

Strengthening Guidance, Data Collection and Reporting on the Implementation of the Women, Peace and Security Agenda in Security Sectors Reforms

Brief description of the project

- Objective of the project
 - Review the Integrated Guidance Note on Gender-Responsive SSR (2012) to ensure that UN entities and peace operations have up-to-date guidance to implement the new obligations of the Security Council Resolution 2553 (2020) on SSR and of the seven Resolutions on Women, Peace and Security (WPS) adopted in the last ten years.
 - Ensure that UN entities and peace operations have a reporting tool to collect data, measure progress and report on the implementation of the WPS agenda in SSR process including on the status of women’s participation at all levels of security sector institutions.

- Why is the project required?
 - This project responds to the Security Council Resolution 2553 (2020) on SSR which requests the Secretary-General to “develop additional guidance including on mainstreaming of a gender perspective for relevant United Nations officials” (OP 20.b). It also responds to the need to update the Integrated Guidance Note on Gender-Responsive SSR (2012) developed ten years ago to incorporate new obligations emerging from (i) seven new Security Council resolution on WPS adopted since 2012; and from the Security Council resolution on SSR 2553 (2020), which recognizes that women “continue to face significant barriers to their equal participation in security sector institutions where they are often under-represented” and calls for the Member States to “remove legal, institutional and regulatory barriers to women’s equal participation in the security sector and increase their representation at all levels within the security sector.” (OP5).

- What is the expected impact of the project? By reviewing and launching a Guidance Note on Gender-Responsive SSR, the project will enable UN entities, peace operations and Member States to implement obligations arising from the WPS and SSR resolutions in line with recent good practices and lessons learnt. The new Guidance will also include a reporting tool that will enable the UN to consistently collect data, measure progress and report on the implementation of WPS obligations in SSR processes and on the status of women’s participation in security sectors.

Expected Outcomes, Outputs and Proposed Activities

Outcomes	Outputs	Proposed Activities
The United Nations have guidance and reporting tool required to effectively implement WPS obligations in SSR process, collect data and measure progress on promotion of women’s participation in security sectors institutions.	1. The Integrated Guidance Note on Gender-Responsive SSR (2012) is revised to include new obligations emerging from seven new Security Council Resolutions on WPS adopted in the last ten years, and recent lessons learnt and good practices 2. Reporting tool on gender-responsive SSR is developed, enabling the UN to consistently measure progress, collect data and report on the promotion of	a) Review the Guidance Note on Gender-Responsive SSR and develop a reporting tool to measure progress, collect data and report on the promotion of women’s participation in security sectors institutions. b) Establishment of a working group on gender within the UN SSR Inter-Agency SSR Taskforce, with regional partners, academia and women’s organizations to consult the revised Guidance Note and reporting tool.

	women's participation in security sectors institutions.	
	3. UN entities, Member States, partners and women's organizations are aware and have full access to the new Guidance Note and Report Tools	c) High-level event co-chaired by USG Lacroix and a Member State to launch the new Guidance, potentially during the 2022 Security Council Annual Debate or the 2023 CSW. d) Editorial review, layout, printing and dissemination of the Guidance Note to all Member States, UN entities and partners e) 5 outreach messages and UN stories on the new Guidance and Reporting Tool f) 2 raise awareness events and training sessions to UN staff and partners on the new Guidance Note and Reporting Tool

- **Implementation Timeline** - The project will be implemented over 12 months. The first month will focus on planning the project activities, with the next eleven dedicated to implementation, monitoring, reporting and evaluation
- **Explain how the project will further the implementation of the A4P commitment and the A4P+ priorities** - The lack of accurate guidance and policy tools on gender-responsive SSR has led to the limited effectiveness of peace operations engagement on WPS. Therefore, this project aims to enhance the performance, accountability and impact of UN work on the WPS agenda by supporting the implementation of A4P+ priorities and the Secretary-General's call to action for accelerated implementation of WPS. It will also enable UN and the Member States to benefit from the "state of art" guidance drawing on new best practices and lessons learnt. Furthermore, the project will ensure that the organization's assistance to national security sector institutions is drawn on gender-responsive partnerships with regional organizations, academia, women organizations and civil society.
- **How gender aspects been included in the design and implementation of the project? How does it help the Department to implement their Women, Peace and Security and Gender Parity commitments?** Project is entirely focused on gender.
- **Brief explanation of any risks that the implementation of the project may face and how to mitigate them, including with regards to the impact of COVID-19 (if relevant).** This project aims at addressing high risks of low implementation of the WPS agenda due to the lack of up-to-date guidance on UN gender-responsive SSR efforts.

- **Proposed Budget**

Item	Brief Description	Total Amount
Review of the Guidance Note on Gender-Responsive SSR (2012) considering new SCR on WPS and SSR and recent lessons learnt and good practices	Consultant/research organization to review and draft guidance note and develop reporting tool on the implementation of WPS obligations in SSR process - 150 consultancy days x \$402,66 daily fee	\$60,400
1 reporting and data tool for gender-responsive SSR for the UN to consistently measure progress, collect data and report on the promotion of women's participation in security sectors institutions.	Data specialist/research organization to advise and support the development of tool to measure progress, collect data and report on the implementation of WPS obligations in SSR process - 40 consultancy days x \$390,00 daily fee	\$ 15,600
High-level event co-chaired by USG Lacroix with Member States to launch the revised guidance on Gender-Responsive SSR and enhance political commitment to WPS, potentially during the 2022 Security Council Annual Debate or the 2023 CSW.	Fees to organize event at the UNHQ \$1,000 + 1 Banner \$75,00	\$1,075
	Editorial review (30,000 words x \$0.12 per words = \$3,600); layout (2 x \$500= \$1,000) printing (400 copies of booklet style colour printing x \$10 per copies = \$4,000); distribution to all UN Permanent Missions and to peace operations (\$1000) = \$ 9,600	\$ 9,600
	5 outreach messages and UN social media stories on the new Guidance	Covered by SSRU
	2 raise awareness events and training sessions to targeted audience on the new Guidance	Covered by SSRU
Sub-total		\$ 86,675
Programme Support Costs (13%)		\$11,267
		Total: \$97,942.75