Strengthening Accountability on Women, Peace and Security in Peacekeeping

Positive Indications on Increased Participation of Women in Peace Processes

**Central African Republic:** For the first time in the CAR peace process, 4 women delegates participated in the February 2019 formal peace talks (3 from the Government, 1 representing an armed group and also signing the peace agreement). Further, there were 3 women observers (1 SSR expert and 2 representatives from civil society organizations).

**South Sudan:** There was a four-fold increase in the number of women participating in the negotiations of the revitalized peace agreement in September 2018 (28), as compared with the 2017 negotiations (7). Additionally, 7 women were signatories to this agreement.

**Mali:** As part of the implementation of the peace agreement, the Government nominated 2 women to an 11-member committee of experts on constitutional reform.

The increasingly meaningful participation of women in these formal processes is a direct outcome of the systematic political advocacy by the UN and its partners at all levels.

Strengthening Partnerships with Women’s Organizations

Initiatives focusing on engaging women in conflict prevention have shown some concrete results. In 2018, women’s representation in formal local early warning mechanisms in MONUSCO and MINUSCA increased to 39% and 46%, respectively.

Despite the progress, more efforts are needed to systematically bring these strategic gains in informal processes and at local level into national political processes.

Enhanced Gender Responsiveness in Mission Planning

Within a year, MONUSCO, UNIFIL and UNMIK increased the percentage of mission work plans that include at least one gender-specific goal to 91%, 99% and 100%, respectively. This contributes to enhanced peacekeeping effectiveness.

Measuring Impact through Common Indicators

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Data from DPO GU’s WPS indicators and annual reports (as of April 2019)

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