands (see The Netherlands activity indicator 1.2.1), where the german contribution mainly supported the activity in Tanzania which provided legal assistance to 81, 534 people including 40,680 women. German contribution will continue to be used to supporting this indicator in 2024 | UN Women reporting |
| | 1.3. Number of commission staff, investigators, prosecutors and other transitional justice practitioners trained or provided with mentoring support on intersectional discrimination, survivor-centered approaches or CRSV accountability | 0 | 10 | N/A | Activity not programmed for 2023 Results will be reported in 2024 | See Results Framework for details |

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| | <p>1.4. Number of supported initiatives that enable justice institutions to develop gender equality and representation policies and approaches, through the Gender Justice Platform</p> | 0 | 5 | 6 | <p>National initiatives supported in:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Guinea Bissau (support to women judges and lawyers), 2. Mozambique (support to women judges and lawyers) 3. Montenegro (support to women judges and women human rights defenders. Technical and policy support provided in 2023, and financial support to be provided in 2024 with 2023 Germany funds) 4. Regional initiatives supported in Africa and Arab States (Sub regional UNDP Community of Practice with Indonesia, Nepal, Solomon Islands, Samoa, Kuwait, Algeria and Syria) 5. One global initiative supported (GFP- Gender Justice Working group established) 6. <u>Gender Parity initiative</u> (implemented with the objective of providing United Nations Women Corrections Officers and candidates on skills-building and to enable inclusive rule of law work environments within UN peace operations) | <p>UNDP Global Programme reporting; UNDP Country Office reporting, DPO/OROLSI reporting</p> |
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| Objective 2 Promote women's meaningful participation and leadership in the justice and security sectors | 2.1. Number of women with enhanced capacities to identify and advocate for the reform of discriminatory policies or laws | 0 | 30 | 33 | Support provided in Tanzania (training on the rollout of the Gender Bench Book) | UN Women reporting |
| | 2.2. (Related to Activity Enhancing the capacities of women and women's groups for effective participation for inclusive delivery of justice for women, including the provision of legal aid) | | | | No Planned activities in Results Framework as per Agreement | See Results Frameworks for details |
| | 2.3. Number of survivors of CSRV participating in accountability and reparations initiatives supported by the Gender Justice Platform | 0 | 50 | 21 | Technical support provided in Ethiopia through support to the Ministry of Justice on transitional justice and CSRV. Support was provided together with Dutch contribution. (See activity indicator 2.3.1 under Dutch Results Framework). German contribution will continue to be used to support this indicator in 2024 | UN Women reporting |
| | 2.4. Number of initiatives introduced in the Arab States region with the main purpose of expanding women's leadership in the justice sector | 0 | 2 | 2 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> National initiative supported in Lebanon (Gender justice national context analysis proposal) Regional initiative supported in Africa and Arab States (Regional network of women judges established in Africa, including Algeria, Egypt, and Morocco) | UNDP GP reporting, CO Reporting |

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| Objective 3 Contribute to shaping the policy discourse on gender equality and rule of law through innovative, intersectional, evidence-informed analytics and learning (GP4 Output 6) | 3.1. Number of unique policy products related to gender inequality and transitional justice developed and disseminated | 0 | 1 | 2 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Joint Report “Toward Victim-Centered Change: Integrating Transitional Justice into Sustainable Peace and Development”, 2. Secretary General’s Guidance Note on Transitional Justice | UNDP GP reporting, CO Reporting |
| | 3.2. (Related to Activity Developing innovative research, policies and advocacy on legal aid) | | | | No Planned activities in Results Framework as per Agreement | See Results Frameworks for details |
| | 3.3. Number of multi-stakeholder events (including policy makers and practitioners) convened by the Platform to enable knowledge and lessons exchange related to gender and transitional justice | 0 | 5 | 5 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Regional Conference of women judges in Africa initiative in Gabon Conference, 2. Launching of the women judges leadership in Africa initiative at The Hague Justice Week, 3. Secretary-General’s Transitional Justice Guidance Note Launch, 4. Global launch of Report Toward Victim-Centered Change: Integrating Transitional Justice into Sustainable Peace and Development, 5. UNDP’s 2023 Rule of Law Annual Event- Gender Justice session | UNDP GP reporting, CO Reporting |

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| | <p>3.4. Number of unique research products developed and disseminated through the Gender Justice Platform on gender-responsive rule of law</p> | 0 | 4 | 5 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Joint report <u>Toward Victim-Centered Change: Key Messages on Integrating Transitional Justice into Sustainable Peace and Development</u>, 2. GFP- Gender Justice working group Annual brief, 3. Secretary-General's <u>Guidance Note on Transitional Justice</u>, 4. <u>Blog on best practices of women leadership in justice in Africa and Arab Sates region for International Women's Day</u>, 5. Report <u>Legislating and Enforcing Minimum Age of Marriage</u> | <p>UNDP GP reporting, UNDP Country office Reporting, UN Women reporting</p> |
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Financial Report

Germany Gender Justice 2023 Financial Report

| Activity | Budget/Received Contribution | Expenditure | Balance of Received Contribution |
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| UNDP-Specific German gender justice earmarked Budget | | | |
| Activity 1.4 Enhancing the capacities of personnel of justice institutions, for gender-responsive rule of law reforms including in partnership with the UN-GFP | | | |
| Gender parity initiative- DPO Agreement | | 39,590 | |
| Activity 2.4.1 Expanding UNDP/UN Women women's leadership in the justice sector initiative in the Arab States region | | | |
| Lebanon mission - Lorena's ticket (NY-Lebanon) | | 6,471 | |
| Activity 1.4.3 Promote gender justice mainstreaming and human rights-based approaches in crisis and conflict-affected countries by supporting UN-GFP mechanism rule of law assistance | | | |
| GP Pipeline 2024 round 1- Montenegro: Gender Equality and Justice* | 222,299.00 | 100,000 | |
| TOTAL UNDP expenditure and balance | | 146,061 | |
| UN2UN Agreement with UN Women | 179,450.74 | 179,450.74 | |
| Germany GJP Sub-total | 401,749.74 | 337,196.62 | |
| Germany GMS 8% | 17,783.92 | 11,684.88 | |
| Germany GJP Total | 419,533.66 | 348,881.50 | 76,238.00 |

Narrative explanation: Activities marked with * represents allocations committed during 2024 with Germany funds allocated to UNDP from 2023.

The Netherlands Gender Justice 2023 Financial Report

| Activity | Budget/Received Contribution | Expenditure | Balance of Received Contribution |
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| UNDP-Specific Dutch gender justice earmarked Budget | | | |
| Activity 2.4.3 Expanding women's leadership in justice | | | |
| Graphic Design of Women Judges in Africa Report | 12,000.00 | 7,700.00 | 4,300.00 |
| The Hague Justice Week event Travel Costs | 10,000.00 | 10,485.00 | (485.00) |
| Activity 2.4.1 Support Gender Parity Initiatives in justice and security institutions, in coordination with UN-GFP | | | |
| Gender Parity Initiative -UNITAR Agreement | 55,060.06 | 55,060.06 | – |
| UNDP-Global Programme/Dutch Budget | | | |
| UNDP Global Programme Pipeline 2023-Lebanon: Enhancing Security and Justice Service Delivery for Crisis Affected Populations in Lebanon | 200,000.00 | 200,000.00 | – |
| UNDP Global Programme Pipeline 2023-Bhutan: Promoting Access to Justice for Women and Children with Disability | 100,000.00 | 100,000.00 | – |
| UN2UN Agreement with UN Women | 997,008.98 | 997,008.98 | – |
| Dutch GJP Sub-total | 1,374,069.04 | 1,370,254.04 | 3,815.00 |
| Dutch GMS 8% | 1,760.00 | 1,454.80 | 305.20 |
| Dutch Gender Justice Platform Total | 1,375,829.04 | 1,371,708.84 | 4,120.20 |

*The UNDP funds represents joint funds provided by The Netherlands for the Gender Justice Platform and The Global Focal Point for the Rule of Law (GFP), as per the Agreement signed.

