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## 10. Gender: Sustainable Development Goals

“[We reaffirm our commitment to...support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, able to promote equity and accelerate progress on all SDGs, recognizing the importance of]...women empowerment.”

*G20 Rome Leaders’ Declaration*

### Assessment

	No Compliance	Partial Compliance	Full Compliance
Argentina		0	
Australia		0	
Brazil		0	
Canada			+1
China		0	
France		0	
Germany			+1
India	-1		
Indonesia		0	
Italy		0	
Japan		0	
Korea		0	
Mexico		0	
Russia	-1		
Saudi Arabia	-1		
South Africa		0	
Turkey			+1
United Kingdom			+1
United States		0	
European Union		0	
Average		+0.05 (53%)	

### Background

At the 2015 United Nations’ Sustainable Development Summit in New York, world leaders adopted 17 key goals named the “Sustainable Development Goals,” (SDGs) that later came into effect in 2016.<sup>1184</sup> Goal Number 5 specifically pertains to gender equality.<sup>1185</sup> To combat gender inequalities, they chose to prioritize “5.1) [ending] all forms of discrimination against all women and girls everywhere; 5.2) Eliminate all forms of violence against all women and girls in the public and private spheres, including trafficking and sexual and other types of exploitation; 5.3) Eliminate all harmful practices, such as child, early and forced marriage and female genital mutilation; 5.4) Recognize and value unpaid care and domestic work through the provision of public services, infrastructure and social protection policies and the promotion of shared responsibility within the household and the family as nationally appropriate; 5.5) Ensure women’s full and effective participation and equal opportunities for leadership at all levels of decision-making in political, economic and public life; 5.6) Ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights as agreed in accordance with the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome documents of their review conferences; 5.a) Undertake reforms to give women equal rights to economic resources, as well as access to ownership and control over land and other

<sup>1184</sup> The Sustainable Development Agenda. United Nations (New York) n.d. Access Date: 6 December 2021. <https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/development-agenda-retired/>

<sup>1185</sup> Goal 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls. United Nations (New York) n.d. Access Date: 6 December 2021. <https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/gender-equality/>

forms of property, financial services, inheritance and natural resources, in accordance with national laws; 5.b) Enhance the use of enabling technology, in particular information and communications technology, to promote the empowerment of women; 5.c) Adopt and strengthen sound policies and enforceable legislation for the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls at all levels.”<sup>1186</sup>

Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic in March of 2020, however, gender inequality has been exacerbated as women are disproportionately impacted. The United Nations states that the “COVID-19 pandemic could reverse the limited progress that has been made on gender inequality and women’s rights.”<sup>1187</sup> Due to their general earning and saving less, women have been affected by compounded economic impacts.<sup>1188</sup> 60 per cent of women work in the informal economy, making them more susceptible to poverty. Women’s health has been impacted as a result of reallocated resources, and gender-based violence has increased due to women often being stuck at home with their abusers. In the age of COVID-19, the priorities are that “Gender-based violence, including domestic violence, is mitigated and reduced; Social protection and economic stimulus packages serve women and girls; People support and practise equal sharing of care work; Women and girls lead and participate in COVID-19 response planning and decision-making; and [d]ata and coordination mechanisms include gender perspectives.”<sup>1189</sup>

At the 2008 inaugural summit in Washington, DC, gender inequality was not discussed. It was not until the 2009 London summit where G20 members stated they would “build a fair and family-friendly labour market for both women and men.”<sup>1190</sup> Additionally, they also committed to “support employment by stimulating growth, investing in education and training, and through active labour market policies, focusing on the most vulnerable.”

At the 2009 Pittsburgh Summit, G20 members stated that they “cannot rest until the global economy is restored to full health, and hard-working families the world over can find decent jobs.”<sup>1191</sup>

At the 2010 Toronto Summit, the 2010 Seoul Summit and 2011 Cannes Summit, gender equality and women were excluded from the declarations.

At the 2012 Los Cabos Summit, gender equality was first mentioned outside the context of family dynamics. G20 members stated they would commit to “take concrete actions to overcome the barriers hindering women’s full economic and social participation and to expand economic opportunities for women in G20 economies. We also express our firm commitment to advance gender equality in all areas, including skills training, wages and salaries, treatment in the workplace, and responsibilities in care-giving.”<sup>1192</sup> Additionally, G20 members recognized the “need for women and youth to gain access to financial services and financial education, asked the GPMI [Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion], the OECD/INFE [Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development/International Network on Financial Education], and the World Bank to identify barriers they may face and call for a progress report to be delivered by the next Summit.”

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<sup>1186</sup> Achieve Gender Equality and Empower All Girls, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (New York) n.d. Access Date: 7 December 2021. <https://sdgs.un.org/goals/goal5>

<sup>1187</sup> Goal 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls. United Nations (New York) n.d. Access Date: 6 December 2021. <https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/gender-equality/>

<sup>1188</sup> Policy Brief: The Impact of COVID-19 on Women. United Nations (New York) 9 April 2020. Access Date: 6 December 2021. [https://www.un.org/sites/un2.un.org/files/policy\\_brief\\_on\\_covid\\_impact\\_on\\_women\\_9\\_apr\\_2020\\_updated.pdf](https://www.un.org/sites/un2.un.org/files/policy_brief_on_covid_impact_on_women_9_apr_2020_updated.pdf)

<sup>1189</sup> Goal 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls. United Nations (New York) n.d. Access Date: 6 December 2021. <https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/gender-equality/>

<sup>1190</sup> London Summit – Leaders’ Statement, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 2 April 2009. Access Date: 6 December 2021. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2009/2009communique0402.pdf>

<sup>1191</sup> London Summit – Leaders’ Statement, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 2 April 2009. Access Date: 6 December 2021. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2009/2009communique0402.pdf>

<sup>1192</sup> G20 Los Cabos 2012 Leaders’ Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) June 18-19 2012. Access Date: 6 December 2021. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2012/2012-0619-loscabos.pdf>

Attention to gender inequality issues increased at the 2013 St. Petersburg Summit when G20 members stated that “special attention must be given to those groups facing the greatest barriers to finding or remaining in employment such as youth, women, long-term unemployed, low skilled workers, single parents, people with disabilities and older workers.”<sup>1193</sup>

At the 2014 Brisbane Summit, G20 members agreed to “the goal of reducing the gap in participation rates between men and women in our countries by 25 per cent by 2025, taking into account national circumstances, to bring more than 100 million women into the labour force, significantly increase global growth and reduce poverty and inequality.”<sup>1194</sup> The Brisbane Action Plan committed to tackling long-term and structural unemployment, “[supporting citizens] particularly youth and women, to gain and maintain quality employment [as well as] enhancing social cohesion and reducing inequality.”

At the 2015 Antalya Summit, G20 members said they “will continue monitoring the implementation of our Employment Plans as well as our goals to reduce [the] gender participation gap and to foster safer and healthier workplaces also within sustainable global supply chains.”<sup>1195</sup> They also stated that they “will pay particular attention to the needs of smallholder and family farmers, rural women and youth.”

At the 2016 Hangzhou Summit, G20 members agreed to “work to ensure that our economic growth serves the needs of everyone and benefits all countries and all people including in particular women, youth and disadvantaged groups, generating more quality jobs, addressing inequalities and eradicating poverty so that no one is left behind.”<sup>1196</sup> G20 members also agreed to “commit to pursue pro-innovation strategies and policies, support investment in science, technology and innovation (STI), and support skills training for STI – including support for the entry of more women into these fields – and mobility of STI human resources.” Lastly, they “committed to supporting our workforces throughout this transition and to ensuring that the benefits of the NIR [new industrial revolution] extend to all, including women, youth and disadvantaged groups.”

Gender equality was referenced heavily at the 2017 Hamburg Summit. G20 leaders committed to take “further action to improve the quality of female employment and eliminate employment discrimination and reduce gender compensation gaps and provide women with protection from all forms of violence. We will improve women’s access to labour markets through provision of quality education and training, supporting infrastructure, public services and social protection policies and legal reforms, where appropriate.”<sup>1197</sup> To address SDGs, they would utilize “effective wage policies, removing barriers women face when striving for higher-paying, higher-quality jobs, tackling occupational and sectoral segregation and fostering women’s career prospects including through entrepreneurship.”<sup>1198</sup> G20 members also committed to promote policies that “help women and men reconcile work and family lives in a more equitable manner.”<sup>1199</sup> They also committed to “[take further action to] provide women with protection against all forms of violence.” Additionally, G20 members stated they would “improve

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<sup>1193</sup> St. Petersburg G20 Leaders’ Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 6 September 2013. Access Date: 6 December 2021. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2013/2013-0906-declaration.html>

<sup>1194</sup> Brisbane Summit 2014, G20 Leaders’ Communiqué, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 16 November 2014. Access Date: 6 December 2021. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/summits/2014brisbane.html>

<sup>1195</sup> G20 Leaders’ Communiqué, Antalya. G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 16 November 2015. Access Date: 6 December 2021. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2015/151116-communiqu.html>

<sup>1196</sup> G20 Leaders’ Communiqué: Hangzhou Summit, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 5 September 2016. Access Date: 6 December 2021. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2016/160905-communiqu.html>

<sup>1197</sup> G20 Leaders’ Declaration: Shaping an Interconnected World, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2017. Access Date: 6 December 2021. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-G20-leaders-declaration.html>

<sup>1198</sup> The 2017 G20 Hamburg Summit Commitments, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 4 October 2017. Access Date: 6 December 2021. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/analysis/commitments-17-hamburg.html>

<sup>1199</sup> G20 Leaders’ Declaration: Shaping an Interconnected World, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2017. Access Date: 6 December 2021. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-G20-leaders-declaration.html>

women's access to labour markets through provision of quality education and training, supporting infrastructure, public services and social protection policies and legal reforms, where appropriate.”<sup>1200</sup>

At the 2018 Buenos Aires Summit, G20 members declared “to promote initiatives aimed at ending all forms of discrimination against women and girls and gender-based violence. We commit to promoting women's economic empowerment, including by working with the private sector, to improve labour conditions for all, such as through access to quality and affordable care infrastructure and parental leave, and reducing the gender pay gap. We also commit to promote women's access to leadership and decision-making positions, the development of women and girls' digital skills and increasing their participation in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) and high-tech sectors. We welcome the continued implementation of the Women Entrepreneurs Financing Initiative (We-Fi), and we thank the Business Women Leaders' Taskforce for its work. Drawing from this experience, we will consider how to better engage with women entrepreneurs.”<sup>1201</sup>

At the 2019 Osaka Summit, G20 leaders recognized that unpaid care work “remains a major obstacle to women's participation in the labour market. We commit to take further action to improve the quality of women's employment, reduce gender pay gaps, and end all forms of discrimination against women and combat stereotypes.”<sup>1202</sup> Moreover, they reaffirmed “the importance of taking measures to eradicate all gender-based violence, abuse and harassment, including in the digital context. We welcome efforts, particularly by the private sector, to promote women's access to managerial and decision making positions and foster women business leaders and entrepreneurship.”

At the 2020 Riyadh Summit, G20 members acknowledge that women have “been disproportionately affected by the [COVID-19] crisis, and they need to work to ensure that the pandemic does not widen gender inequalities and undermine the progress made in recent decades.”<sup>1203</sup> Furthermore, they agreed to “continue to promote gender equality, as well as combat stereotypes, reduce pay gaps, and address the unequal distribution of unpaid work and care responsibilities between men and women. We will step up our efforts towards achieving the Brisbane Goal to reduce the gap in labor force participation between men and women by 25 percent by 2025 along with improving the quality of women's employment ... We will take steps to remove the barriers to women's economic participation and entrepreneurship.”

### **Commitment Features**

In response to women and girls being disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, the G20 members place women empowerment and gender equity at the core of their efforts moving forward.<sup>1204</sup> The G20 Rome Leaders' Declaration reaffirms members' commitment in ensuring gender equity, with an emphasis placed on “the pivotal role of women's and girls' empowerment and leadership at all levels for inclusive and sustainable development.” In order for members to receive full compliance, actions must be committed to support “sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world” in order to promote gender equity and empowerment and “accelerate progress on all SDGs.”

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<sup>1200</sup> The 2017 G20 Hamburg Summit Commitments, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 4 October 2017. Access Date: 6 December 2021. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/analysis/commitments-17-hamburg.html>

<sup>1201</sup> G20 Leaders' Declaration: Building Consensus for Fair and Sustainable Development, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 1 December 2018. Access Date: 7 December 2021. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2018/2018-leaders-declaration.html>

<sup>1202</sup> G20 Osaka Leaders' Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 29 June 2019. Access Date: 7 December 2021. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2019/2019-g20-osaka-leaders-declaration.html>

<sup>1203</sup> G20 Leaders' Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 21 November 2020. Access Date: 7 December 2021. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2020/2020-g20-leaders-declaration-1121.htm>

<sup>1204</sup> G20 Rome Leaders' Declaration, G20 Information Center (Toronto) 31 October 2021. Access Date: 6 December 2021. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2021/211031-declaration.html>

To “reaffirm” is defined as “to affirm again,” where to affirm is to “assert strongly, state as fact, confirm or ratify a judgment.”<sup>1205</sup>

To “support” refers to “the action, or act of providing aid, assistance, or backing up an initiative, or entity.”<sup>1206</sup> In the context of this commitment, G20 members will commit to and take on concrete actions to ensure and uphold gender equity and women’s and girls’ empowerment.

“Sustainable” is understood as the ability “to last or continue for a long time.”<sup>1207</sup> For this commitment, this refers to actions and initiatives that, once put into place, will have the ability to continually operate into the future to create lasting efforts in this commitment area.

“Inclusive” refers to when “all parties are included in the discussion and decision making process.”<sup>1208</sup> For this commitment, this means that women and girls must be included within the discussion and implementation process in various sectors to ensure that the actions taken truly address their concerns and needs.

“Resilient” is understood as the ability to “return quickly to a previous good condition after problems,” and within this commitment, this is specifically referring to economic resilience.<sup>1209</sup> For this commitment, this entails that G20 members should take actions that will support and encourage women’s sustained participation in the formal workforce and economy.

“Recovery” is understood as “the regaining of ... something lost or taken away” or the “restoration or return to any former and better state or condition.”<sup>1210</sup> In the context of this commitment, this entails that the G20 members’ actions must not only aid in rebuilding global efforts within this commitment area that have been adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, but also improve upon and create new efforts in this area.

“Across the world” within this commitment area requires G20 members to take strong action both domestically and internationally. While gender inequality has always been a global problem, the COVID-19 pandemic, and the socioeconomic impacts that resulted from it, has exacerbated this pervasive global issue.<sup>1211</sup> Therefore, G20 members should not only act domestically, but also act internationally and support international efforts.

To “promote” refers to actions that “support or renew old efforts or create new efforts in the area... [and t]o contributes to growth or prosperity of, to help bring into being.”<sup>1212</sup> For this commitment, actions should not have to be a brand new initiative, but must advance efforts of ensuring gender equity and the empowerment of women and girls.

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<sup>1205</sup> Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, G7 and G20 Research Groups (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 7 December 2021. [http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance\\_Coding\\_Manual\\_2020.pdf](http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf)

<sup>1206</sup> Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, Global Governance Program (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 6 December 2021. [http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance\\_Coding\\_Manual\\_2020.pdf](http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf)

<sup>1207</sup> Sustainable, Merriam Webster Dictionary (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 6 December 2021. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/sustainable>

<sup>1208</sup> Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, Global Governance Program (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 6 December 2021. [http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance\\_Coding\\_Manual\\_2020.pdf](http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf)

<sup>1209</sup> Resilient, Cambridge Dictionary (Cambridge) n.d. Access Date: 6 December 2021. <https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/resilient>

<sup>1210</sup> Recovery, Dictionary.com (Oakland) n.d. Access Date: 6 December 2012. <https://www.dictionary.com/browse/recovery>

<sup>1211</sup> Achieve Gender Equality and Empower All Women and Girls: Progress and Info, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (New York) n.d. Access Date: 8 December 2021. <https://sdgs.un.org/goals/goal5>

<sup>1212</sup> Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, Global Governance Program (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 6 December 2021. [http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance\\_Coding\\_Manual\\_2020.pdf](http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf)

“Equity” refers to situations “in which everyone is treated fairly and equally.”<sup>1213</sup> In the context of this commitment, it entails that G20 members should take actions that will fight against gender-based discrimination in all sectors of life.

To “accelerate” is understood as “to hasten the progress or development of.”<sup>1214</sup> The COVID-19 pandemic has adversely affected the progress that has been made on gender equity. Therefore, in the context of this commitment, G20 members must take actions that not only will help global efforts in “get[ting] back on track for achieving gender equality,” but also move forward in all the SDGs, set out by the UN, as well.<sup>1215</sup>

“Progress” is understood as the “forward or onward movement” of an objective or a goal.<sup>1216</sup> In the context of this commitment, progress refers to actions that will further and improve efforts made on the SDGs.

“All” is understood as a “the whole amount, quantity, or extent of.”<sup>1217</sup>

The SDGs are 17 goals that the UN created that recognize that many global issues, such as poverty and inequality, are all interconnected, and countries must act in a global partnership to tackle these issues. In the context of this commitment, G20 members must take actions that pertain to advancing all SDGs. The sustainable development goals are: “1. No Poverty: end poverty in all its forms everywhere; 2. Zero Hunger: end hunger, achieve food security and nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture; 3. Good Health and Well-Being: ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages; 4. Quality Education: ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote life-long learning opportunities for all; 5. Gender Equality: achieve gender equality and empower women and girls; 6. Clean Water and Sanitation: ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all; 7. Affordable and Clean Energy: ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all; 8. Decent Work and Economic Growth: promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all; 9. Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure: build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation; 10. Reduce Inequalities: reduce inequality within and among countries; 11. Sustainable Cities and Communities: make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable; 12. Responsible Consumption and Production: ensure sustainable consumption and production partners; 13. Climate Action: take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts; 15. Life Below Water: conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development; 15. Life on Land: protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss; 16. Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions: promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels; and 17. Partnerships for the Goals: strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development.”<sup>1218</sup>

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<sup>1213</sup> Equity, Cambridge Dictionary (Cambridge) n.d. Access Date: 6 December 2021. <https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/equity>

<sup>1214</sup> Accelerate, Merriam Webster Dictionary (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 6 December 2021. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/accelerate>

<sup>1215</sup> Achieve Gender Equality and Empower All Women and Girls: Progress and Info, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (New York) n.d. Access Date: 8 December 2021. <https://sdgs.un.org/goals/goal5>

<sup>1216</sup> Progress, Merriam Webster Dictionary (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 6 December 2021. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/progress>

<sup>1217</sup> All, Merriam Webster Dictionary (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 23 January 2022. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/all>

<sup>1218</sup> The 17 Goals, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (New York) n.d. Access Date: 6 December 2021. <https://sdgs.un.org/goals>

To “recognize” is understood as “to acknowledge formally” or to “take notice in some definite way.”<sup>1219</sup> In the context of this commitment, G20 members must address the problems of gender inequality through strong and clear actions.

“Importance” is understood as having the quality to be “marked by or indicative of significant worth or consequence.”<sup>1220</sup> Women play a vital role within the decision-making process for COVID-19 recovery, as well as many other sectors.<sup>1221</sup> The pandemic has highlighted the need for continued international efforts in women empowerment and gender equity, especially during this time of global recovery from the pandemic.

“Women empowerment” refers to encouraging women to “participate fully in economic life across all sectors.”<sup>1222</sup> In the context of this commitment, this concept requires G20 members to create actions and initiatives that promote female engagement in various sectors of life, such as STEM or policy making.

Regarding the breadth component, or the range of policy area G20 members must take actions to be deemed fully compliant, members’ overall actions must address and be effective across several SDGs. Members must take actions that will address “key factors such as equal access to education and opportunities, including in STEM sectors, the promotion of women’s entrepreneurship and leadership, the elimination of gender-based violence, the enhancement of social, health, care and educational services, the overcoming of gender stereotypes, and the uneven distribution of unpaid care and domestic work...[as well as] enhance the quality and quantity of women’s employment, with a particular focus on closing the gender pay gap.”<sup>1223</sup>

For the depth component, or the strength of the actions G20 members are required to make to be deemed fully compliant, members’ actions should reflect their continued support for established efforts in women empowerment and gender equity, while initiating new efforts in this area as well. Strong action must be taken by members to “accelerate progress on all SDGs,” and recovery efforts must be “sustainable, inclusive, and resilient ... across the world.”<sup>1224</sup> Thus, actions must not be only limited to domestic efforts, but also aimed to support global recovery in this area; however, actions can be unilateral and are not required to be bilateral or multilateral.

In order for an action to be consider as a strong action, G20 members need to address the various targets and indicators within the Gender Equality SDG (SDG 5). Compliant actions must go beyond verbal reaffirmation, declaration, and conferences; they must “[a]dopt and strengthen sound policies and enforceable legislation for the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls at all levels [(Target 5.c)].”<sup>1225</sup> Furthermore, members must “track and make public allocations” to ensure that these legal frameworks and policies will aid in eliminating harmful practices, violence, and discrimination against women and girls globally, while promoting “women’s full and effective participation and equal opportunities ... in political, economic and public life [(Target 5.5)].”

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<sup>1219</sup> Recognize, Merriam Webster Dictionary (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 6 December 2021. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/recognize>

<sup>1220</sup> Important, Merriam Webster Dictionary (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 8 December 2021. [merriam-webster.com/dictionary/important](https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/important)

<sup>1221</sup> Achieve Gender Equality and Empower All Women and Girls: Overview, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (New York) n.d. Access Date: 8 December 2021. <https://sdgs.un.org/goals/goal5>

<sup>1222</sup> Women Empowerment Principles: Equality Means Business, United Nations Women (New York) 8 March 2010. Access Date: 6 December 2021. <https://www.unwomen.org/en/digital-library/publications/2011/10/women-s-empowerment-principles-equality-means-business>

<sup>1223</sup> G20 Rome Leaders’ Declaration, G20 Information Center (Toronto) 31 October 2021. Access Date: 6 December 2021. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2021/211031-declaration.html>

<sup>1224</sup> G20 Rome Leaders’ Declaration, G20 Information Center (Toronto) 31 October 2021. Access Date: 6 December 2021. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2021/211031-declaration.html>

<sup>1225</sup> Achieve Gender Equality and Empower All Women and Girls: Targets and Indicators, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (New York) n.d. Access Date: 8 December 2021. <https://sdgs.un.org/goals/goal5>

G20 members must also take actions that are “sustainable, inclusive, and resilient” for global recovery in this commitment area.<sup>1226</sup>

Sustainability can be achieved with actions that target eliminating “all forms of violence against all women and girls in the public and private spheres, including trafficking and sexual and other types of exploitation [(Target 5.2)]... [.] child, early and forced marriage and female genital mutilation [(Target 5.3)],” and/or “equal access to education and opportunities.”<sup>1227,1228</sup> Furthermore, actions that “[e]nsure universal access to sexual and reproductive health[,] ... reproductive rights [and sexual and reproductive education (Target 5.6)]” will also fall under the sustainable criterion.<sup>1229</sup>

“Women have played a critical role in the response to the pandemic as front-line health workers, caregivers, and managers and leaders of the response and recovery efforts,” yet they still remain underrepresented in leadership and decision-making positions at all levels.<sup>1230</sup> Therefore, G20 members can achieve the inclusivity criterion through actions that promote, ensure, and encourage women’s equal participation in decision-making processes (Target 5.5). This can be done through increasing the number of seats that are held by women in national parliaments and local government, especially in the decision-making process for COVID-19 recovery, and managerial positions in the economic sector. Moreover, members must take strong actions that will reform national legislations that give women equal rights and access to economic resources, such as “ownership and control over land and other forms of property, financial services, inheritance and natural resources,” as well as “[e]nhance the use of enabling technology, [and encourage women participation in the STEM sector] ... to promote the empowerment of women [(Target 5.b)].”

The pandemic has also placed an increased burden on unpaid domestic and care workers and are thus forcing many women out of the economic sector and the labour force.<sup>1231</sup> Sustained participation from women in all sectors of public life is vital to economic resilience, and thus actions that ensure Target 5.5 will fulfill the criterion of resilient recovery as well. G20 members must take strong action in promoting women participation in all sectors of life in order to reduce the global gender gap in pay and leadership positions, as well as create a resilient economy.

Compliant actions from G20 members also need to address multiple SDGs. Due to the interconnected nature of the SDGs, actions within Gender Equality may affect other SDGs as well and compliant actions within these SDGs must also be relevant to women’s empowerment. For example, actions that promotes equal access to education and opportunities may impact Quality Education (SDG 4) and Reduced Inequalities (SDG 10), actions that ensures universal health and reproductive rights can affect Good Health and Well-Being (SDG 3), and actions that encourages women’s participation in the political or economic sector also can fall under Decent Work and Economic Growth (SDG 8). Thus, in order for a G20 member’s action to be considered a strong action, it must be effective across several SDGs.

In order for a G20 member to achieve full compliance (+1), strong action must be taken to address more than twelve SDGs, and must demonstrate all three characteristics of sustainable, inclusive, and resilient recovery.

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<sup>1226</sup> G20 Rome Leaders’ Declaration, G20 Information Center (Toronto) 31 October 2021. Access Date: 6 December 2021. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2021/211031-declaration.html>

<sup>1227</sup> Achieve Gender Equality and Empower All Women and Girls: Targets and Indicators, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (New York) n.d. Access Date: 8 December 2021. <https://sdgs.un.org/goals/goal5>

<sup>1228</sup> G20 Rome Leaders’ Declaration, G20 Information Center (Toronto) 31 October 2021. Access Date: 6 December 2021. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2021/211031-declaration.html>

<sup>1229</sup> Achieve Gender Equality and Empower All Women and Girls: Targets and Indicators, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (New York) n.d. Access Date: 8 December 2021. <https://sdgs.un.org/goals/goal5>

<sup>1230</sup> Achieve Gender Equality and Empower All Women and Girls: Progress and Info, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (New York) n.d. Access Date: 8 December 2021. <https://sdgs.un.org/goals/goal5>

<sup>1231</sup> Achieve Gender Equality and Empower All Women and Girls: Overview, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (New York) n.d. Access Date: 8 December 2021. <https://sdgs.un.org/goals/goal5>

In order for a G20 member to achieve partial compliance (0), strong action must be taken to address five to twelve SDGs, and must demonstrate two out of the three characteristics of sustainable, inclusive, and resilient recovery.

In order for a G20 member to achieve non-compliance (-1), strong action must be taken to address less than five SDGS, and must demonstrate one out of the three characteristics of sustainable, inclusive, and resilient recovery.

### Scoring Guidelines

-1	The G20 member has taken strong action that addresses fewer than five Sustainable Development Goals, and the action demonstrates one of the three characteristics of sustainable, inclusive, OR resilient recovery.
0	The G20 member has taken strong action that addresses five to 12 Sustainable Development Goals, and the action demonstrates two of the three characteristics of sustainable, inclusive, OR resilient recovery.
+1	The G20 member has taken strong action that addresses more than 12 Sustainable Development Goals, and the action demonstrates all three characteristics of sustainable, inclusive, AND resilient recovery.

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### Argentina: 0

Argentina has partially complied with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, able to promote equity and accelerate progress on all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), recognizing the importance of women empowerment.

On 18 November 2021, Minister of Health Carla Vizzotti met with representatives of the United Nations Population Fund to strengthen collaboration related to sexual and reproductive health policies.<sup>1232</sup> One major goal of the meeting was to reduce adolescent pregnancies and discussing the progress made with the joint efforts.

On 18 November 2021, the Ministry of Productive Development allocated more than USD12 million to policies with a gender perspective.<sup>1233</sup> The goal of these policies is to reduce gender gaps by strengthening the career development of women, facilitating access to hierarchical positions, eradicating violence, and promoting equal opportunities.

On 26 November 2021, the Ministry of Labour, along with the Ministry for Women, Gender and Diversity and the Ministry for Culture, signed two protocols to confront and eliminate harassment in the workplace within the performing arts and entertainment sectors.<sup>1234</sup> Minister for Women, Gender and Diversity, Elizabeth Gómez Alcorta, said that signing the two protocols helps “to understand that gender-based violence exists in all areas in which we develop. This protocol is part of that path because it implies recognizing that we need to

<sup>1232</sup> Vizzotti met with representatives from the UN Population Fund to continue strengthening access to sexual and reproductive rights, Ministry of Health (Buenos Aires) 19 November 2021. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 10 February 2022. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/vizzotti-se-reunio-con-autoridades-del-fondo-de-poblacion-de-las-naciones-unidas-para>

<sup>1233</sup> Resources were mobilized for \$12.450 million in productive policies with a gender perspective, Ministry of Productive Development (Buenos Aires) 18 November 2021. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 10 February 2022. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/se-movilizaron-recursos-por-12450-millones-en-politicas-productivas-con-perspectiva-de>

<sup>1234</sup> Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security signed protocols against violence in the workplace and harassment in theater and television, Ministry of Labor, Employment and Social Security (Buenos Aires) 26 November 2021. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 13 May 2022. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/trabajo-firmo-protocolos-contra-la-violencia-y-el-acoso-laboral-en-el-teatro-y-la>

act in this sector as well and that in order to respond to and prevent violence we must all get involved, everyone from every space we occupy.”

On 29 November 2021, the Ministry of Women, Gender and Diversity along with the Human Rights Secretariat of the Ministry of Justice and Human Rights presented a federal project to guarantee the access to sexual and reproductive rights by women and members of the LGBTI+ community.<sup>1235</sup> The project consists of a network of institutional references to help women and LGBTI+ users of mental assistance escape gender-based violence.

On 29 November 2021, Chief of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Nation Juan Manzur met with Minister of Social Development Juan Zabaleta to review the “My Piece” national program, which provides subsidies to women to allow them to renovate and expand their houses.<sup>1236</sup> This initiative “plays a fundamental role in economic reactivation and the promotion of genuine work, and which also generates a substantial improvement in the quality of life of women from the popular sectors.”

On 3 December 2021, National Directorate of Economy, Equality and Gender, United Nations Organization for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, and UN Women reaffirmed their joint budget with a gender and diversity perspective for 2022.<sup>1237</sup> In the government of Argentina’s 2021 national budget, 15.2 per cent was allocated to closing gender gaps by encouraging women who lost their jobs during the pandemic back into the labour market by closing inequality gaps. Moreover, the joint budget consists of two main axes: climate and care. In 2022, the national budget seeks to strengthen the work already done in 2021 and to contribute to economic recovery.

On 7 December 2021, Minister for Women, Gender and Diversity, Elizabeth Gómez Alcorta and Foreign Minister, Santiago Cafiero presented the Action Protocol for Prevention, Guidance and Approach to Situations of Labour Violence and Gender-Based Violence in the Foreign Ministry.<sup>1238</sup> The plan “establishes a clear and unified institutional action procedure to receive queries and process complaints.”

On 7 December 2021, the Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations, Gusatavo Eduardo Ainchil underlined Argentina’s commitment to promote gender-responsive judicial approaches and to end gender-based violence against women.<sup>1239</sup> This is a response to the disruption the pandemic has had on the criminal justice system, which plays an important role in ending gender-based violence, encourage women to come forward to seek justice, and holding perpetrators of gender-based and domestic violence accountable.

On 9 December 2021, Director of Economy, Equality and Gender Mercedes, D’Alessandro represented Argentina at the first World Forum for Children and Youth and advocated for the importance of large public

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<sup>1235</sup> We present a project to create a federal network that guarantees the rights of women and LGBTI+ in mental health institutions, Ministry of Women, Gender and Diversity (Buenos Aires) 29 November 2021. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 4 February 2022. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/presentamos-proyecto-para-crear-una-red-federal-que-garantice-derechos-mujeres-y-lgbti-en>

<sup>1236</sup> Manzur analyzed the progress of the “Mi Pieza” program along with the Minister of Social Development, Chief of Cabinet of Ministers (Buenos Aires) 29 November 2021. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 10 February 2022.

<https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/manzur-analiza-el-avance-del-programa-mi-pieza-junto-al-ministro-de-desarrollo-social>  
<sup>1237</sup> Ministry of the Economy and UN Women strengthen joint work on Budget with a Gender Perspective for 2022, Ministry of the Economy (Buenos Aires) 3 December 2021. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 10 February 2022.

<https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/economia-y-onu-mujeres-afianzan-el-trabajo-conjunto-sobre-presupuesto-con-perspectiva-de>  
<sup>1238</sup> Cafiero and Gómez Alcorta presented a new protocol of policies with a gender perspective, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Business and Religious Affairs (Buenos Aires) 7 December 2021. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 10 February 2022. <https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/es/actualidad/noticias/cafiero-y-gomez-alcorta-presentaron-nuevo-protocolo-de-politicas-publicas-con>

<sup>1239</sup> UNODC and Argentina promote gender mainstreaming in the judiciary and measures to prevent violence against women, United National Office on Drugs and Crimes (Vienna) 7 December 2021. Access Date: 21 June 2022. <https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/frontpage/2021/December/unodc-and-argentina-promote-gender-mainstreaming-in-the-judiciary-and-measures-to-prevent-violence-against-women.html>

investments in infrastructure and said that the government of Argentina will work with agencies of the national government to achieve such investment in infrastructure.<sup>1240</sup> These social policies aim to contribute “to closing inequality gaps, which is the tool to combat poverty... Recovering the economy with a gender perspective so that it is sustainable must be on the agenda of the States.”

On 9 December 2021, the Ministry of Public Works presented the results of the research investigation ‘Participation of women in science, technology and management of water resources in Argentina’ that was conducted in collaboration with UNESCO via the World Water Resources Assessment Program.<sup>1241</sup> The research reported on the current participation of women in science, technology and integrated management of water resources in Argentina within the framework of gender equality and in accordance with the SDGs. The study showed that industries and sectors such as the water sector have been predominantly occupied by males, which raises challenges for women trying to develop their professional careers. The study also proposes fundamental data measurement processes that aim to manage gender inequalities and to implement and strengthen policies that promote a more diverse gender perspective.

On 15 December 2021, the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security, the Ministry of Women, Gender and Diversity, the Ministry of Economy and Productive Development, UN Women, and the International Labour Organisation (ILO) presented a program to “promote decent employment for women through inclusive growth policies and investments in the care economy.”<sup>1242</sup> It is a joint program created by UN Women and the ILO to help governments implement policies with a gender perspective to help recover from the pandemic. It includes three components: growth policy, reactivation of the economy and progress in care policies.

On 21 December 2021, the head of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Nation, Juan Manzur met with the minister of Women, Gender and Diversity, Elizabeth Gómez Alcorta and secretary of Media and Public Communication, Valeria Zapesochny, to discuss the consolidation of gender policies as state policies.<sup>1243</sup> At the meeting, the main lines of work carried out by the Ministry, including the National Plan of Action Against Violence for Gender Reasons and implementation of the Micaela Law, were analysed.

On 14 March 2022, the Ministry of Women, Gender and Diversity launched the Program to Strengthen the Leadership of Women and Sexual Diversities in Trade Union Organisations to fight against gender discrimination in leadership roles within trade union organisations.<sup>1244</sup> The program will provide training and education to form a national network of support for women in trade unions.

On 27 April 2022, the Assistant Secretary for Inclusion Policies in the World of Work of the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security, Pamela Ares, met with the president of the Women for Justice Network, Ana Casal, to present the ‘Decalogue for a Judiciary without Violence, Harassment or Discrimination for Reasons

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<sup>1240</sup> D’Alessandro represented Argentina at the UNICEF World Forum for Children and Youth, Ministry of Economy (Buenos Aires) 9 December 2021. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 10 February 2022.

<https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/dalessandro-represento-la-argentina-en-el-foro-mundial-para-la-infancia-y-la-juventud-de>

<sup>1241</sup> A talk was held on the participation of women in the study and management of water resources, Ministry of Public Works (Buenos Aires) 9 December 2021. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 May 2022.

<https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/se-realizo-una-charla-sobre-la-participacion-de-la-mujer-en-el-estudio-y-la-gestion-de-los>

<sup>1242</sup> Promote decent employment for women through inclusive growth policies and investments in the care economy, Ministry of Labor, Employment and Social Security (Buenos Aires) 15 December 2021. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 13 May 2022.

<https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/promover-el-empleo-decente-para-las-mujeres-traves-de-politicas-de-crecimiento-inclusivo-y>

<sup>1243</sup> Manzur met with Gómez Alcorta and his cabinet to analyze the last two years of management, Head of the Cabinet of Ministries (Buenos Aires) 21 December 2021. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 10 February 2022.

<https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/manzur-se-reunio-con-gomez-alcorta-y-su-gabinete-para-analizar-los-ultimos-dos-anos-de>

<sup>1244</sup> The Program to Strengthen the Leadership of Women and Sexual Diversities in Trade Union Organisations was launched, Ministry of Women, Gender and Diversity (Buenos Aires) 14 March 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 14 May 2022.

<https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/se-lanzo-el-programa-de-fortalecimiento-del-liderazgo-de-las-mujeres-y-diversidades>

of Gender in Labor Relations.<sup>1245</sup> This document consists of guidelines to develop and enhance current protocols against gender violence and harassment in the judiciary field.

On 4 May 2022, the Government of Argentina and the Economic Commission for Latin America (ECLAC) and the Caribbean signed an agreement for Argentina to hold the 15th Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean later in November of this year.<sup>1246</sup> The Regional Conference on Women is this region's main intergovernmental forum on women's rights and gender equality and is organized by ECLAC in coordination with the UN Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women.

On 13 May 2022, the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security established the 'Program for the Eradication of Workplace Violence and Harassment in the Cooperative Sector,' which aims to promote work environments without violence and harassment.<sup>1247</sup> The program will target workers in the cooperative sector, in federations and in companies registered with the National Institute of Third-Sector Activities and Social Economy and aims to educate workers in preventing and confronting harassment.

On 17 May 2022, the Ministry of Productive Development announced that it will allocate ARS210 million to projects that include a gender perspective within the Produce with Equity program.<sup>1248</sup> The program is part of a project with the United Nations Development Program with the goal of allocating up to ARS5 million to small companies that intend to include gender equity practices in their management and work environment via Non-Reimbursable Contributions.

On 27 May 2022, the Ministry of Women, Gender and Diversity held the Participatory Federal Forum to create the new 2022-2024 National Action Plan against Gender-Based Violence.<sup>1249</sup> The goal of this forum was to better incorporate gender and diversity approaches into public policy planning.

Argentina has partially complied with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, able to promote equity and accelerate progress on all SDGs, recognizing the importance of women empowerment. By initiating and investing in federal programs that protect women from violence, promote reproductive and sexual rights and fund public infrastructure for women and girls, SDG 1: No Poverty, SDG 3: Good Health and Well-Being, SDG 4: Quality Education, and SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure are addressed. Furthermore, actions that work towards closing the gender pay gap, promote women's involvement in the workforce as well as protect the well-being of the members of the LGBTI+ community work towards addressing SDG 5: Gender Equality, SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth, SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities, SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities and SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions. These actions also demonstrate all of the three characteristics of a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery. However, it has fallen short of the 12 SDGs threshold necessary for a score of full compliance.

Thus, Argentina receives a score of 0.

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<sup>1245</sup> Labor and the Women's Network for Justice promote environments free of violence and harassment in the Judiciary, Ministry of Labor, Employment and Social Security (Buenos Aires) 27 April 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 May 2022. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/trabajo-y-la-red-de-mujeres-para-la-justicia-promueven-ambientes-libres-de-violencia-y>

<sup>1246</sup> ECLAC and the Government of Argentina Signed Agreement for Holding the XV Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, Economic Commission for Latin America (Buenos Aires) 4 May 2022. Access Date: 21 June 2022.

<https://www.cepal.org/en/news/eclac-and-government-argentina-signed-agreement-holding-xv-regional-conference-women-latin>

<sup>1247</sup> Eradication of violence and workplace harassment in the cooperative sector, Ministry of Labor, Employment and Social Security (Buenos Aires) 13 May 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 14 May 2022.

<https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/erradicacion-de-las-violencias-y-el-acoso-laboral-en-el-sector-cooperativo>

<sup>1248</sup> Productive Development will support SMEs with projects with a gender perspective with up to \$5 million, Ministry of Productive Development (Buenos Aires) 17 May 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 June 2022.

<https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/desarrollo-productivo-acompanara-con-hasta-5-millones-pymes-con-proyectos-con-perspectiva>

<sup>1249</sup> The Participatory Federal Forum of Formosa was held to build the new National Action Plan against Gender-Based Violence, Ministry of Women, Gender and Diversity (Buenos Aires) 27 May 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 June 2022.

<https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/se-realizo-el-foro-federal-participativo-de-formosa-para-construir-el-nuevo-plan-nacional>

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### **Australia: 0**

Australia has partially complied with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, able to promote equity and accelerate progress on all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), recognizing the importance of women empowerment.

On 23 November 2021, the government announced that it will invest AUD22.4 million over five years to establish a Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission to oversee the implementation of the next National Plan to end violence against women and children.<sup>1250</sup> In addition to the funding, on 18 November 2021, the Minister for Women, Marise Payne, also added that Australia is committed to implementing Australia's second National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security 2021-2031, through a survivor-centred approach that recognises gender inequality as a precursor to conflict and sexual violence.

On 14 January 2022, Australia released a draft of "The National Plan to End Violence Against Women and Children 2022-32,"<sup>1251</sup> which focuses on the pillars of gender equality, Closing the Gender Gap, intersectionality and the diverse lived experiences of victim-survivors informing policies and solutions. Furthermore, the Minister for Women's Safety Anne Ruston and the Minister for Women Marise Payne announced that the Australian Government would invest AUD1 million to ensure ongoing engagement with victim-survivors throughout the life of the next National Plan in support of the foundation principle.

On 20 January 2022, Minister for Science and Technology Angus Taylor, announced grants for women in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) and entrepreneurship to achieve gender equality.<sup>1252</sup> This round of the Women in STEM and Entrepreneurship grants offer AUD13 million in total funding support. This is the largest amount of funding to date, with grants of AUD500,000 to AUD1 million available for each grantee. Additionally University scholarships for women in STEM fields were announced, The Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering (ATSE) is the program delivery partner for the Boosting the Next Generation of Women in STEM program. ATSE will receive AUD41.2 million over seven years from the Australian Government to manage and deliver up to 500 university scholarships to help women in STEM: re-enter workforce, seek higher qualifications and develop senior leadership skills.

On 11 February 2022, the government announced an AUD6.7 million investment to extend women in STEM initiatives.<sup>1253</sup> AUD2 million over four years will extend the Superstars of STEM program that Science and Technology Australia (STA) will deliver. An additional AUD2.4 million over two years will ensure the work of the Women in STEM Ambassador continues until at least 2025-26. Additionally, AUD2.3 million over four years will be subsidized to the Ambassador's Future You initiative, which aims to promote the involvement of eight- to twelve-year-old girls in STEM fields by showcasing diverse role models and career pathways. In the 2022-2023 budget, Australia has shown support for the above mentioned initiatives by allocating AUD4.7 million to establish the Supporting Women in Manufacturing initiative to attract and retain more women into high-value, high paid manufacturing careers. Only 20 per cent of girls reported being interested in STEM jobs before 2018, but due to these initiatives, the rate has risen to more than 68 per cent of girls interested in entering the STEM field.

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<sup>1250</sup> Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission to provide national leadership and accountability, Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (Canberra) 23 November 2021. Access Date: 12 February 2022. <https://ministers.pmc.gov.au/payne/2021/domestic-family-and-sexual-violence-commission-provide-national-leadership-and-accountability>

<sup>1251</sup> National Plan to End Violence Against Women and Children 2022-32 draft released for public comment, Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (Canberra) 23 November 2021. Access Date: 12 February 2022. <https://ministers.pmc.gov.au/payne/2022/national-plan-end-violence-against-women-and-children-2022-32-draft-released-public-comment>

<sup>1252</sup> \$13 million in grants plus hundreds of scholarships to support women in STEM and entrepreneurship, Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources (Canberra) 20 January 2022. Access Date: 12 February 2022. <https://www.industry.gov.au/news/13-million-in-grants-plus-hundreds-of-scholarships-to-support-women-in-stem-and-entrepreneurship>

<sup>1253</sup> Funding boost to advance women in STEM, Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources (Canberra) 11 February 2022. Access Date: 12 February 2022. <https://www.industry.gov.au/news/67-million-investment-extends-women-in-stem-initiatives>

On 4 April 2022, the government released its Budget for 2022-2023, announcing that AUD3.9 million will be provided to support women considering a transition into the technology industry.<sup>1254</sup> This will include access to resources, online training, coaching and mentoring to support women to pursue a mid-career transition into the technology workforce.

On 20 May 2022, the Australian Public Service Commission released the “Australian Public Service Gender Equality Strategy 2021-26.”<sup>1255</sup> This strategy is a partnership between the Australian Public Service Commission and the Office for Women and aims to continue to create steady and lasting improvements in gender equality. By providing a flexible framework that enables agency-level discussion and targeted actions on shared areas of focus, this strategy helps create better policies, programs and services that help integrate the principles of gender equality into all aspects of work in Australia.

Australia has partially complied with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, able to promote equity and accelerate progress on all SDGs, recognizing the importance of women empowerment. It has addressed the promotion of empowerment of women through technology by providing grants for women in STEM worth AUD13 million, ensuring full participation in leadership and decision making by increasing the percentage of women to 50.2 from 41.3 in 2013 on Australian government boards, and to prevent violence against women, the “The National Plan to End Violence Against Women and Children 2022-32” has been released. These actions address SDG3: Good Health and Wellbeing, SDG 4: Quality Education, SDG 5: Gender Equality, SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth, SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure, SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities, SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities, and SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions. However, it has fallen short of the 12 SDGs threshold necessary for full compliance.

Thus, Australia receives a score of 0.

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### **Brazil: 0**

Brazil has partially complied with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, able to promote equity and accelerate progress on all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), recognizing the importance of women empowerment.

On 22 November 2021, Head of the Ministry of Women, Family and Human Rights, Damares Alves, officialized partnerships with the Military Police, the Court of Justice, the Public Ministry, with the Credit Union of Free Admission of the Central and West Region of Minas Gerais and the Federation of Services of Minas Gerais.<sup>1256</sup> This initiative is a part of the ongoing 21 Days of Activism for the End of Violence against Women initiative. Alves states that “the Central will share information between the police, the Court of Justice and the Ministry, in order to have more accurate data so that justice can reach the woman before a tragedy happens.”

On 1 December 2021, the Ministry of Women, Family and Human Rights and the National Supply Company signed a Technical Cooperation Agreement to commit to providing “training courses and other initiatives focused on promoting dignity and economic autonomy through the Qualifica Mulher pilot project” to over

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<sup>1254</sup> Budget 2022-23, Department of Education, Skills and Employment (Canberra) 29 March 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022 <https://www.dese.gov.au/about-us/corporate-reporting/budget/2022-23-budget>

<sup>1255</sup> Australian Public Service Gender Equality Strategy 2021-26, Australian Public Service Commission (Canberra) 20 May 2022. Access Date: 20 June 2022. <https://www.apsc.gov.au/publication/australian-public-service-gender-equality-strategy-2021-26>

<sup>1256</sup> Minister Damares officializes partnerships aimed at protecting women, Ministry of Women, Family and Human Rights (Brasília) 22 November 2021. Access Date: 16 February 2022. <https://www.gov.br/mdh/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2021/novembro/ministra-damares-oficializa-parcerias-voltadas-a-protecao-das-mulheres-mineiras>

940,000 rural women and traditional communities.<sup>1257</sup> This initiative contributes to the federal government's ongoing mission to raise awareness and combat violence against women.

On 2 December 2021, the Ministry of Women, Family, and Human Rights signed a Protocol of Intent to provide professional qualifications to 10,000 women in the state of Amapá. Brazilian Women's House in Macapá was constructed in order to “bring together services for women in situations of domestic violence, with a focus on humanized care.”<sup>1258</sup> In addition to the Protocol of Intent, the 21 Days of Activism to End Violence against Women initiative was launched in partnership with the government of the state of Amapá.

On 20 December 2021, President Jair Bolsonaro issued a Decree establishing the National Plan to Combat Femicide to reinforce the federal government's commitment to combating femicide. The Plan aims to “promote actions that make society aware of violence against women and expand the possibilities of reporting; promote the production and management of information on violence against women and femicide; foster accountability, education and monitoring of perpetrators of violence against women; and guarantee rights and integral, humanized and non-re-victimizing assistance to women in situations of violence, indirect victims and orphans”<sup>1259</sup> and proposes collaboration with different sectors of the government, including education, health, social assistance, public security, and actors of the Justice System, the Legislative Power and civil society.

On 1 February 2022, the government began the National Week for the Prevention of Pregnancy in Adolescence by announcing the launch of the National Plan for the Primary Prevention of Early Sexual Risk and Adolescent Pregnancy.<sup>1260</sup> The initiative aims to address the “erotization of children and adolescents” and teenage pregnancies. The Live Births Information System reported that, in 2020, over 380,000 children were born to mothers between the ages of ten and 19 years old, and over 17,000 girls between the ages of ten and 14 years old. The Federal Government of Brazil announced its mission to reduce the rates of teenage pregnancies by establishing training programs in municipalities and states, educational institutions, and civil society organizations. The Ministries of Women, Family and Human Rights, Education, Citizenship, and Health will collaboratively work towards this goal.

On 8 February 2022, the National Secretariat of Policies for Women and of the Ministry of Women, Family and Human Rights, called government bodies including the State Attorney General's Office, the Public Security Secretariat, and the National Human Rights Ombudsman to investigate an incidence of political violence against councilor Camila Rosa and the president of the City Council of Aparecida de Goiás, André Fortaleza.<sup>1261</sup> On 2 February 2022, “André Fortaleza ordered the parliamentarian's microphone to be turned off, depriving her of her right to political participation, protected by article 2 of Law No. 14.192/2021,” which states that “[p]olitical violence against women is considered to be any action, conduct or omission with the purpose of preventing, obstructing or restricting women's political rights.”

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On 11 February 2022, the Ministry of Women, Family, and Human Rights announced a federal initiative, partnered with the Federal Institute of Santa Catarina, called “Social Autonomy, Generating Income and Valuing Female Work.”<sup>1262</sup> BRL500,000 was invested into the Qualifica Mulher Project, which will fund courses in “income generation, technology, and appreciation of women’s work; entrepreneurship; communication and customer service; innovation and creativity; digital inclusion; electricity installations and services; citizenship, literacy and literacy” for 490 socially vulnerable women. Assistant Secretary of the National Secretariat for Policies for Women, Viviane Dutra, stated that this initiative aims to “develop the entrepreneurial potential that the students have, in order to provide economic autonomy and better living conditions for them and their families.” The inaugural courses occurred on 11 February 2022, in Tubarão, Santa Catarina.

On 8 March 2022, the Federal Government of Brazil signed off on a variety of initiatives in celebration of Women’s Day, including the Mothers of Brazil Program, the National Women’s Entrepreneurship Strategy, and the Women’s Entrepreneurship Committee.<sup>1263</sup> These initiatives aim to “promote comprehensive protection for pregnant women and maternity [.] ... [and] create a plan to develop and encourage female entrepreneurship in the country,” respectively.

On 18 April 2022, the Monitoring Center for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence was opened in Belo Horizonte by the Minister of Women, Family and Human Rights, Cristiane Britto.<sup>1264</sup> Nine motor vehicles, computer equipment and an investment of BRL1.2 million from the Federal Government were delivered as a joint effort by the Court of Justice and the Public Ministry.

On 7 May 2022, the Ministry of Women, Family and Human Rights implemented an investment of BRL109,000 as an initiative to guarantee income generation for 20 Quilombola women in the Furnas do Dionísio community.<sup>1265</sup> This investment, along with implementations of machinery and production structure for bamboo extraction, aim to protect these workers while promoting income generation.

Brazil has partially complied with its commitment to take strong action that addresses more than twelve Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). It has addressed SDG 1: No Poverty, SDG 4: Quality Education, SDG 5: Gender Equality, SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth, SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure, SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities, SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities, SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production, and SDG 16: Peace Justice and Strong Institution through initiatives targeting rural and traditional communities suffering from gender and economic inequalities through education and professional training. It has also addressed SDG 3: Good Health and Well-Being through initiatives and commitments to combat gender-based violence and promote sexual health and wellbeing for women and children. These actions also demonstrate all of the three characteristics of a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery.

Thus, Brazil receives a score of 0.

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### Canada: +1

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, able to promote equity and accelerate progress on all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), recognizing the importance of women empowerment.

On 10 November 2021, the Government of Canada's Veteran and Family Well-Being Fund pledged to provide CAD914,150 over five years to the Pepper Pod, a retreat for women Veterans.<sup>1266</sup> The fund will support Transition Lifeshops, a program for women to share skills, network and support each other. The program will aid women Veterans' transition to life after service.

On 24 November 2021, Minister of International Development and the Pacific Economic Development Agency of Canada Harjit S. Sajjan, participated in the 27<sup>th</sup> Canadian Conference on Global Health, announcing CAD325 million in funding 11 projects with Canadian health partners.<sup>1267</sup> It was proposed to mitigate the profound impact of COVID-19 pandemic on health systems, which disproportionately impacted women and girls. The projects will focus on comprehensive sexual and reproductive health and rights services and improving the quality of access to integrated health services.

On 7 December 2021, Minister Sajjan, announced a financial contribution of CAD195 million for 11 nutrition projects to be implemented by Canadian and international partners.<sup>1268</sup> It will reclaim the nutrition gains lost during the COVID-19 pandemic, with a "focus on the gender dimensions of the nutrition crisis."

On 7 December 2021, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Sean Fraser, on behalf of Minister Sajjan, announced a new initiative for women empowerment in the northern part of Central America.<sup>1269</sup> Canada committed CAD10 million over the next four years to assist women and girls affected by irregular migration and forced displacement in Honduras, Guatemala, and El Salvador. It is expected to help about 5,000 women and girls "to improve living conditions and protection mechanisms."

On 9 December 2021, Minister Sajjan announced Canada's renewal of its support for the Volunteer Cooperation Program through financing almost CAD418 million over seven years, from 2020 to 2027, with more than half of the funding allocated to sub-Saharan Africa.<sup>1270</sup> The program will fund 13 volunteer development projects partnered with 15 Canadian organisations to mobilise around 10,000 volunteers to work along with 700 organisations in approximately 47 countries. The projects funded through this program advance Canada's Feminist International Assistance Policy, which includes promoting the rights and inclusion of women and girls.

On 16 December 2021, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, delivered a mandate letter to the newly appointed Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Youth, Marci Ien.<sup>1271</sup> It proposes a plan of the "development of a 10-year

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National Action Plan to End Gender Based Violence.” It mandates Minister Ien to support other Ministers to advance gender equality and inclusion through detailed commitments that aim to achieve seven SDGs.

On 7 January 2022, Bill C-4, a federal bill that amends Canada’s Criminal Code came into effect, which “criminalizes the shameful, unscientific, and destructive practice of conversion therapy.”<sup>1272</sup> The bill was passed and received royal assent on 8 December 2021.

On 11 January 2022, Minister of International Trade, Export Promotion, Small Businesses and Economic Development Mary Ng, announced a call for proposals for new projects under the Women Entrepreneurship Ecosystem Fund.<sup>1273</sup> CAD25 million was made available for projects that aims” to remove systemic barriers and create more equal access to the resources” to women in business.

On 18 January 2022, Minister of Labour, Seamus O’Regan Jr., announced the launch of the 2022 Open Call for Concepts for the Workplace Opportunities: Removing Barriers to Equity (WORBE) program.<sup>1274</sup> The Government of Canada will provide up to CAD3 million annually to make workplaces more representative and inclusive. The WORBE program is designed to help break down barriers to employment in federally regulated workplaces, through funding “the four equity-seeking groups[, one of which includes women,] designated under the Employment Equity Act.”

On 19 January 2022, the International Development Research Centre and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council proposed a new initiative, anticipated to launch in March 2022, called Women’s Health and Economic Empowerment for a COVID-19 Recovery that is Inclusive, Sustainable and Equitable (Women RISE).<sup>1275</sup> It will support a maximum of 20 research teams to conduct action-oriented research on how women’s health and their work (paid or unpaid) intersect and interact with a maximum budget of CAD1 million per grant. It will inform solutions and strategies to improve women’s health and socioeconomic wellbeing during and through recovery from COVID-19.

On 20 January 2022, Minister Ien “announced over CAD8 million for 21 projects to improve the health and wellbeing of women and girls”<sup>1276</sup> with the intention to eliminate GBV. It will increase sexual health education while promoting gender equality through addressing harmful gender norms. The Minister granted over CAD450,000 to the Regroupement Naissances Respectées, an organisation that supports gender equality.

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On 21 January 2022, Minister Ien announced over CAD14 million to fund 34 projects to support Indigenous women.<sup>1277</sup> The initiative will encourage women empowerment through “improving economic participation, increasing leadership in various sectors, and preventing and eliminating” GBV.

On 24 January 2022, the Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Veterans Affairs and Associate Minister of National Defence, Darrell Samson, Member of Parliament for Lac-Saint-Louis, Francis Scarpaleggia and Member of Parliament for Dorval—Lachine—LaSalle, Anju Dhillon, announced Veterans Affairs Canada that will provide support to women Veterans and their family members through the Veteran and Family Well-Being Fund, which will total CAD780,000.<sup>1278</sup>

On 27 January 2022, Minister Ien launched a call for proposals to increase frontline Indigenous women and 2SLGBTQQIA+ organisations to address gender-based violence (GBV).<sup>1279</sup> CAD55 million will be funded to help organisations prevent and address the root causes of GBV.

On 2 February 2022, Minister Ng announced a virtual trade mission to Botswana, Senegal, South Africa, Côte d’Ivoire.<sup>1280</sup> The mission is scheduled for 21-24 February 2022, providing opportunities to women-owned and led Canadian businesses in the renewable energy, and information and communications technology sectors.

On 2 February 2022, Minister Ien announced a maximum of CAD7.5 million additional funding for LGBTQ2 Community Capacity Fund, which was launched in 2020.<sup>1281</sup> The Government of Canada will also extend funding for another year. Minister Ien announced that another CAD800,000 will be funded for two LGBTQ2 projects as well.

On 23 February 2022, Minister Ien announced more than CAD1.3 million for three projects to “promote the empowerment of Black women and girls across Canada.”<sup>1282</sup> The projects aim to eliminate the inequalities and provide necessary resources for success. Black Canadian Women in Action is receiving CAD474,095 to strengthen cultural sensitivity training in community organisations; Future Black Female is receiving CAD412,180 “to address the unique challenges” and “create opportunities for Black women;” and Black Women Business Network is receiving CAD489,850 to “identify the root causes of the systemic barriers” in employment.

On 24 February 2022, Minister Ng concluded a virtual trade mission to Botswana, Senegal, South Africa, and Côte d’Ivoire for women-owned and led businesses hosted by the Trade Commissioner Service of Global

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Affairs Canada and the Canada Africa Chamber of Business.<sup>1283</sup> The four-day mission brought 26 Canadian women entrepreneurs and African business leaders to explore new opportunities in the renewable energy, and information and communications technology sectors.

On 25 February 2022, Marie-Claude Bibeau, Member of Parliament for Compton-Stanstead, on behalf of Minister Ien, announced CAD237,087 for the Corporation de développement communautaire of Haut-Saint-François's new project to address GBV.<sup>1284</sup> The project will work to identify the root causes of GBV and promote the voices of women and girls on GBV issues in the Haut-Saint-François region.

On 4 March 2022, the National Film Board of Canada (NFB) announced that 60 per cent of all ongoing projects were “directed by women or by teams with equal or greater representation of women than men.”<sup>1285</sup> It also allocates 66 per cent of production spending to productions led by women. The NFB achieved gender parity in animation, documentary, and interactive production sectors for the number of productions directed by women and for production budgets allocated to women.

On 7 March 2022, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada David Lametti, and the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health and Member of Parliament for Toronto – St. Paul's, Carolyn Bennett, “announced that the Government of Canada is providing financial support to Pro Bono Ontario for a free legal advice hotline for those who have experienced workplace sexual harassment”<sup>1286</sup> through Justice Canada's Legal Aid Program. Funding of CAD788,392 over four fiscal years was approved for Pro Bono Ontario starting from 1 April 2021.

On 7 March 2022, Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Disability Inclusion, Carla Qualtrough, announced 26 projects approved for funding under the Women's Employment Readiness pilot program.<sup>1287</sup> “The pilot program funds organisations to provide and test pre-employment and skills development support for women who face barriers” and “new ways to help employers increase inclusivity in the workplace” across all 13 provinces and territories. It particularly targets racialized women and/or Indigenous women, women with disabilities, women of the LGBTQ2 community and women who have been unemployed for an extended period.

On 8 March 2022, Minister Sajjan announced CAD67.5 million in international assistance for eight projects as a part of Canada's commitment to put women and girls at the heart of climate action.<sup>1288</sup> The projects “will support women's leadership and decision making in all aspects of climate change adaptation, mitigation and

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<sup>1287</sup> Government of Canada helping remove barriers to training and employment for women, Employment and Social Development Canada (Gatineau) 7 March 2022. Access Date: 12 May 2022 <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2022/03/government-of-canada-helping-remove-barriers-to-training-and-employment-for-women3.html>

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sustainable natural resource management.” It will support employment and business opportunities in the climate and natural resource sectors, and address the particular needs and challenges of women and girls.

On 8 March 2022, Minister Ng announced the Women Entrepreneurship Loan Fund, the next phase of the CAD6 billion Women Entrepreneurship Strategy. The fund will be distributed to non-profit organisations with existing loan programs to provide additional financing to women entrepreneurs with the focus on start-ups, under-represented groups or sole proprietorships that face greater barriers to finances.<sup>1289</sup> Women entrepreneurs are promised to apply for loans of a maximum of CAD50,000 from the chosen organisations.

On 8 March 2022, the Women RISE research initiative was launched. The research will focus on “how women’s health and their work, whether paid or unpaid, intersect and interact in the preparation for, response to and recovery from COVID-19.”<sup>1290</sup> It will support a maximum of 20 research teams in low- and middle-income countries to inform solutions and strategies for an equitable COVID-19 recovery. Women RISE undertake the global research priorities identified in the United Nations Research Roadmap for the COVID-19 Recovery.

On 8 March 2022, George Chahal, Member of Parliament of Calgary Skyview, Alberta, on behalf of the Minister Jean-Yves Duclos, announced an investment of CAD886,660 to the University of Calgary to improve access to health programs for Indigenous women and two-spirit persons in Alberta and Saskatchewan.<sup>1291</sup> The funding will be used to help implement the Wolf Trail Program Expansion Project, “a holistic, physical activity-based program designed for Indigenous women.” The project promotes “healthy living and addressing the common risk factors for chronic disease.”

On 8 March 2022, Minister of Labour, Seamus O’Regan Jr., highlighted two projects aiming to remove barriers to employment for Indigenous women.<sup>1292</sup> The Native Women’s Association of Canada received CAD386,562 to launch the Addressing Systemic Barriers to Indigenous Women with disabilities’ Economic Security project; and the Women in Leadership Foundation received CAD273,676 for the Indigenous Leadership Circle Project, which explores the barriers that lead to under-representation of Indigenous women in senior management positions in federally regulated workplaces. These projects are funded through the Workplace Opportunities: Removing Barriers to Equity program.

On 16 March 2022, Gary Anandasangaree, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, and Sean Casey, Member of Parliament for Charlottetown, announced on behalf of the Minister Lametti, that the Government of Canada is providing over CAD1.17 million for two projects in Prince Edward Island to support victims of intimate partner violence and family violence.<sup>1293</sup> As women and children

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<sup>1289</sup> Minister Ng announces the next phase of the Women Entrepreneurship Strategy, Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (Ottawa) 8 March 2022. Access Date: 12 May 2022 <https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/news/2022/03/minister-ng-announces-the-next-phase-of-the-women-entrepreneurship-strategy.html>

<sup>1290</sup> Women RISE Initiative Launches on International Women’s Day: Canada invests in research to ensure an equitable COVID-19 recovery, Canadian Institutes of Health Research (Ottawa) 8 March 2022. Access Date: 12 May 2022 <https://www.canada.ca/en/institutes-health-research/news/2022/03/women-rise-initiative-launches-on-international-womens-day-canada-invests-in-research-to-ensure-an-equitable-covid-19-recovery.html>

<sup>1291</sup> Government of Canada funding supports improving healthy living behaviours for Indigenous women in the Prairies, Public Health Agency of Canada (Calgary) 8 March 2022. Access Date: 12 May 2022 <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2022/03/government-of-canada-funding-supports-improving-healthy-living-behaviours-for-indigenous-women-in-the-prairies.html>

<sup>1292</sup> Government of Canada highlights projects to help break down barriers to employment for Indigenous women, Employment and Social Development Canada (Gatineau) 8 March 2022. Access Date: 12 May 2022 <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2022/03/government-of-canada-highlights-projects-to-help-break-down-barriers-to-employment-for-indigenous-women.html>

<sup>1293</sup> Federal funding provided to projects on Prince Edward Island to support victims of family violence and intimate partner violence, Department of Justice Canada (Ottawa) 16 March 2022. Access Date: 12 May 2022 <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-justice/news/2022/03/federal-funding-provided-to-projects-on-prince-edward-island-to-support-victims-of-family-violence-and-intimate-partner-violence.html>

are disproportionately victims of such violence, the investment complements efforts of the Government of Canada's GBV Strategy.

On 16 March 2022, Minister Lametti, and the Executive Director of the Native Women's Shelter of Montreal, Nakuset, announced funding CAD300,000 over three years through Justice Canada's Victims Fund to improve access to supports for the families and communities of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people in Québec.<sup>1294</sup> It aims to ensure a "more inclusive and representative justice system that respects the rights of Indigenous peoples, and protects Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people."

On 28 March 2022, Minister Ng announced a new contribution agreement of CAD4.25 million for the Women Entrepreneurship Knowledge Hub (WEKH).<sup>1295</sup> WEKH is one of the pillars of the Women Entrepreneurship Strategy, which is a CAD6 billion program to encourage women's economic empowerment. The new funding will expand WEKH's research and its resources to aid women entrepreneurs.

On 6 April 2022, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations Marc Miller, announced that the 2021-22 year of The Support for the Wellbeing of Families and Survivors of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ People Contribution Program has invested over CAD2.5 million "in 20 Indigenous organizations for healing projects to help families and survivors of missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people."<sup>1296</sup>

On 6 April 2022, Minister Miller announced CAD1 million funding has been allocated to 17 Indigenous organisations for Indigenous-led projects this year.<sup>1297</sup> It aims to "develop methodologies to better understand the issue of violence against Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people" by improving data collection, analysis and interpretation. The gaps in existing data of other demographic groups will be addressed as well.

On 7 April 2022, the Department of Finance Canada announced Budget 2022, which "introduces new measures to promote a more equitable, more inclusive Canada, and to build communities where everyone is empowered to succeed."<sup>1298</sup> It aims to address systemic barriers of marginalised communities including women and LGBTQ2 Canadians. It includes: a Federal LGBTQ2 Action Plan that proposes to provide CAD100 million over five years, starting in 2022-23; provision of CAD539.3 million over five years to Women and Gender Equality Canada for the National Action Plan to End GBV; provision of CAD15 million in 2023-24 to Canadian heritage to reflect the diversity of Canadians in news media; provision of CAD40 million to the Canada Periodical Fund starting in 2022-23 to support local and diverse journalism.

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<sup>1294</sup> Providing support for families of missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people in Québec, Department of Justice Canada (Montreal) 16 March 2022. Access Date: 12 May 2022 <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-justice/news/2022/03/providing-support-for-families-of-missing-and-murdered-indigenous-women-girls-and-2slgbtqqia-people-in-quebec.html>

<sup>1295</sup> Minister Ng announces renewed funding for the Women Entrepreneurship Knowledge Hub, Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (Ottawa) 28 March 2022. Access Date: 12 May 2022 <https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/news/2022/03/minister-ng-announces-renewed-funding-for-the-women-entrepreneurship-knowledge-hub.html>

<sup>1296</sup> Investments under Federal Pathway help healing efforts for MMIWG families and survivors, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 6 April 2022. Access Date: 12 May 2022 <https://www.canada.ca/en/crown-indigenous-relations-northern-affairs/news/2022/04/investments-under-federal-pathway-help-healing-efforts-for-mmiwg-families-and-survivors.html>

<sup>1297</sup> Canada supports 19 Indigenous-led projects to improve data to address violence against Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 6 April 2022. Access Date: 12 May 2022 <https://www.canada.ca/en/crown-indigenous-relations-northern-affairs/news/2022/04/canada-supports-19-indigenous-led-projects-to-improve-data-to-address-violence-against-indigenous-women-girls-and-2slgbtqqia-people.html>

<sup>1298</sup> Safe & Inclusive Communities, Department of Finance Canada (Ottawa) 7 April 2022. Access Date: 12 May 2022 <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2022/04/safe--inclusive-communities.html>

On 7 April 2022, the Department of Finance Canada released the 2022 Budget Statement and Impact Report on Gender, Diversity, and Quality of Life.<sup>1299</sup> The Report reaffirms the government’s commitment to apply Gender-based Analysis Plus in decision- and policy-making, to ensure that programs and policies are considerate of their impact on people from a variety of perspectives. The budget report supports efforts in reducing literacy gaps, promotes the equal and full participation of women, especially representation of women in the justice systems and leadership. Moreover, the Budget 2022 aims at reducing gender-based violence and harassment, ensuring physical and mental health, including improved access to sexual and reproductive health services, as well as improving infrastructure, such as transit and housing, to ensure the well-being of women.

On 22 April 2022, Minister Sajjan announced CAD40 million additional funding to support the Global Financing Facility’s “Reclaim the Gains” campaign, “bringing Canada’s total contribution to CAD190 million.”<sup>1300</sup> The funding will aid “lower-income countries to improve the resilience of their health systems, reverse the impact of COVID-19, and drive long-term improvements for women’s, children’s and adolescents’ health.”

On 6 May 2022, Élisabeth Brière, Member of Parliament for Sherbrooke, on behalf of Minister Ien, announced CAD289,910 for the Fédération des Communautés Culturelles de l’Estrie’s new project to address GBV.<sup>1301</sup> It will aim to reduce violence experienced by immigrant women and girls in the Estrie region by developing and implementing a collaborative and intersectional support strategy. It will also raise awareness “to reduce barriers and improve access to services for underserved and at-risk populations.”

On 6 May 2022, Minister Miller announced funding for 18 Indigenous organisations, which includes 15 Indigenous women’s and three 2SLGBTQQIA+ organisations, through multi-year agreements.<sup>1302</sup> It aims to amplify their voices in the development of policies, programs and legislation. Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada will work with the ministry to distribute CAD36.3 million over five years from 2021-22 to 2025-26, and CAD8.6 million ongoing for this program. The funding will span 11 provinces and territories and include programs such as the Ontario Native Women’s Associations’s Reconciliation and its “Indigenous Women – Improving Indigenous Women’s Safety” program; Two-Spirited People of Manitoba and their “2S Medicine Owl” initiative; Les Femmes Michif Ojipemisiwak/Women of the Métis Nation and its “Awii – The Person You’re Supposed to Be: Connecting Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ Across the Motherland” program.

On 11 May 2022, Minister of Health Jean-Yves Duclos, and Minister Ien announced more than CAD3.5 million in funding for projects by Action Canada for Sexual Health and Rights (Action Canada) and by the National Abortion Federation Canada (NAF Canada) through the Sexual and Reproductive Health Fund.<sup>1303</sup> It will remove barriers to vital abortion services and provide accurate reproductive health information, while addressing discrimination experienced by minority and marginalized groups. Action Canada will receive CAD2,119,073 in the span of three years to expand its Access Line and Sexual Health Information Hub

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<sup>1299</sup> Statement and Impacts Report on Gender, Diversity, and Quality of Life, Department of Finance Canada (Ottawa) 7 April 2022. Access date: 21 June 2022. <https://budget.gc.ca/2022/report-rapport/gdql-egdqv-01-en.html#statement-on-gender-equality-and-diversity-in-canada>

<sup>1300</sup> Minister Sajjan announces a \$40-million contribution to ensure all women, adolescents and children can access essential health services today and in a post-pandemic world, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 22 April 2022. Access Date: 12 May 2022 <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/04/minister-sajjan-announces-a-40-million-contribution-to-ensure-all-women-adolescents-and-children-can-access-essential-health-services-today-and-in-.html>

<sup>1301</sup> Government of Canada announces funding support for Fédération des Communautés Culturelles l’Estrie to address gender-based violence, Women and Gender Equality Canada (Sherbrooke) 6 May 2022. Access Date: 12 May 2022 <https://www.canada.ca/en/women-gender-equality/news/2022/05/government-of-canada-announces-funding-support-for-federation-des-communautes-culturelles-de-lestrie-to-address-gender-based-violence.html>

<sup>1302</sup> Indigenous women’s and 2SLGBTQQIA+ organizations are supported to end violence against vulnerable people, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 6 May 2022. Access Date: 12 May 2022 <https://www.canada.ca/en/crown-indigenous-relations-northern-affairs/news/2022/05/indigenous-womens-and-2slgbtqqia-organizations-are-supported-to-end-violence-against-vulnerable-people.html>

<sup>1303</sup> Government of Canada Strengthens Access to Abortion Services, Health Canada (Ottawa) 11 May 2022. Access Date: 12 May 2022 <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2022/05/government-of-canada-strengthens-access-to-abortion-services.html>

programs and NAF Canada will receive CAD1,469,150 in the span of three years to provide financial and logistical support, train health care providers, and ensure the capacity of abortion facilities.

On 17 May 2022, Minister Ien called for “proposals under the LGBTQ2 Projects Fund that will support community-informed initiatives to overcome key issues facing LGBTQ2 communities.”<sup>1304</sup> The announcement was made on the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia to recognize disparities of the LGBTQ2 communities.

Canada has fully complied with its commitment with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, able to promote equity and accelerate progress on all SDGs, recognizing the importance of women empowerment. It has taken actions that address more than 12 SDGs, and the actions demonstrate all three characteristics of sustainable, inclusive, and resilient recovery. It has addressed SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities by taking actions against GBV, as well as protecting female veterans. Initiatives and funding allocated to better protect veterans, indigenous women and the members of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community addresses SDG 1: No Poverty, SDG 11: Sustainable Cities, and Communities, as well as SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions. SDG 4: Quality Education, SDG 5: Gender Equality, SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth and SDG 9: Industry Innovation and Infrastructure by supporting organisations and projects for women in businesses and through nutrition programs, Canada also addresses SDG 2: Zero Hunger. SDG 3: Good Health and Well-Being is addressed by supporting a sustainable recovery from COVID-19 and war, and with their collaborative efforts with other countries across the world, they also addressed SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy and SDG 17: Partnership for the Goals. SDG 13: Climate Action is addressed by acknowledging the challenges caused by climate change to women and girls while supporting women working in the climate sector.

Thus, Canada has received a score of +1.

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### **China: 0**

China has partially complied with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, able to promote equity and accelerate progress on all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), recognizing the importance of women empowerment.

On 11 November 2021, Peng Liyuan, a special envoy of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization called for joint efforts to promote education for women and girls.<sup>1305</sup> Peng said that parties should be more determined to promote girls’ and women’s education, and work together to ensure the fulfillment of education. In 2015, China and UNESCO jointly established the Prize for Girls’ and Women’s Education. Peng said that China will continue to work with UNESCO to ensure the second phase of the collaboration on the prize is a success.

On 17 December 2021, China’s “top legislative body began reviewing a draft amendment to the Women’s Rights and Interests Protection Law.”<sup>1306</sup> This amendment would forbid employers from declaring gender preferences in job postings or ask female candidates about their marital or pregnancy status. Moreover, employers would be required to establish mechanisms to prevent, investigate and respond to sexual harassment complaints.

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<sup>1304</sup> Statement by Minister Ien on the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia, Women and Gender Equality Canada (Gatineau) 17 May 2022. Access Date: 3 June 2022 <https://www.canada.ca/en/women-gender-equality/news/2022/05/statement-by-minister-ien-on-the-international-day-against-homophobia-transphobia-and-biphobia.html>

<sup>1305</sup> Peng Liyuan calls for joint actions to improve education for women, girls, Ministry of Education the People’s Republic of China (Beijing) 11 November 2021 Access Date: 15 May, 2022 [http://en.moe.gov.cn/news/media\\_highlights/202111/t20211115\\_579843.html](http://en.moe.gov.cn/news/media_highlights/202111/t20211115_579843.html)

<sup>1306</sup> China Bill Would Ban Employers Asking About Pregnancy Status, Bloomberg (San Francisco) 20 December 2021. Access Date: 21 June 2022. <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2021-12-21/china-bill-would-ban-employers-asking-about-pregnancy-status>

On 27 December 2021, the All-China Women's Federation and the National Bureau of Statistics jointly released a survey on the Social Status of Women in China.<sup>1307</sup> It shows that about 97 per cent of the 30,000 male and female respondents aged 18 to 64 nationwide agreed that women “enjoy a more favourable social environment.” In the past decade, women in China have been more involved in economic and social development, with more women moving to secondary industries such as manufacturing and tertiary industries.

On 18 January 2022, China's National Health Commission released work plans to extend women's access to screening services for cervical and breast cancers.<sup>1308</sup> The plan aims to expand services to females aged from 35 to 64 in both urban and rural areas. The goal is to cover more than 50 per cent of cervical cancer screening services for eligible women by the end of 2025, while the coverage of breast cancer screening services will increase on a year-by-year basis.

On 3 February 2022, the Beijing Organising Committee for the 2022 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games published the “Gender Equality Commitment.”<sup>1309</sup> The committee is committed to promoting Gender Equality and Inclusion initiatives across four pillars: to promote equal participation and gender-equal and fair portrayal, ensure a safe sporting environment for all athletes and participants of the Olympic Games, promote gender equality in leadership and workforce, and promote equal opportunities right for employees. This document aligns with the “IOC Gender Equality and Inclusion Objectives for 2021-2024.”

On 14 February 2022, the International Olympic Committee and Beijing Organising Committee for the 2022 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games expressed at a press conference that China has leveraged new events by adding two women's single events and four mix team events to fully reflects the concept of “promoting gender equality in sport” in the Olympic Agenda 2020.<sup>1310</sup>

On 2 March 2022, the Ministry of Public Security held a teleconference on mobilization and deployment of the national public security organs' special action to combat the crime of trafficking in women and children.<sup>1311</sup> The Ministry of Public Security announced that they were launching a special campaign against the crime of trafficking in women and children from March 1 to December 31. The campaign involves taking multiple measures to attack the crime of trafficking, make every effort to detect accumulated cases, severely punish a group of criminals, rescue a group of abducted women and children, and establish an integrated working mechanism for prevention, combat, rescue and resettlement.

China has partially complied with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, able to promote equity and accelerate progress on all SDGs, recognizing the importance of women empowerment. It has addressed SDG 5: Gender Equality by taking action to promote gender equality and inclusion in sports, SDG 4: Quality Education by promoting education for girls and women, SDG 3: Good Health and Well-Being, SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth, SDG 9: Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure and SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities by extending women's access to medical services, with a focus on rural communities, and economics by providing more opportunities in secondary and tertiary industries.

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<sup>1307</sup> China to extend women's access to cervical, breast cancer screenings, The State Council the People's Republic of China (Beijing) 18 January 2022 Access Date: 17 February 2022.

[http://english.www.gov.cn/statecouncil/ministries/202201/18/content\\_WS61e6ba97c6d09c94e48a3deb.html](http://english.www.gov.cn/statecouncil/ministries/202201/18/content_WS61e6ba97c6d09c94e48a3deb.html)

<sup>1308</sup> China to extend women's access to cervical, breast cancer screenings, The State Council the People's Republic of China (Beijing) 18 January 2022 Access Date: 17 February 2022.

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<sup>1309</sup> Gender Equality Commitment, Beijing Organising Committee for the 2022 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games (Beijing) 3 February 2022. Access Date: 17 February 2022 <https://www.beijing2022.cn/wog.htm?cmsid=MHI2022020300118800>

<sup>1310</sup> Gender Equality Commitment, Beijing Organising Committee for the 2022 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games (Beijing) 3 February 2022. Access Date: 17 February 2022 <https://www.beijing2022.cn/wog.htm?cmsid=MHI2022020300118800>

<sup>1311</sup> Resolutely safeguard the legitimate rights and interests of women and children, Ministry of Public Security of the People's Republic of China (Beijing) 2 March 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: May 14 2022.

<https://app.mps.gov.cn/gdnps/pc/content.jsp?id=8389664>

Thus, China receives a score of 0.

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### **France: 0**

France has partially complied with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, able to promote equity and accelerate progress on all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), recognizing the importance of women empowerment.

On 15 November 2021, the government launched a EUR14 million national plan against the prostitution of minors, which particularly affects young girls.<sup>1312</sup> The plan rests on four pillars: spreading information and raising awareness, identifying minors involved, guiding minors in prostitution and strengthen judicial action against pimps.

On 24 December 2021, the government implemented a new legislation, referred to as the Rixain Law, that promotes gender equality within the workplace and the general economy.<sup>1313</sup> This law imposes quotas for large corporations with more than 1000 employees to have women representation on the leadership levels of the company. This legislation aims to “counteract gender bias in professional training and higher education,” to promote women’s entrepreneurship, and to raise the quota to 40 per cent by the year 2030, a 15 per cent increase from the 2020 statistics.

On 12 January 2022, the Ministry of Solidarities and Health launched a national strategy against endometriosis, a disease that affects one in ten women.<sup>1314</sup> It is composed of three goals: to understand endometriosis and its causes by establishing a national research program, to establish paths of care within territories and to increase awareness of endometriosis in schools, higher education, workplaces, homes and medical settings to use available treatments.

On 28 January 2022, the French Presidency of the Council of the European Union announced that the EU Member States are joining together to support a stronger economy that stimulates and fosters job creation and social and environmental policies, with gender equality being at the forefront of these efforts and reflected in all aspects of public policy.<sup>1315</sup> Member States reaffirmed their commitment to strengthen “the application of the principle of equal pay for equal work or work of equal value between men and women, through pay transparency and enforcement mechanisms in order to improve access to employee information... [and] gender balance on-company boards.”

On 31 January 2022, France, the Czech Republic and Sweden, released a Trio Presidency Declaration on Gender Equality 2022-2023.<sup>1316</sup> These European Union Member States “firmly commit [themselves] to promoting gender equality and to [fight] against all forms of discrimination against women at all levels.” The trio presidency will achieve this under the theme of Recovery, especially emphasizing women’s economic

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<sup>1312</sup> First national plan against prostitution of minors, Government (Paris) 15 November 2021. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 14 May 2022. <https://www.gouvernement.fr/actualite/premier-plan-national-contre-la-prostitution-des-mineurs>

<sup>1313</sup> France: Law on Economic and Professional Gender Equality Adopted, Library of Congress (Washington). Access Date: 21 June 2022. <https://www.loc.gov/item/global-legal-monitor/2022-01-23/france-law-on-economic-and-professional-gender-equality-adopted/>

<sup>1314</sup> Launch of a national strategy against endometriosis, Government (Paris) 12 January 2022. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 14 May 2022, <https://www.gouvernement.fr/actualite/lancement-d-une-strategie-nationale-contre-l-endometrie>

<sup>1315</sup> The Economic Empowerment of Women: Key to substantive gender equality – Conference of Equality Ministers, French Presidency of the Council of the European Union (Paris) 28 January 2022. Access Date: 21 June 2022. <https://presidence-francaise.consilium.europa.eu/en/news/the-economic-empowerment-of-women-key-to-substantive-gender-equality-conference-of-equality-ministers/>

<sup>1316</sup> Trio Presidency Declaration on Gender Equality France, the Czech Republic and Sweden 2022-2023, the Presidency of the Council of the EU (Paris) 31 January 2022. Access Date: 21 June 2022. <https://www.government.se/490abc/contentassets/86aa35838076469dba3bed21be7d30b4/trio-presidency-declaration-on-gender-equality-france-the-czech-republic-and-sweden-2022-2023.pdf>

empowerment, ensuring equal opportunities for women in all areas of life, as well as fighting against gender-based violence.

On 15 February 2022, Minister of Solidarities and Health Olivier Véran, presided over the first steering committee within the context of the national strategy against endometriosis.<sup>1317</sup> The national strategy includes the following priorities over the course of the next four years: to place France as a leader in research and innovation, to guarantee rapid diagnoses and quality access to treatments for women and to communicate and to inform the public of this disease.

France has partially complied with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, able to promote equity and accelerate progress on all SDGs, recognizing the importance of women empowerment. By launching its national plan against the prostitution of minors and its national strategy against endometriosis, France targets SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being, SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities, and SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions. France, along with the rest of the EU Member States', reaffirmation to close the gender pay gaps and ensure a gender balance within the workplace also work toward SDG 5: Gender Equality, SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth, SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure, SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities, and SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals. These actions also demonstrate all of the three characteristics of a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery. However, it has fallen short of the 12 SDGs threshold necessary for full compliance.

Thus, France receives a score of 0.

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### **Germany: +1**

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, able to promote equity and accelerate progress on all SDGs, recognizing the importance of women empowerment.

On 1 November 2021, the Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development published “Gender Equality in climate policy” to address women’s roles in the mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions and the adaptation to climate change.<sup>1318</sup> It addresses the disproportionate impact of climate change to women and women’s roles as agents of change in the following sectors: afforestation, water and food security, transport sector, and energy use and energy security. It concluded that women’s roles in political decision-making led to many advantages in the transition. It also addressed the past contributions of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development to encourage gender equality in climate policies.

On 24 November 2021, the newly appointed German government pledged to alleviate the country’s gender pay gap.<sup>1319</sup> The government stated that it will support the Europe Union directive on pay transparency that is currently being deliberated. This draft would require employers to publish pay gaps and make efforts to decrease the gap if it is too large, and failing to do so would result in penalties.

On 22 December 2021, “Stronger than Violence” initiative, a part of the action program “Together against violence against women” by the Ministry of Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, published that

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<sup>1317</sup> First steering committee of the National Strategy against endometriosis, Government (Paris) 15 November 2021. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 14 May 2022. <https://www.gouvernement.fr/actualite/premier-comite-de-pilotage-de-la-strategie-nationale-contre-l-endometriose>

<sup>1318</sup> Gender equality in climate policy, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) Division 420 (Berlin) 1 November 2021. Access Date: 14 May 2022. <https://www.bmz.de/resource/blob/97802/ac758e92ea69ce6d3b330e76bbb20dc7/factsheet-gender-equality-climate-policy.pdf>

<sup>1319</sup> New German government vows to tackle wide gender pay gap, Reuters (London) 24 November 2021. Access Date: 21 June 2022. <https://www.reuters.com/markets/deals/new-german-government-vows-tackle-wide-gender-pay-gap-2021-11-24/>

it had campaigned active fight against gender-based violence in November 2021.<sup>1320</sup> The campaign offered important information, resources for help through a QR code, which was freely distributed through the participation of citizens.

On 1 January 2022, the Federal Ministry of Finance issued a G7 Presidency Programme, which states the policy priorities of Germany's G7 Presidency in 2022. "Strengthening gender equality" is stated to be a "key value of the G7's open, inclusive and democratic societies." It promised to work with the G7 Gender Equality Advisory Council for promotion and development of G7's gender equality goals, especially taking account of intersectionality between gender and other forms of inequalities and discrimination.

On 28 January 2022, Minister of Food and Agriculture, Cem Özdemir, agreed on key aspects during the 14<sup>th</sup> Berlin Agriculture Ministers' Conference as a part of the Global Forum for Food and Agriculture.<sup>1321</sup> One of the key aspects included "Granting equitable access to agricultural land," which emphasises that "women, young farmers and indigenous peoples should have access to land." It is highlighted as an important rule to safeguard food security. The Agricultural Ministers agreed to "support the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests issued by the Committee on World Food Security" and its implementation to grant equitable access.

On 28 January 2022, the French Presidency of the Council of the European Union announced that EU Member States are joining together to support a stronger economy that stimulates and fosters job creation and social and environmental policies, with gender equality being at the forefront of these efforts and reflected in all aspects of public policy.<sup>1322</sup> Member States reaffirmed their commitment to strengthen "the application of the principle of equal pay for equal work or work of equal value between men and women, through pay transparency and enforcement mechanisms in order to improve access to employee information... [and] gender balance on-company boards."

On 2 February 2022, German Development Minister, Svenja Schulze, stated that Germany is taking comprehensive strategies to combat Female Genital Mutilation (FGM).<sup>1323</sup> Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development is providing EUR37 million to support efforts to fight Gender-based Violence (GBV) with emphasis on FGM. It supports East Africa's regional project for the prevention of FGM by providing EUR5.9 million in Somaliland, Sudan and Ethiopia. It also supports civil society organisations dealing with FGM with EUR2.8 million.

On 4 February 2022, the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth published a Letter of protection against FGM.<sup>1324</sup> It "provides information on the criminal liability of" FGM to protect

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<sup>1320</sup> "Stronger than Violence" Initiative, Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth (Berlin) 22 December 2021. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 May 2022.

<https://www.bmfsfj.de/bmfsfj/themen/gleichstellung/frauen-vor-gewalt-schuetzen/initiative-staerker-als-gewalt--189718>

<sup>1321</sup> Standing strong against hunger, the climate crisis and the extinction of species by keeping our soils healthy, Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Berlin) 28 January 2022. Access Date: 13 May 2022.

<https://www.bmel.de/SharedDocs/Pressemitteilungen/EN/2022/gffa-agriculture-ministers-conference-2022.html>

<sup>1322</sup> The Economic Empowerment of Women: Key to substantive gender equality – Conference of Equality Ministers, French Presidency of the Council of the European Union (Paris) 28 January 2022. Access Date: 21 June 2022. <https://presidence-francaise.consilium.europa.eu/en/news/the-economic-empowerment-of-women-key-to-substantive-gender-equality-conference-of-equality-ministers/>

<sup>1323</sup> Increase in cases during pandemic. Germany promotes comprehensive anti-FGM strategies, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Berlin) 4 February 2022. Access Date: 13 May 2022. <https://www.bmz.de/en/news/press-releases/svenja-schulze-international-day-of-zero-tolerance-against-fgm-104096>

<sup>1324</sup> Letter of Protection against female genital mutilation (Schutzbrief gegen weibliche Genitalverstümmelung), Federal ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth (Berlin) 4 February 2022. Access Date: 13 May 2022.

<https://www.bmfsfj.de/bmfsfj/meta/en/publications-en/letter-of-protection-against-female-genital-mutilation-schutzbrief-gegen-weibliche-genitalverstuemmung--182516>

families from the social and familial pressures in their countries of origin, and raise awareness in general. The letter is available in different languages of countries where FGM is prevalent.

On 6 February 2022, Federal Government Commissioner for Human Rights Policy and Humanitarian Assistance, Luise Amtsberg, made a statement denouncing FGM around the world and within the territories of the European Union.<sup>1325</sup> In the statement, Commissioner Amtsberg pledged that Germany will “support the Action Coalition on Gender-based Violence and the UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women with a total of” EUR28.3 million in 2021-22. Commissioner Amtsberg also stated the Federal Government will strengthen preventions of all forms of gender-based violence.

On 17 February 2022, the German government announced that it supports the European Union’s proposal of setting a goal to make at least 40 per cent of non-executive company board members to be women.<sup>1326</sup> This directive is a significant and crucial step towards achieving greater gender equality in member states where relevant legislation has not been implemented yet, with the emphasis that companies would make better decisions and are more successful if their human resource structure and policy reflects social reality.

On 27 April 2022, the federal cabinet approved the update of the German Stability Programme for 2022, which is provided by the Federal Ministry of Finance.<sup>1327</sup> The programme marks its intent to increase labour force participation among women along with older people as a part of its “efforts to increase social inclusion via the labour market” through revising the federal government’s Skilled Labour Strategy. The federal government is targeting to increase the statutory minimum wage to EUR12 per hour as a one-off adjustment from 1 October 2022. It will also raise the “minimum income limit for mini-jobs to” EUR520, “which corresponds to 10 weekly working hours on minimum wage;” while raising the minimum income limit for midi-jobs to EUR1,600.

On 25 May 2022, Minister of the Federal Ministry for Equal Opportunities Lisa Paus opened the Women7 (W7) Summit in Berlin.<sup>1328</sup> The summit is funded by the Federal ministry for Equal Opportunities. The representatives of W7 will discuss gender equality policy recommendations demands to the G7 during the summit.

Germany has partially complied with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, able to promote equity and accelerate progress on all SDGs, recognizing the importance of women empowerment. It has taken actions that address more than 12 SDGs, and the actions demonstrate all three characteristics of sustainable, inclusive, and resilient recovery. It has addressed SDG 3: Good Health and Well-Being, SDG 4: Quality Education, and SDG 5: Gender Equality by addressing GBV, FGM, and women employment, and through their collaboration with the European Union and efforts against FGM around the world, Germany has also addressed SDG 17: Partnership for the Goals. SDG8: Decent Work and Economic Growth, SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure, SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities, SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities, and SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions were addressed through increasing overall income to increase labour force participation among women. Germany also addressed SDG 1: No Poverty and SDG 2: Zero Hunger by agreeing to grant equitable access to women, young farmers and indigenous peoples. SDG 13: Climate Action and SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation is addressed by

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<sup>1325</sup> Statement by Federal Government Commissioner for Human Rights Policy and Humanitarian Assistance Luise Amtsberg on the International Day of Zero Tolerance (06 February 2022) for Female Genital Mutilation, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 4 February 2022. Access Date: 13 May 2022. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/newsroom/news/mrhhb-internationale-tag-gegen-genitalverstuemmelung/2510458>

<sup>1326</sup> Germany to back EU’s women quota plan after a decade, Politico (Arlington) 17 February 2022. Access Date: 21 June 2022. <https://www.politico.eu/article/germany-will-adopt-women-on-board-directive-eu-proposal-after-10-years-of-deadlock/>

<sup>1327</sup> German Stability Programme 2022, Federal Ministry of Finance (Berlin) 27 April 2022. Access Date: 14 May 2022. [https://www.bundesfinanzministerium.de/Content/EN/Standardartikel/Press\\_Room/Publications/Brochures/2021-04-27-german-stability-programme-2022.html](https://www.bundesfinanzministerium.de/Content/EN/Standardartikel/Press_Room/Publications/Brochures/2021-04-27-german-stability-programme-2022.html)

<sup>1328</sup> Lisa Paus opens the Women7 summit in Berlin, Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth (Berlin) 25 May 2022. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 June 2022. <https://www.bmfsfj.de/bmfsfj/aktuelles/alle-meldungen/lisa-paus-eroeffnet-den-women7-gipfel-in-berlin-198102>

acknowledging the disproportionate impacts of climate change to women and women's important roles in sectors that involve adaptation to climate change.

Thus, Germany has received a score of +1.

*Analyst: Jackie Jiwoo Ko*

### **India: -1**

India has failed to comply with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, able to promote equity and accelerate progress on all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), recognizing the importance of women empowerment.

India has failed to comply with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, able to promote equity and accelerate progress on all SDGs, recognizing the importance of women empowerment. India has not taken any actions or made any collaborative commitments that address gender equity, SDGs, or any actions that demonstrate all three characteristics of sustainable, inclusive, and resilient recovery.

Thus, India receives a score of -1.<sup>1329</sup>

*Analyst: Muhammad Bilal Raza*

### **Indonesia: 0**

Indonesia has partially complied with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, able to promote equity and accelerate progress on all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), recognizing the importance of women empowerment.

On 19 January 2022, The Minister of Women's Empowerment and Child Protection expressed that the Ministry of Women Empowerment and Child Protection would act in overseeing the legislative process after the passage of the Draft Law on Sexual Violence as a People's Representative Council bill on 18 January 2022. She expressed her plans to enact the bill into law.<sup>1330</sup>

On 12 February 2022, The Minister of Women's Empowerment and Child Protection inaugurated the launch of the Women Friendly Village and Care for Village Children in the province of Bali with the goal of "encouraging women's empowerment and child protection in realizing development that is inclusive, equitable, and has a women's and children's perspective, and is free from drugs."<sup>1331</sup> There are plans to further expand the Women Friendly Village and Care for Village Children initiative, thus, the Minister has announced cooperation with the National Population and Family Planning Agency in realizing a Stunting-Free Woman-Friendly Village and Caring for Children by collaborating with the National Narcotics Agency. This initiative aims to protect women and children, who are often victims of drug trafficking.

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<sup>1329</sup> This score of non-compliance was determined after searching the following websites: <https://www.india.gov.in/>, <http://commerce.gov.in/>, <https://wcd.nic.in/>, <http://socialjustice.nic.in/>, <https://www.nytimes.com/>, <https://www.unwomen.org/en>, <https://www.usaid.gov/india/gender-equality>, <https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/india-women-empowerment-govt-policies-7856907/>, <https://www.ucl.ac.uk/news/2022/feb/collaborating-improve-stemm-gender-equality-india>, <https://www.forbesindia.com/article/iim-bangalore/holistic-approach-is-necessary-to-free-women-of-motherhood-penalties-at-the-workplace/74281/1>

<sup>1330</sup> PPPA Minister: We Are Reading To Accelerate the Ratification of the TPKS Bill 15 February 2022. Access Date: 19 January 2022. <https://www.kemenpppa.go.id/index.php/page/read/29/3658/menteri-pppa-kami-siap-kawal-percepatan-pengesahan-ruu-tpks>

<sup>1331</sup> Minister of PPPA Authorized Women-Friendly Villages and Cares for Children, Realizing Inclusive Development (Klungkung Regency) 15 February 2022. Access Date: 16 February 2022. <https://www.kemenpppa.go.id/index.php/page/read/29/3703/menteri-pppa-sahkan-desa-ramah-perempuan-dan-peduli-anak-wujudkan-pembangunan-yang-inklusif>

On 16 February 2022, the Minister of Women's Empowerment and Child Protection, Puspayoga Bintang, attended the first meeting of Women20 (W20) was held virtually in Likupang, North Sulawesi.<sup>1332</sup> Minister Bintang stressed that all members present must ensure that actions taken to combat the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic on women's health and well-being must strengthen women's resilience in fighting discrimination.

On 8 March 2022, W20 Indonesia held their second meeting in Batu, titled 'Women-Owned MSMEs [Micro, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises]: The Key to Inclusive Growth.'<sup>1333</sup> This meeting highlighted and discussed the "importance of MSMEs getting financial access services and utilizing digital technology so that they become the driving force of the global economy." The W20 Co-Chair expressed that MSME quality can be improved when "all elements and stakeholders should, first, be able to support MSMEs owned by women as part of the recovery and economic growth strategy. inclusive now and in the future. Second, build a strong ecosystem to support women-owned MSMEs in all G20 countries. Third, maximizing the use of digital platforms to support women-owned SMEs [small and medium-sized enterprises]."

On 29 March 2022, G20 EMPOWER hosted 'Creating Safer Virtual Workplace for Women Post Covid-19 Pandemic,' discussing measures to increase the Human Development Index, Gender Development Index, and Gender Empowerment Index for Indonesia, by addressing existing issues such as gender-based and sexual violence.<sup>1334</sup> The Minister of Manpower expressed confidence in achieving the Brisbane Goals by 2025.

On 31 March 2022, 'Break The Barriers,' a Women's Week 2022 event was held virtually, which discussed women's role as key actors in the recovery from the pandemic, grassroots-level female empowerment by continuing initiatives such as the Gender Mainstreaming Strategy, education, as well as ending sexual violence.<sup>1335</sup>

On 23 April 2022, the Minister of Women's Empowerment and Child Protection promoted the SheHacks 2022 Program, an innovation program that aims to "reduce gender disparities in the economy, education and health sectors by empowering their capacity in technology,"<sup>1336</sup> and expressed plans to implement further support systems for women in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields.

On 18 June 2022, the Minister of Women's Empowerment and Child Protection, Puspayoga Bintang announced that the current representation of women in the legislature is at 21 per cent.<sup>1337</sup> Minister Bintang state that this figure is still smaller than the quota that was set for 30 per cent. She continues to emphasize that

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<sup>1332</sup> WOMEN 20, Strengthen Commitment to Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women (Central Jakarta) 16 February 2022. Access Date: 17 May 2022. <https://www.kemenpppa.go.id/index.php/page/read/29/3705/women-20-perkuat-komitmen-kesetaraan-gender-dan-pemberdayaan-perempuan>

<sup>1333</sup> The Second W20 Meeting in Batu, East Java. W20 Initiates Real Action from the 2022 Work Plan to Encourage the Progress of Women' MSMEs Through Digital Transformation, Ministry of Employment, Women and Children Protection (Jakarta) 9 March 2022. Access Date: 17 May 2022. <https://www.kemenpppa.go.id/index.php/page/read/29/3744/pertemuan-ke-dua-w20-di-batu-jawa-timur-w20-menginisiasi-aksi-nyata-dari-rencana-kerja-2022-dorong-kemajuan-umkm-perempuan-melalui-transformasi-digital>

<sup>1334</sup> G20 EMPOWER: Increasing the Female Workforce Supports THE Country's Economic Growth, Ministry of Employment, Women and Children Protection (Jakarta) 30 March 2022. Access Date: 17 May 2022. <https://www.kemenpppa.go.id/index.php/page/read/29/3817/g20-empower-peningkatan-tenaga-kerja-perempuan-dukung-pertumbuhan-ekonomi-negara>

<sup>1335</sup> Remove Barriers, Support Women to Advance, Ministry of Employment, Women and Children Protection (Jakarta) 31 March 2022. Access Date: 17 May 2022. <https://www.kemenpppa.go.id/index.php/page/read/29/3821/singkirkan-penghalang-dukung-perempuan-untuk-maju>

<sup>1336</sup> Remove Barriers, Support Women to Advance, Ministry of Employment, Women and Children Protection (Jakarta) 31 March 2022. Access Date: 17 May 2022. <https://www.kemenpppa.go.id/index.php/page/read/29/3821/singkirkan-penghalang-dukung-perempuan-untuk-maju>

<sup>1337</sup> Women's representation in legislature needs to be improved to create change, Ministry of Empowerment Women and Children Protection (Central Jakarta) 18 June 2022. Access Date: 21 June 2022. <https://www.kemenpppa.go.id/index.php/page/read/29/3953/keterwakilan-perempuan-di-legislatif-perlu-ditingkatkan-untuk-ciptakan-perubahan>

women have an important role in development, and thus must be educated, empowered, and given equal opportunities and positions in various fields.

Indonesia has partially complied with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, able to promote equity and accelerate progress on all SDGs, recognizing the importance of women empowerment. Indonesia has addressed SDG 1: No Poverty, SDG 3: Good Health and Well-Being, SDG 4: Quality Education, and SDG 5: Gender Equality by acknowledging and providing initiatives to combat violence and sexual violence against women and children. SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth, SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure, SDG 10: Reduced Inequality, SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities, as well as SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions are also addressed through encouraging female participation within the STEM sector, policy making, workplace equality for women, and supporting women-owned MSMEs. However, it has fallen short of the 12 SDGs threshold necessary for full compliance.

Thus, Indonesia receives a score of 0.

*Analyst: Shinyoung Kim*

### **Italy: 0**

Italy has partially complied with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, able to promote equity and accelerate progress on all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), recognizing the importance of women empowerment.

On 18 November 2021, the Italian government published Law 162/2021.<sup>1338</sup> This legislation introduces important amendments to the Italian Equal Opportunity Code including expanding the definition of indirect discrimination, gender status reporting duty, implementing the “pink sticker” gender equality certificate - previously planned in the framework of the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (PNRR) and the first Strategy for Gender Equality promoted by the Minister for Equal Opportunities and Family Elena Bonetti – having an impact in enterprises on culture and strategy, governance, HR processes, opportunities for growth and inclusion of women in the company area, gender income equality and protection of parenthood and work-life balance.

On 18 November 2021, the Minister for Equal Opportunities and Family, Elena Bonetti, presented the National Strategic Plan on Male Violence against Women 2021-2023 to the Italian Government.<sup>1339</sup> The new Plan, in continuity with the Strategic Plan 2017-2020, is organized by axes, in line with the Istanbul Convention: prevention, protection, and support, prosecution and punishment, assistance and promotion. Specific priorities are associated with each axis, addressing the most significant dimensions of male violence against women. The Plan will allocate EUR 30 million per year of implementation.

On 25 November 2021, Elena Bonetti, the Italian Minister for equal Opportunities and Family, met with Marija Pejčinović Burić, the Secretary General of the European Council of Europe.<sup>1340</sup> The meeting held on the International Day for Elimination of Violence against Women and focused on discussed the fight against domestic and international violence on women as well as gender equality that was outlined previously in the Istanbul Convention.

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<sup>1338</sup> Italy: New Provisions Introduced in Italy to Fight the Gender Pay Gap, Mondaq (New York) 24 November 2021. Access Date: 21 June 2022. <https://www.mondaq.com/italy/employee-benefits-compensation/1134410/new-provisions-introduced-in-italy-to-fight-the-gender-pay-gap>

<sup>1339</sup> Italy – Summit for Democracy – Written Statement, United States Government (Washington DC) 18 November 2021. Access Date: 8 September 2022. <https://www.state.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/ITALY-Activities-Report-508-Accessible.pdf>

<sup>1340</sup> International Day for Elimination of Violence against Women: Secretary General exchanges views with Italian Equal Opportunities and Family Minister Bonetti, Council of Europe (Strasbourg) 25 November 2021. Access Date: 16 February 2022. <https://www.coe.int/en/web/portal/-/international-day-for-elimination-of-violence-against-women-secretary-general-exchanges-views-with-italian-equal-opportunities-and-family-minister-bon>

On 3 December 2021, the Italian parliament approved a bill that will tackle gender-based violence, as well as strengthen the systems of surveillance of subjects that have been involved in hate crimes against women. This bill will allow police to take action against suspects of gender-based violence, even if the victim did not report the offense.<sup>1341</sup> Economic support will also be provided to victims as a way to encourage them to report offenses. Mariastella Gelmini, the Regional Affairs Minister, states that this new policy will “decide to set up, for the most serious cases, dynamic protection and supervision which will not affect the freedom of the victim, but at the same time will safeguard her life.”

On 28 January 2022, the French Presidency of the Council of the European Union announced that EU Member States are joining together to support a stronger economy that stimulates and fosters job creation and social and environmental policies, with gender equality being at the forefront of these efforts and reflected in all aspects of public policy.<sup>1342</sup> Member States reaffirmed their commitment to strengthen “the application of the principle of equal pay for equal work or work of equal value between men and women, through pay transparency and enforcement mechanisms in order to improve access to employee information... [and] gender balance on-company boards.”

On 4 February 2022, the Italian Revenue Agency issued Circular No.3/2022 which clarifies tax measures for the 2022 budget, which includes a ten per cent reduction of value added tax rate for feminine hygiene products.<sup>1343</sup> This will aid in making feminine hygiene products more accessible for more women.

On March 7 2022, the Court of Rome updated Law 164 that recognizes for the first time a person’s gender identity as non-binary in Italy.<sup>1344</sup> Now, non-binary people have the legal right to have their gender recognized without a gender-affirming surgery or hormone therapy.

On 8 March 2022, the Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Luigi Di Maio, gave a speech for International Women’s Day reaffirming Italy’s commitment to enforce women’s rights and gender equality.<sup>1345</sup> Further, they promoted the support and commitment of the country in the Ukrainian crisis.

On 12 April 2022, high-level Conference organized by the Minister Bonetti, and the Council of Europe, on the issue of work-life balance and the promotion of gender equality.<sup>1346</sup> The meeting was part of the official events within the program of the Italian Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, for which women’s empowerment was one of the main themes.

On April 28, 2022 the Italian Constitutional Court in Rome declared that assigning children the surname of their fathers was constitutionally illegitimate.<sup>1347</sup> Going forward, children in Italy will take both of their parent’s surnames and there will be a mutual agreement for the order of the surnames.

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<sup>1341</sup> Italian govt moves to crack down on violence against women, Reuters (London) 3 December 2021. Access Date: 16 February 2022. <https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/italian-govt-moves-crack-down-violence-against-women-2021-12-03/>

<sup>1342</sup> The Economic Empowerment of Women: Key to substantive gender equality – Conference of Equality Ministers, French Presidency of the Council of the European Union (Paris) 28 January 2022. Access Date: 21 June 2022. <https://presidence-francaise.consilium.europa.eu/en/news/the-economic-empowerment-of-women-key-to-substantive-gender-equality-conference-of-equality-ministers/>

<sup>1343</sup> Italy Tax Agency Clarifies Provisions on Specific Tax Measures Announced Under 2022 Budget, Bloomberg Tax (Arlington) 9 February 2022. Access Date: 16 February 2022. <https://news.bloombergtax.com/daily-tax-report-international/italy-tax-agency-clarifies-provisions-on-specific-tax-measures-announced-under-2022-budget>

<sup>1344</sup> Historic first in Italy as a court recognises a person’s non-binary gender identity, Gen (Dublin) 22 March 2022. Access Date: 15 May 2022. <https://gcn.ie/historic-first-court-italy-non-binary/>

<sup>1345</sup> Newsroom 8 March: International Women’s Day, Council of Europe (Strasbourg) 8 March 2022. Access Date: 15 May 2022. <https://www.coe.int/en/web/portal/-/8-march-international-women-s-day>

<sup>1346</sup> Work-life balance as a leverage for women's empowerment and promoting gender equality, Council of Europe (Rome) 12 April 2022. Access Date: 9 September 2022. <https://www.coe.int/en/web/genderequality/rome-conference>

<sup>1347</sup> Italian babies should carry both parents’ family names, top court rules, Washington Post (Washington) 28 April 2022. Access Date: 15 May 2022. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2022/04/28/italy-surname-children-mother-father-court/>

Italy has partially complied with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, able to promote equity and accelerate progress on all SDGs, recognizing the importance of women empowerment. It has addressed SDG 3: Good Health and Well-Being and SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation through reducing the tax on feminine hygiene products, SDG 5: Gender Equality, SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities, and SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities by engaging in dialogues on the fight against violence on women, SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth and SDG 9: Industry Innovation and Infrastructure by revising taxing and annual budget to support period poverty, SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions by passing bills against gender discrimination, and SDG 17: Partnership for the Goals through efforts made together with other European Union members. However, it has fallen short of the 12 SDGs threshold necessary for full compliance.

Thus, Italy has received a score of 0.

*Analyst: Giuliana Bertoia-Agredo*

### **Japan: 0**

Japan has partially complied with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, able to promote equity and accelerate progress on all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), recognizing the importance of women empowerment.

On 29 November 2021, Prime Minister attended the 65th meeting of the Council for Gender Equality. The aim of the meeting is to discuss the Policy for Women's Empowerment and Gender Equality 2022.<sup>1348</sup> The four initiatives aim to promote gender equality by ensuring economic independence of women, realizing a society in which women can live with dignity and pride, the expansion of areas for men to engage, and achieve targets set in the Fifth Basic Plan for Gender Equality.<sup>1349</sup>

On 1 December 2021, the National Women's Education Center Global Seminar was held on the theme of "Combating Gender-Based Violence: 'Building Back Better' from the Covid-19 Crisis."<sup>1350</sup> This nearly three-week long event presented keynote speakers and reports that spoke on overseas initiatives to promote gender equality.

On 8 March 2022, the Minister of State for Gender Equality, Seiko Noda, gave a speech for International Women's Day.<sup>1351</sup> She spoke on the significant impact COVID-19 has had on women in terms of a decline of employment. She reaffirmed Japan's commitment to make improvements in terms of gender equality through "examining concrete policies based on ... women's empowerment, ... the realization of a society in which women live with dignity and pride, ... [and] achieving the goals for the appointment of women."

On 13 May 2022, the South African Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation, Dr. Balke Nzimande, launched the Automobile Training and Reskilling in the Post-COVID Economic Recovery for Vulnerable Youth and Women in South Africa Program.<sup>1352</sup> This project, while being hosted and advanced in South Africa, is funded by the Government of Japan.

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<sup>1348</sup> Council for Gender Equality, Prime Minister of Japan and His Cabinet 29 November 2021. Access Date: 17 February 2022. [https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101\\_kishida/actions/202111/\\_00058.html](https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/actions/202111/_00058.html)

<sup>1349</sup> Fifth Basic Plan for Gender Equality, Gender Equality Bureau Cabinet Office 30 March 2021. Access Date: 17 February 2022. [https://www.gender.go.jp/english\\_contents/about\\_danjo/whitepaper/pdf/5th\\_bpg.pdf](https://www.gender.go.jp/english_contents/about_danjo/whitepaper/pdf/5th_bpg.pdf)

<sup>1350</sup> FY2021 NWEC Global Seminar: Combating Gender-Based Violence – "Building Back Better" from the Covid-19 Crisis, National Women's Education Center (Saitama) 21 December 2021. Access Date: 21 June 2022. <https://www.nwec.jp/en/global/seminar/hbek4u0000000j5n.html>

<sup>1351</sup> Minister's Message on International Women's Day 2022, Gender Equality Bureau Cabinet Office (Tokyo) 8 March 2022. Access Date: 21 June 2022. [https://www.gender.go.jp/english\\_contents/international/un/iwd/iwd\\_2022.html](https://www.gender.go.jp/english_contents/international/un/iwd/iwd_2022.html)

<sup>1352</sup> Minister Blade Nzimande launches Automotive Training and Re-Skilling for Vulnerable Youth and Women, Government of South Africa (Pretoria) 13 May 2022. Access Date: 15 May 2022. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister%C2%A0-blade-nzimande-launches%C2%A0automotive-training-and-re-skilling-%C2%A0vulnerable-youth-and>

On 27 May 2022, the Government of Japan established a plan to create a national central body that unified regional gender equality centers, “aiming to boost support for women’s economic independence.”<sup>1353</sup> This national central body aims to transfer the jurisdiction of the gender equality centers to the Cabinet Office of the Education Ministry, which will help strengthen the function of 355 locations across the country. Ministers at this meeting also drew up a draft of the 2022 priority policy measures for women’s empowerment and gender equality, requiring large companies to disclose wage gaps, which aims to eliminate the existing gender wage gap.

Japan has partially complied with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, able to promote equity and accelerate progress on all SDGs, recognizing the importance of women empowerment. It has addressed SDG 5: Gender Equality by acknowledging and providing initiatives to promote economic independence of women, SDG 8: Decent Work and economic Growth, SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure, SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities, and SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities through their proposed national central body for gender equality, as well as SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institution and SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals through international collaborations. However, it has fallen short of the 12 SDGs threshold necessary for full compliance.

Thus, Japan receives a score of 0.

*Analyst: Jenny Chenye Shen*

### **Korea: 0**

Korea has partially complied with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, able to promote equity and accelerate progress on all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), recognizing the importance of women empowerment.

On 9 November 2021, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Chung Eui-yong, attended the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation meeting hosted in New Zealand. The Minister pledged to “continue to support the digital empowerment of groups with untapped economic potential, including women.”<sup>1354</sup> The support will be continued through the Digital Innovation Fund, which was established in 2019 at the proposal of President Moon Jae-in.

On 25 November 2021, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs hosted the Third International Conference on Action with Women and Peace with the theme of “Strengthening Women’s Roles and Leadership in Building and Sustaining Peace, with the Survivor-centered Approach.”<sup>1355</sup> The Action Plan was presented in the meeting, which included the efforts of the Korean government in the context of the “Action with Women and Peace Initiative.” It includes hosting annual international conference, development cooperation projects to address conflict-related sexual violence in Asia. The plan also pledged to participate in the Women, Peace and Security Focal Point Network.

On 2 December 2021, the Ministry of Gender Equality and Family agreed with Sweden’s Ministry of Employment to extend the period of Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) to cooperate on international gender equality policies.<sup>1356</sup> The MOU was signed on 18 December 2019 to be effective until 17 December 2021.

On 7 December 2021, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Chung Eui-yong, hosted the 2021 UN Peacekeeping Ministerial in Seoul. Chung recognized the importance of promoting the participation of women to make the

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<sup>1353</sup> Japanese government looking at central body for gender equality, the Japan Times (Tokyo) 27 May 2022. Access Date: 21 June 2022. <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2022/05/27/national/gender-equality-central-body/>

<sup>1354</sup> 2021 APEC Ministerial Meeting Statement by H.E. Chung Eui-yong Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Seoul) 11 November 2021. Access Date: 11 February 2022. [https://www.mofa.go.kr/eng/brd/m\\_5465/view.do?seq=318434](https://www.mofa.go.kr/eng/brd/m_5465/view.do?seq=318434)

<sup>1355</sup> 3rd International Conference on “Action with Women and Peace,” Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Seoul) 25 November 2021. Access Date: 11 February 2022. [https://www.mofa.go.kr/eng/brd/m\\_5676/view.do?seq=321930](https://www.mofa.go.kr/eng/brd/m_5676/view.do?seq=321930)

<sup>1356</sup> South Korea, Sweden Agree to Continue Cooperation in Gender Equality, MOGEF News (Seoul) 2 December 2021. Access Date: 11 February 2022. [http://www.mogef.go.kr/eng/pr/eng\\_pr\\_s101d.do?mid=eng001&bbsn=708234](http://www.mogef.go.kr/eng/pr/eng_pr_s101d.do?mid=eng001&bbsn=708234)

peacekeeping and peacebuilding operations more inclusive.<sup>1357</sup> He presented the Korean government's pledge to organize and offer female officer training courses to improve inclusive peacekeeping. The Minister of National Defense, Suh Wook, pledged that Korea will continue to support the performance of women peacekeepers "through close partnerships with the UN and member states."

On 14 December 2021, Minister of Science and Information and Communication Technology Lim Hye Sook, and a delegation from the Ministry and the Embassy visited the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).<sup>1358</sup> Minister Lim discussed women empowerment in STEM and science diplomacy with AAAS by emphasizing the importance of increasing opportunities for women participation.

On 22 December 2021, the Ministry of Economy and Finance reported their plan to "continue with tasks in boosting real economy and keeping prices stable."<sup>1359</sup> The work report includes strengthening incentives for hiring women to provide stronger employment security.

On 20 January 2022, the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs proposed the annual action plan to nurture female farmers.<sup>1360</sup> The plan is a part of the "5-year basic plan to grow farming women in accordance with the Support of Female Farmers and Fishermen Act" enacted in January 2012. The 2022 annual action plan is a part of the 5<sup>th</sup> plan spanning from 2021 to 2025, which aims to implement the vision of "[realizing] gender equality to ensure a happier life, work and shelter for female agricultural workers." The plan aims to implement 16 policies in four sectors through 43 tasks.

On 21 February 2022, the Ministry of Gender Equality and Family announced that the Exchange of Notes Permitting the Operation of the UN Women Center of Excellence for Gender Equity in the Republic of Korea was signed between the Korean government and UN Women.<sup>1361</sup> The Ministry has consulted with UN Women since 2019, and the Exchange of Notes lays the legal basis for the establishment of the Center. The Center will be "the first of its kind to be established in Asia and the first women-related UN office in the Republic of Korea."

On 25 February 2022, the Ministry of Science and ICT [Information and Communications Technology] (MSIT) announced the 2022 Action Plan to Support Women Scientists and Engineers (2022 Action Plan) to enhance women scientists and engineers' capabilities.<sup>1362</sup> It will include projects to foster and support women scientists and engineers by innovating the system and culture, and establish support centers. The budget increased by 17.6 per cent compared to 2021.

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<sup>1357</sup> Countries Come Together for Peace at 2021 Seoul UN Peacekeeping Ministerial, with Concrete and Substantive Pledges for Stronger UN Peacekeeping Operations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Seoul) 10 December 2021. Access Date: 11 February 2022. [https://www.mofa.go.kr/eng/brd/m\\_5676/view.do?seq=321957](https://www.mofa.go.kr/eng/brd/m_5676/view.do?seq=321957)

<sup>1358</sup> Minister Lim Hyesook visits AAAS to encourage Science Collaboration, Ministry of Science and ICT (Sejong-si) 20 December 2021. Access Date: 11 February 2022. <https://www.msit.go.kr/bbs/view.do?sCode=eng&mId=3&mPid=2&bbsSeqNo=41&nttS>

<sup>1359</sup> 2022 Work Report, Ministry of Economy and Finance (Sejong-si) 22 December 2021. Access Date: 11 February 2022. <https://english.moef.go.kr/pc/selectTbPressCenterDtl.do?boardCd=N0001&seq=5274>

<sup>1360</sup> 2022 Women Farmers Training Action Plan, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (Sejong-si) 20 January 2022. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 11 February 2022. <https://www.mafr.go.kr/woman/1187/subview.do>

<sup>1361</sup> Launching of Asia's First UN Women Center of Excellence in the Republic of Korea, MOGEF News (Seoul) 21 February 2022. Access Date: 12 May 2022. [http://www.mogef.go.kr/eng/pr/eng\\_pr\\_s101d.do?mid=eng001&bbsSn=708425](http://www.mogef.go.kr/eng/pr/eng_pr_s101d.do?mid=eng001&bbsSn=708425)

<sup>1362</sup> MSIT to invest on nurturing women scientists and engineers, Ministry of Science and ICT (Sejong-si) 25 February 2022. Access Date: 12 May 2022.

<https://www.msit.go.kr/eng/bbs/view.do?sCode=eng&mId=4&mPid=2&pageIndex=&bbsSeqNo=42&nttSeqNo=644&searchOpt=ALL&searchTxt=women>

On 8 March 2022, Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) announced its ongoing projects in developing countries to empower girls and women.<sup>1363</sup> It has been “implementing 53 projects related to gender equality in 40 countries,” which amounts to USD350 million.

On 23 March 2022, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs released the second Korea-Australia Senior Officials’ Policy Dialogue on Our Engagement with Southeast Asia and ASEAN.<sup>1364</sup> The dialogue included an agreement for the continued collaboration for “the final adoption of the EAS [East Asian Summit] Leaders’ Statement on Women’s Economic Empowerment, which has been jointly proposed by Korea, Australia and Cambodia.”

On 30 March 2022, KOICA initiated a four-year Country Partnership Program with Tanzania in the Kigoma Region called the Strengthening Smallholder’s Agriculture Value Chain, Gender Equality and Peace in Refugee Hosting Districts.<sup>1365</sup> The program aims “to support the Government of Tanzania to achieve Zero Hunger, gender equality, and to maintain peace and security in refugee hosting districts.”

On 8 April 2022, MSIT established and finalized the 2022 Action Plan, “which audits the past year’s achievements obtained under the 4th Basic Plan to Nurture and Support Talent in Science and Technology”<sup>1366</sup> from 2021 to 2025. MSIT and related public agencies increased fundings for 2022 to KRW8.843 trillion from KRW5.135 trillion last year to implement four strategies, 14 agendas and 280 projects of the Basic Plan.

On 26 April 2022, the Ministry of Gender Equality and Family announced that the bill for the Act on the Prevention of Stalking and Protection of Victims, etc. passed the Cabinet Meeting.<sup>1367</sup> The Ministry plans to have the bill pass the National Assembly within the year. It also increased the budget for free legal support for the victims to KRW3,195 million, increasing KRW254 million from 2021.

Korea has partially complied with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, able to promote equity and accelerate progress on all SDGs, recognizing the importance of women empowerment. It has addressed SDG 5: Gender Equality by addressing women empowerment and policies, and through their collaboration with Sweden and developing countries like Tanzania, Korea has also addressed SDG 2: Zero Hunger, SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institution, and SDG 17: Partnership for the Goals. SDG 4: Quality Education, SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth, SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure, SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities, as well as SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities were addressed through strengthening women’s employment security and addressing women in peacekeeping efforts and rural areas. However, it has fallen short of the 12 SDGs threshold necessary for full compliance.

Thus, Korea has received a score of 0.

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<sup>1363</sup> KOICA strives to change women’s lives in developing countries, KOICA (Seongnam-si) 8 March 2022. Access Date: 12 May 2022.

[http://www.koica.go.kr/koica\\_en/3502/subview.do?enc=Zm5jdDF8QEB8JTJGYmJzJTJGa29pY2FfZW4IMkY3MDYIMkYzODAzMzklMkZhcjRjbFZpZXcuZG8lM0ZwYWdlJTNEMSUyNnNyY2hDb2x1bW4lM0RzaiUyNnNyY2hXcmQlM0R3b21lbiUyNmJic0NsU2VxJTNEJTl2YmJzT3BlbldyZFNlcSUzRCUyNnJnc0JnbmRlU3RyJTNEJTl2cmdzRW5kZGVtdHllM0QlMjZpc1ZpZXdNaW5lJTNEZmFsc2UIMjZwYXNzd29yZCUzRCUyNg%3D%3D](http://www.koica.go.kr/koica_en/3502/subview.do?enc=Zm5jdDF8QEB8JTJGYmJzJTJGa29pY2FfZW4IMkY3MDYIMkYzODAzMzklMkZhcjRjbFZpZXcuZG8lM0ZwYWdlJTNEMSUyNnNyY2hDb2x1bW4lM0RzaiUyNnNyY2hXcmQlM0R3b21lbiUyNmJic0NsU2VxJTNEJTl2YmJzT3BlbldyZFNlcSUzRCUyNnJnc0JnbmRlU3RyJTNEJTl2cmdzRW5kZGVtdHllM0QlMjZpc1ZpZXdNaW5lJTNEZmFsc2UIMjZwYXNzd29yZCUzRCUyNg%3D%3D)

<sup>1364</sup> 2nd ROK-Australia Senior Officials’ Policy Dialogue on Our Engagement with Southeast Asia and ASEAN, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Seoul) 23 March 2022. Access Date: 12 May 2022. [https://www.mofa.go.kr/eng/brd/m\\_5676/view.do?seq=322021](https://www.mofa.go.kr/eng/brd/m_5676/view.do?seq=322021)

<sup>1365</sup> Rural Development & Multi Area, KOICA Tanzania Office (Dar es Salaam) 30 March 2022. Access Date: 12 May 2022. [http://www.koica.go.kr/tza\\_en/5653/subview.do](http://www.koica.go.kr/tza_en/5653/subview.do)

<sup>1366</sup> MSIT to establish the action plan 2022 for the basic plan to nurture and support talent in science and technology, Ministry of Science and ICT (Sejong-si) 8 April 2022. Access Date: 12 May 2022.

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<sup>1367</sup> Bill for the Act on the Prevention of Stalking and Protection of Victims, etc. passes the Cabinet Meeting, MOGEF News (Seoul) 25 April 2022. Access Date: 12 May 2022. [http://www.mogef.go.kr/eng/pr/eng\\_pr\\_s101d.do?mid=eng001&bbsSn=708536](http://www.mogef.go.kr/eng/pr/eng_pr_s101d.do?mid=eng001&bbsSn=708536)

## Mexico: 0

Mexico has partially complied with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, able to promote equity and accelerate progress on all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), recognizing the importance of women empowerment.

On 9 November 2021, the government of Mexico acknowledged the importance of gender equality and human rights for women in combating climate change at the 26th Conference to the Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.<sup>1368</sup> The government of Mexico also promised to present its National Gender and Climate Change Plan for the first three months of 2022.

On 12 November 2021, the government of Mexico and the National Institute for Women presented a plan to stop gender-based violence by preventing forced marriages in the Montaña and Costa Chica regions of Guerrero with the participation of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, the National Commission to Prevent and Eradicate Violence Against Women (CONAVIM) and the National Human Rights Commission.<sup>1369</sup> This permanent plan aims to establish state and municipal systems to allow women to access basic services.

On 25 November 2021, the Ministry of Health joined a global campaign by UN Women called 16 days of activism against gender violence.<sup>1370</sup> Participation in this campaign aims to guarantee women access to a life without violence by providing Specialized Services for Attention to Violence in the 32 states of Mexico where victims of gender and sexual violence will be able to access free medical and psychological support, as well as abortion services.

On 25 November 2021, Secretary Adan Augusto Lopez Hernandez affirmed the commitment of the government of Mexico to continue to eradicate violence against women by educating young boys and girls, making transportation and public spaces safe, promoting women's rights, and ensuring the economic autonomy of women.<sup>1371</sup>

On 30 December 2021, the Ministry of Welfare announced an increase in beneficiaries of welfare programs.<sup>1372</sup> Within the beneficiaries, 270,000 working mothers will receive MXN1, 600 bimonthly for childcare support.

On 4 January 2022, the government of Mexico announced more resources would be allocated to programs that address gender-based violence as a part of its budget.<sup>1373</sup> The budget approved construction of a Justice Center for Women and MXN420 million for subsidies towards shelters for female victims of violence.

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<sup>1368</sup> Mexico emphasizes that gender equality and the human rights of women and girls are essential for effective climate action, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Mexico City) 9 November 2021. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 13 May 2022. <https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/mexico-enfatiza-que-la-igualdad-de-genero-y-los-derechos-humanos-de-mujeres-y-ninas-son-esenciales-para-una-efectiva-accion-climatica?tab=>

<sup>1369</sup> Agency launches strategy to stop violence against women and girls in Guerrero, Mexico News Daily (Mexico City) 12 November 2021. Access date: 4 February 2022. <https://mexiconewsdaily.com/news/agency-launches-strategy-to-stop-violence-against-women-and-girls-in-guerrero/>

<sup>1370</sup> Ministry of Health participates in the global campaign 16 days of activism against violence, Ministry of Health (Mexico City) 25 November 2021. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 13 May 2022. <https://www.gob.mx/salud/prensa/524-secretaria-de-salud-participa-en-campana-mundial-16-dias-de-activismo-contrala-violencia?idiom=es>

<sup>1371</sup> Confront and eliminate causes of gender violence: strategy of the government of Mexico, Ministry of the Interior (Mexico City) 25 November 2021. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 10 February 2022. <https://www.gob.mx/segob/prensa/atender-y-eliminar-causas-de-las-violencias-de-genero-estrategia-del-gobierno-de-mexico?idiom=es>

<sup>1372</sup> In 2022, higher Budget and more beneficiaries in programs of the Ministry of Welfare, Ministry of Welfare (Mexico City) 30 December 2021. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 10 February 2022. <https://www.gob.mx/bienestar/prensa/en-2022-mas-presupuesto-y-mas-beneficiarios-en-programas-de-secretaria-de-bienestar?idiom=es>

<sup>1373</sup> Conavim affirms that it will continue to increase care services for female victims of violence, Ministry of the Interior (Mexico City) 4 January 2022. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 10 February 2022. <https://www.gob.mx/segob/prensa/refrenda-conavim-que-continuara-multiplicacion-de-servicios-de-atencion-para-mujeres-victimas-de-violencias?idiom=es>

On 20 January 2022, the Ministry of Public Education promoted ‘Tecnolochicas México,’ a series of virtual workshops to promote women in STEM and innovation.<sup>1374</sup> The workshops aim to promote gender equity in science and technology fields that are historically male-dominated. These workshops also aim to introduce STEM fields to female high school students.

On 29 January 2022, the Ministry of Welfare announced that working mothers will receive a deposit of MXN1,600 every two months for childcare support and will serve 50,000 beneficiaries.<sup>1375</sup> The Assistant Secretary of the Ministry of Welfare, María del Rocío García Pérez, stated that this financial support is an act of social justice and aims to close inequality gaps.

On 1 March 2022, the Ministry of Public Education and CONAVIM signed an agreement to confront sexual harassment of women in institutions of higher education with support from the National Institute for Women, the National Council for Science and Technology and the Attorney General’s Office of Mexico City.<sup>1376</sup> This agreement aims to prevent, confront and punish sexual violence towards women in higher education.

On 8 March 2022, the Ministry of Health participated in an international virtual forum called “Celebrating the autonomy and empowerment of women and girls” organized by the International Planned Parenthood Federation to discuss unsafe abortions and its health problems and public policies that protect the health of women in Mexico.<sup>1377</sup>

On 16 March 2022, the Ministry of Health recognized the importance of the Senate of the Republic’s approval of Convention 190 of the International Labor Organisation, which eliminates violence and sexual aggression in the workplace.<sup>1378</sup> This convention makes fundamental advancement towards protecting the rights and safety of women in the workplace, as it deems that any sort of harassment is incompatible with the promotion of decent work and negatively affect workplace and labour relations.

On 4 April 2022, the Ministry of Health, the National Center for Gender Equity and Reproductive Health (CNEGSR), the Program for Social Cohesion in Latin America and CONAVIM hosted an online workshop called ‘Monitoring Tools for Programs aimed at Male Generators of Gender Violence’.<sup>1379</sup> The goal of this workshop is to enhance actions against gender violence based on methods used by other countries and to create tools that punish men who participate in gender violence.

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<sup>1374</sup> The Ministry of Public Education promotes technology and innovation as a vocation for girls through the workshops Tecnolochicas México, Ministry of Public Education (Mexico City) 20 January 2022. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 13 May 2022. <https://www.gob.mx/sep/es/articulos/boletin-sep-no-16-impulsa-sep-vocacion-de-ninas-por-la-tecnologia-e-innovacion-a-traves-de-los-talleres-tecnolochicas-mexico?idiom=es>

<sup>1375</sup> The Ministry of Welfare supports 50,000 sons and daughters of working mothers in the City of Mexico, Ministry of Welfare (Mexico City) 29 January 2022. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 13 May 2022. <https://www.gob.mx/bienestar/prensa/apoya-secretaria-de-bienestar-a-50-mil-hijos-e-hijas-de-madres-trabajadoras-en-la-cdmx?idiom=es>

<sup>1376</sup> Public institutions sign collaboration agreement to prevent and eradicate violence against women, Ministry of Public Education (Mexico City) 1 March 2022. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 13 May 2022. <https://www.gob.mx/sep/es/articulos/comunicado-conjunto-no-3-firman-instituciones-publicas-convenio-de-colaboracion-para-prevenir-y-erradicar-la-violencia-contra-las-mujeres?idiom=es>

<sup>1377</sup> To guarantee sexual and reproductive rights of women and girls, a goal of the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Health (Mexico City) 8 March 2022. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 13 May 2022. <https://www.gob.mx/salud/prensa/116-garantizar-derechos-sexuales-y-reproductivos-de-las-mujeres-y-las-ninas-meta-de-la-secretaria-de-salud?idiom=es>

<sup>1378</sup> To eradicate harassment and sexual harassment in the workplace, a commitment of the Health sector, Ministry of Health (Mexico City) 16 March 2022. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 13 May 2022. <https://www.gob.mx/salud/prensa/136-erradicar-acoso-y-hostigamiento-sexual-en-el-ambito-laboral-compromiso-del-sector-salud?idiom=es>

<sup>1379</sup> Strategies against gender violence are strengthened, Ministry of Health (Mexico City) 4 April 2022. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 13 May 2022. <https://www.gob.mx/salud/prensa/se-fortalecen-estrategias-contra-la-violencia-de-genero?idiom=es>

On 3 May 2022, the Ministry of Health promoted through the CNEGSR a public health policy to strengthen safe abortion services called Technical Guidelines for safe abortion care in Mexico.<sup>1380</sup> The policy aims to align the needs of pregnant women to international quality standards.

Mexico has partially complied with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, able to promote equity and accelerate progress on all SDGs, recognizing the importance of women empowerment. By establishing initiatives to stop gender-based violence in regions of Mexico, promoting STEM industries and career paths to girls and women, protecting women against harassment in the workplace, and giving pensions to women, it has addressed SDG 3: Good Health and Well-Being, SDG 4: Quality Education, SDG 5: Gender Equality, SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth, SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure, SDG 10: Reduced Inequality, SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities, SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions, and SDG 17: Partnership for the Goals. These actions also demonstrate all three characteristics of a sustainable, inclusive, and resilient recovery. However, it has fallen short of the 12 SDGs threshold necessary for full compliance.

Thus, Mexico receives a score of 0.

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### **Russia: -1**

Russia has failed to comply with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, able to promote equity and accelerate progress on all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), recognizing the importance of women empowerment.

On 16 February 2022, the Accounts Chamber of the Russian Federation held a meeting with various representatives from academia.<sup>1381</sup> The meeting consisted of discussions between participants on the “main approaches to defining the concepts of gender and inclusivity, practical aspects of theory, the problems of inclusivity and inequality measuring.”

Russia has failed to comply with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, able to promote equity and accelerate progress on all SDGs, recognizing the importance of women empowerment. Russia has not taken substantial actions or made collaborative commitments that address more than twelve SDGs, and the actions taken do not demonstrate all three characteristics of sustainable, inclusive, and resilient recovery.

Thus, Russia receives a score of -1.<sup>1382</sup>

*Analyst: Anna Novak*

### **Saudi Arabia: -1**

Saudi Arabia has failed to comply with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, able to promote equity and accelerate progress on all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), recognizing the importance of women empowerment.

On 25 March 2022, the head of the Social Humanitarian and Cultural Committee of the Kingdom’s Permanent Delegation to the United Nations, Sulafa bint Hamid Mousa, spoke at the 66th session of the Commission on

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<sup>1380</sup> The Ministry of Health promotes public policy to guarantee safe abortion, Ministry of Health (Mexico City) 3 May 2022. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 13 May 2022. <https://www.gob.mx/salud/prensa/213-promueve-secretaria-de-salud-politica-publica-para-garantizar-el-aborto-seguro?idiom=es>

<sup>1381</sup> SAI Russia Discusses Issues of Gender equality and Inclusivity (Moscow) 16 February 2022. Access Date: 28 February 2022. <https://u-intosai.org/news/sai-russia-discusses-issues-of-gender-equality-and-inclusivity/>

<sup>1382</sup> This score of non-compliance was determined after searching the following websites: <http://www.minjust.ru/en/>, <http://www.mkrf.ru/en/>, <http://old.economy.gov.ru/en/home>, <https://edu.gov.ru/en>, and <http://government.ru/en/>

the Status of Women, held under the title of “Achieving gender equality and empowerment of all women and girls in the context of climate change, environmental and disaster risk reduction policies and programs.”<sup>1383</sup> She affirmed Saudi Arabia’s “keenness to strengthen partnerships and cooperation with the UN and its various bodies at all levels and fields of development and women’s empowerment,” especially to encourage female participation in these programs and in policy making. Moreover, she called for the strengthening of laws and legislative frameworks that promote women from discrimination.

Saudi Arabia has failed to comply with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, able to promote equity and accelerate progress on all SDGs, recognizing the importance of women empowerment. Saudi Arabia has not taken significant actions or made collaborative commitments that addresses more than 12 SDGs, nor do their actions show all three characteristics of sustainable, inclusive, and resilient recovery.

Thus, Saudi Arabia receives a score of  $-1$ .<sup>1384</sup>

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### **South Africa: 0**

South Africa has partially complied with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, able to promote equity and accelerate progress on all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), recognizing the importance of women empowerment.

On 15 November 2021, the South African Department of Mineral Resources and Energy published the Women Empowerment and Gender Equality: Strategy for the Energy Sector report.<sup>1385</sup> The report recognizes the crucial role women play in advancing all sectors and industries of South Africa, including the energy sector. This report aims to outline and take steps to create an environment that would enable “all South African women to participate in and benefit economically from the energy sector through partnership with different local and international stakeholders.”

On 14 December 2021, the South African Government and the Umtata Women’s Support Center launched the Masiphunge Women Empowerment Programme.<sup>1386</sup> This program will be funded by the National Development Agency and will work as a victim empowerment programme in the O.R. Tambo District.

On 22 December 2021, Tamara Mathebula, the Chairperson of the Commission for Gender Equality, gave the announcement that the Department of Basic Education will have to open cases with the police if students under the age of 16 are impregnated by people above their age.<sup>1387</sup> This commission confided on the police and the National Prosecuting Authority to exercise this new policy.

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<sup>1383</sup> Saudi Arabia keen to strengthen UN partnership, cooperation in development and women’s empowerment, Arab News (Riyadh) 27 March 2022. Access Date: 21 June 2022. <https://www.arabnews.com/node/2051091/saudi-arabia>

<sup>1384</sup> This score of non-compliance was determined after searching the following websites: <https://www.my.gov.sa/wps/portal/snp/main>, [https://www.moi.gov.sa/wps/portal/Home/Home!/ut/p/z1/04\\_iUIDgAgP9CCATyEEmKOboR-UllmWmJ5Zk5ucl5uhH6EdGmcVbBro7e3iYGHm7GzqaGTh6mhv5G3iaGrp7Gul76UfhVxCcmqdfkB2oCABPX762/](https://www.moi.gov.sa/wps/portal/Home/Home!/ut/p/z1/04_iUIDgAgP9CCATyEEmKOboR-UllmWmJ5Zk5ucl5uhH6EdGmcVbBro7e3iYGHm7GzqaGTh6mhv5G3iaGrp7Gul76UfhVxCcmqdfkB2oCABPX762/), [www.moe.gov.sa/en/pages/default.aspx](https://www.moe.gov.sa/en/pages/default.aspx), [www.mci.gov.sa](http://www.mci.gov.sa), <https://www.mep.gov.sa/en>, <https://www.nytimes.com/>, <https://www.unwomen.org/en>, <https://www.arabnews.com/node/2051091/saudi-arabia>

<sup>1385</sup> Women Empowerment and Gender Equality: Strategy for the Energy Sector, Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (Pretoria) 15 November 2021. Access Date: 21 June 2022. <http://www.energy.gov.za/files/PPMO/2021-2025-WEGE-Strategy-for-the-Energy-Sector.pdf>

<sup>1386</sup> National Development Agency on the launch of Masiphunge Women Empowerment Programme. The Government of South Africa (Pretoria) 14 December 2021. Access Date: 16 February 2021. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/umtata-women’s-support-centre-launches-masiphunge-women-empowerment-programme-14-dec-2021>

<sup>1387</sup> Gender Commission welcomes swift response to learner pregnancies, Government of South Africa, (Johannesburg) 22 December 2021. Access Date: 16 February 2022. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/gender-commission-welcomes-swift-response-learner-pregnancies-22-dec-2021-0000>

On 28 January 2022, South African President Cyril Ramaphosa has signed new legislation in the country assented to, the Criminal Law Amendment Act Amendment Bill, the Criminal and Related Matters Amendment Bill and the Domestic Violence Amendment Bill in aims of strengthening the efforts to end gender-based violence.<sup>1388</sup>

On 2 February 2022, the Department of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities in conjunction with the South African delegation to the European Union host a Gender-Responsive Budgeting virtual forum.<sup>1389</sup> This forum's goal was to increase awareness on gender-responsive budgeting and policies as well as making this more effective.

On 17 March 2022 the South African Department of Tourism launched the Women in Tourism Pilot Programme in Limpopo.<sup>1390</sup> The main aims of the program are gender job equality, job creation, market access and the diversification of income streams and financial independence for women. This program aims to tackle gender-based discrimination in the tourism industry and is supported by the United Nations World Tourist Organization.

On 13 May 2022, Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation Balke Nzimande launched the Automobile Training and Reskilling in the Post-COVID Economic Recovery for Vulnerable Youth and Women in South Africa Program.<sup>1391</sup> This project, while being hosted and advanced in South Africa, is funded by the Government of Japan.

South Africa has partially complied with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, able to promote equity and accelerate progress on all SDGs, recognizing the importance of women empowerment. It has addressed SDG 1: No Poverty by offering basic income grants, SDG 4: Quality Education by creating victim empowerment programs, SDG 5: Gender Equality and SDG 3: Good Health and Well-Being by passing bills to tackle-gender based violence, SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth, SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure by providing grants to low income earners and implementing the women in tourism program, SDG 4: Quality Education by launching training and reskilling programs, SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities and SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities by opening police cases for underaged impregnated women, SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions through anti domestic violence initiatives that in turn protect girls within their homes, as well as SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals by collaborating with other countries. However, it has fallen short of the 12 SDGs threshold necessary for full compliance.

Thus, South Africa has received a score of 0.

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<sup>1388</sup> President Cyril Ramaphosa passes laws that strengthen the fight against Gender- Based Violence, The Government of South Africa (Pretoria) 28 January 2021. Access Date: 16 February 2021. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/president-cyril-ramaphosa-assents-laws-strengthen-fight-against-gender-based-violence-28>

<sup>1389</sup> Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities and the European Union host gender responsive Budgeting Policy Dialogue, The Government of South Africa (Pretoria) 2 February 2022. Access Date: 16 February 2022. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/women-youth-and-persons-disabilities-and-european-union-host-gender-responsive-budgeting>

<sup>1390</sup> Tourism launches Women in Tourism Pilot Programme in Limpopo, Government of South Africa (Pretoria) 17 March 2022. Access Date: 17 March 2022. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/women-tourism-boosted-empowerment-pilot-project-limpopo-17-mar-2022-0000>

<sup>1391</sup> Minister Blade Nzimande launches Automotive Training and Re-Skilling for Vulnerable Youth and Women, Government of South Africa (Pretoria) 13 May 2022. Access Date: 15 May 2022. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister%2%A0blade-nzimande-launches%2%A0automotive-training-and-re-skilling-%2%A0vulnerable-youth-and>

## Turkey: +1

Turkey has fully complied with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, able to promote equity and accelerate progress on all SDGs, recognizing the importance of women empowerment.

On 3 November 2021, the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TİKA) established a greenhouse garden in the Maputo National Women's Prison in Maputo.<sup>1392</sup> The project aimed to promote the professional, social and economic rehabilitation processes of incarcerated women by providing them with vocational training for the agricultural sector.

On 3 November 2021, TİKA provided animal support of 450 dairy goats and 7,250 kilograms of animal feed to 150 women who lost their spouses in terrorist attacks.<sup>1393</sup> The Agency helped rehabilitate and reintegrate the vulnerable populations into the regional economy of Tchintabaraden of Tahoua, Niger by initiating dairy and meat production.

On 24 November 2021, TİKA supported the South Sudan Women Entrepreneurs Association with machinery for crafts such as pottery making, sewing, shoemaking, bead stringing, and embroidery.<sup>1394</sup> The beneficiaries of this project were divorced and single mothers who sustain their families by selling their products at marketplaces. This initiative strengthened their economic independence to continue their line of production.

On 26 November 2021, Gaziantep Metropolitan Municipality and UN Women Turkey, with financial support from the Government of Japan and Norway, held a summit on gender-based violence.<sup>1395</sup> The event gathered refugee and local women, government authorities and civil society organizations to discuss the causes of gender-based violence and possible prevention mechanisms.

On 8 December 2021, TİKA provided Zahrat Ledough (Flower of Mount Ledough) Association with equipment to produce organic soap by extracting oils from medicinal-aromatic plants.<sup>1396</sup> It provided in total two distillation apparatuses, a vacuuming machine, a water tank, and a digital scale. This project aimed to improve the economic living situations of women in Seraïdi of Annaba, Algeria.

On 8 December, TİKA in cooperation with the District Governorship of Kisarawe in Tanzania launched a bakery for the women of the region.<sup>1397</sup> The Agency donated a dough mixer, a cake display cabinet, a bread fermenting box, a three-storey bread oven, a bread slicer, a spiral mixer, a tray trolley, and other basic baking equipment. The bakery provided 70 women with economic opportunities.

On 21 December 2021, TİKA organized a computerized sewing and embroidery course at the Crimea Family Culture Center by providing various supplies such as computers, printers, automatic embroidery machines,

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<sup>1392</sup> Support from TİKA for the Empowerment of Mozambican Women, Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (Ankara) 3 November 2021. Access Date: 13 May 2022.

[https://www.tika.gov.tr/en/news/support\\_from\\_tika\\_for\\_the\\_empowerment\\_of\\_mozambican\\_women-66453](https://www.tika.gov.tr/en/news/support_from_tika_for_the_empowerment_of_mozambican_women-66453)

<sup>1393</sup> Livestock Support from TİKA to Women Victims of Terrorism in Niger, Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (Ankara) 3 November 2021. Access Date: 13 May 2022.

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<sup>1394</sup> TİKA Supports Female Entrepreneurs in South Sudan, Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (Ankara) 24 November 2021. Access Date: 13 May 2022. [https://www.tika.gov.tr/en/news/tika\\_supports\\_female\\_entrepreneurs\\_in\\_south\\_sudan-6689](https://www.tika.gov.tr/en/news/tika_supports_female_entrepreneurs_in_south_sudan-6689)

<sup>1395</sup> Non-Violence Summit and Creating a Violence-free World exhibition held give visibility to gender-based violence in Gaziantep, Turkey, United Nations Turkey (Ankara) 26 November 2021. Access Date: 13 May 2022.

<https://turkey.un.org/en/167034-non-violence-summit-and-creating-violence-free-world-exhibition-held-give-visibility-gender>

<sup>1396</sup> TİKA Continues to Support Algerian Women, Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (Ankara) 8 December 2021.

Access Date: 13 May 2022. [https://www.tika.gov.tr/en/news/tika\\_continues\\_to\\_support\\_algerian\\_women-67178](https://www.tika.gov.tr/en/news/tika_continues_to_support_algerian_women-67178)

<sup>1397</sup> TİKA Supports Women's Employment in Tanzania, Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (Ankara) 8 December 2021.

Access Date: 13 May 2022. [https://www.tika.gov.tr/en/news/tika\\_supports\\_women%27s\\_employment\\_in\\_tanzania-67224](https://www.tika.gov.tr/en/news/tika_supports_women%27s_employment_in_tanzania-67224)

irons, and fabrics.<sup>1398</sup> The course aims to encourage Crimean women to join the Kyiv workforce with the skills of transferring patterns to fabric with software.

On 22 January 2022, TİKA implemented two projects for the empowerment of Colombian women in cooperation with the Office of the Vice President of the Republic of Colombia and the High Presidential Council for the Equality of Women.<sup>1399</sup> The first project is to increase employment at an agricultural processing plant to provide support to women experiencing domestic violence. The second project was building IT classrooms in five Women's Shelters to create opportunities for women at the national level and help women enter a profession.

On 27 January 2022, TİKA provided technical equipment to carpentry workshops that are affiliated with ICAPEP, a vocational training institution in Oaxaca, Mexico.<sup>1400</sup> These workshops provide on-the-job training to mostly women and youth.

On 7 February 2022, TİKA and Charity Hub built a chocolate production and sales workshop to help unemployed women enter a profession in Lebanon.<sup>1401</sup> The project included providing the employees with training sessions on production, hygiene, packaging, sales, and marketing. The initiative aims to help reduce dependency on imports and provide access to chocolate at affordable prices during Lebanon's financial crisis.

On 7 February 2022, TİKA implemented a pasta production and a sewing workshop in the Norak Women's Prison, the only women's prison in Tajikistan.<sup>1402</sup> The Agency aligned with the Government of Tajikistan's Strategic Action Plan in helping female inmates to engage in production of goods and to gain skills, such as sewing, that will help improve their employability after release.

On 17 February 2022, the Ministry of Culture and Tourism and other associations held the Fifth International Congress on Childbirth and Postpartum Period.<sup>1403</sup> The Congress evaluated the health outcomes and identified strategies to tackle issues related to pregnancy, childbirth, and the postpartum period. The Congress also held eight training courses for physicians and midwives, including the first implemented "Training Course for Midwives on the Use of Ultrasonography in the Delivery Room."

On 1 March 2022, UN Women and Izmir Metropolitan Municipality hosted an "Engagement of Men and Boys in Gender Equality" workshop to address the engagement of men and boys in gender equality.<sup>1404</sup> The event targeted the male executives of the municipality and highlighted how traditional masculinity perceptions and behaviors create inequality.

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<sup>1398</sup> Computerized Education for Crimean Tatar Women Moving to Kiev from TİKA, Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (Ankara) 21 December 2021. Access Date: 13 May 2022.

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<sup>1399</sup> TİKA Supports Women's Empowerment Projects in Colombia, Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (Ankara) 22 January 2022. Access Date: 13 May 2022.

[https://www.tika.gov.tr/en/news/tika\\_supports\\_women%27s\\_empowerment\\_projects\\_in\\_colombia-67829](https://www.tika.gov.tr/en/news/tika_supports_women%27s_empowerment_projects_in_colombia-67829)

<sup>1400</sup> TİKA Continues to Contribute to the Friendly Relations between Turkey and Mexico, Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (Ankara) 27 January 2022. Access Date: 13 May 2022.

[https://www.tika.gov.tr/en/news/tika\\_continues\\_to\\_contribute\\_to\\_the\\_friendly\\_relations\\_between\\_turkey\\_and\\_mexico-67853](https://www.tika.gov.tr/en/news/tika_continues_to_contribute_to_the_friendly_relations_between_turkey_and_mexico-67853)

<sup>1401</sup> TİKA Supports Women's Employment in Lebanon, Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (Ankara) 7 February 2022.

Access Date: 13 May 2022. [https://www.tika.gov.tr/en/news/tika\\_supports\\_women%27s\\_employment\\_in\\_lebanon-67984](https://www.tika.gov.tr/en/news/tika_supports_women%27s_employment_in_lebanon-67984)

<sup>1402</sup> TİKA Built a Workshop in the Norak Women's Prison in Tajikistan, Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (Ankara) 7 February 2022. Access Date: 13 May 2022.

[https://www.tika.gov.tr/en/news/tika\\_built\\_a\\_workshop\\_in\\_the\\_norak\\_women%27s\\_prison\\_in\\_tajikistan-67989](https://www.tika.gov.tr/en/news/tika_built_a_workshop_in_the_norak_women%27s_prison_in_tajikistan-67989)

<sup>1403</sup> TİKA Supported the 5th International Congress on Childbirth and Postpartum Period, Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (Ankara) 17 February 2022. Access Date: 13 May 2022.

[https://www.tika.gov.tr/en/news/tika\\_supported\\_the\\_5th\\_international\\_congress\\_on\\_childbirth\\_and\\_postpartum\\_period-68359](https://www.tika.gov.tr/en/news/tika_supported_the_5th_international_congress_on_childbirth_and_postpartum_period-68359)

<sup>1404</sup> Izmir Metropolitan Municipality focuses on men's engagement in gender equality, together with UN Women, United Nations Turkey (Ankara) 1 March 2022. Access Date: 13 May 2022. <https://turkey.un.org/en/173586-izmir-metropolitan-municipality-focuses-mens-engagement-gender-equality-together-un-women>

On 10 March 2022, Foreign Minister Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu hosted the 8th İstanbul Mediation Conference which included a panel on “Women and Youth in Peace Mediation” to discuss the importance of women’s inclusion in mediation processes.<sup>1405</sup> The panelists discussed the current state of gender inclusion, the ongoing challenges, and the means to overcome them.

On 21 March 2022, TİKA in cooperation with Women for Change provided professional equipment to 100 disadvantaged women in Sudan.<sup>1406</sup> The equipment was for tailoring and the production of both bar and liquid soap. The project provides them with a source of income, and improves their hygiene conditions.

On 18 April 2022, TİKA and the Commercialization Center of Istanbul organized the program “Basic Entrepreneurship Training” for female entrepreneurs who own small-scale businesses in South Africa and Lesotho.<sup>1407</sup> The program provided 37 female entrepreneurs from different industries with both theoretical training and applied on business plan development and networking. The training aims to support the economic development of partner countries.

On 3 May 2022, TİKA provided 200 Ukrainian families taking shelter in Bosnia Herzegovina with food and hygiene packages.<sup>1408</sup> These packages will support the 200 families who are mostly women and children.

Turkey has fully complied with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, able to promote equity and accelerate progress on all SDGs, recognizing the importance of women empowerment. It has addressed SDG 1: No Poverty, SDG 2: Zero Hunger, SDG 3: Good Health and Well-Being, SDG 4: Quality Education, and SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation by implementing measures that protect and teach women about feminine hygiene, pregnancy, childbirth and post partum. Actions also addressed SDG 5: Gender Equality, SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth, SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure, SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities, SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities, SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions through initiatives that promote the economic inclusion of women, full and productive employment and decent work, and vocational training. Finally, it has addressed SDG 17: Partnership for the Goals by partnering with multiple countries, such as Sudan, Mexico and Colombia, to strengthen the means of implementing initiatives. These actions also demonstrate all three characteristics of a sustainable, inclusive, and resilient recovery.

Thus, Turkey receives a score of +1.

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### **United Kingdom: +1**

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, able to promote equity and accelerate progress on all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), recognizing the importance of women empowerment.

On 5 November 2021, the Prime Minister’s Special Envoy for Girls’ Education Helen Grant announced a GBP85,000 research grant to support the Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre on Youth and Public Empowerment Day at the 26th Conference to the Parties (COP26) of the United Nations Framework

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<sup>1405</sup> No: 80, 9 March 2022, Press Release Regarding the 8th İstanbul Mediation Conference, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Ankara) 9 March 2022. Access Date: 13 May 2022. [https://www.mfa.gov.tr/no\\_-80\\_-8-istanbul-arabuluculuk-konferansi-hk.en.mfa](https://www.mfa.gov.tr/no_-80_-8-istanbul-arabuluculuk-konferansi-hk.en.mfa)

<sup>1406</sup> TİKA Continues to Support Women in South Sudan, Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (Ankara) 3 November 2021. Access Date: 21 March 2022. [https://www.tika.gov.tr/en/news/tika\\_continues\\_to\\_support\\_women\\_in\\_south\\_sudan-68524](https://www.tika.gov.tr/en/news/tika_continues_to_support_women_in_south_sudan-68524)

<sup>1407</sup> TİKA Holds Entrepreneurship Training to Support Women from South Africa and Lesotho, Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (Ankara) 18 April 2022. Access Date: 13 May 2022. [https://www.tika.gov.tr/en/news/tika\\_holds\\_entrepreneurship\\_training\\_to\\_support\\_women\\_from\\_south\\_africa\\_and\\_lesotho-68983](https://www.tika.gov.tr/en/news/tika_holds_entrepreneurship_training_to_support_women_from_south_africa_and_lesotho-68983)

<sup>1408</sup> Support from TİKA to the Ukrainian Immigrants Taking Shelter in Bosnia, Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (Ankara) 3 May 2022. Access Date: 13 May 2022. [https://www.tika.gov.tr/en/news/support\\_from\\_tika\\_to\\_the\\_ukrainian\\_immigrants\\_taking\\_shelter\\_in\\_bosnia\\_herzegovina-69596](https://www.tika.gov.tr/en/news/support_from_tika_to_the_ukrainian_immigrants_taking_shelter_in_bosnia_herzegovina-69596)

Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).<sup>1409</sup> The funding supports the Centre to produce insights on the education needs of refugee children to enable a more effective international response.

On 1 November 2021, the new Financial Times Stock Exchange (FTSE) Women Leaders Review opened its online portal for FTSE companies to submit their gender diversity data.<sup>1410</sup> This initiates a new five-year review aimed at monitoring and increasing women's representation in upper-level positions at Britain's top companies.

On 8 November 2021, the Government announced up to GBP274 million funding for Climate Action for a Resilient Asia (CARA) programme to strengthen climate resilience and promote low carbon growth across the Indo-Pacific.<sup>1411</sup> Of the funding, GBP45 million is for CARA's Community Resilience Partnership Program to explicitly address the nexus between climate, poverty, and gender at the community level.

On 9 November 2021, COP President Alok Sharma announced GBP165 million to tackle climate change through women empowerment and to address their vulnerability to climate change.<sup>1412</sup> Within the funding, up to GBP45 million is for local communities and grassroots women's groups in the Asia-Pacific region to challenge gender inequalities and adapt to the impacts of climate change. The GBP120 million funding is directed at the Bangladesh Climate and Environment Programme which includes supporting women's access to finance, education and skills.

On 9 November 2021, the Government announced the launch of a toolkit on gender-smart climate finance with Commonwealth Development Corporation.<sup>1413</sup> The toolkit will improve understanding on the opportunities of gender-sensitive climate investment by providing guidance to the finance community on how to deliver climate outcomes while promoting gender equality and women's economic opportunities.

On 12 November 2021, the Open Innovation Team (OIT), along with the Institute of Social and Economic Research and the ESRC Research Centre for Micro-Social Change, had held 4 online seminars on the impact of COVID-19 on domestic and international gender and racial inequalities.<sup>1414</sup> Under the facilitation of OIT, the academic seminars addressed topics such as housing, mental health, harassment and perception of social cohesion to an audience of 400 governmental officials.

On 16 November 2021, Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Nadine Dorries announced 14 charities to receive a share of the final round of the Government's GBP11.25 million Tampon Tax Fund.<sup>1415</sup> The grants were for projects that helped victims of domestic abuse, improved postpartum safety and empowered women through physical activity.

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<sup>1409</sup> Young People Demand Action to Protect Their Futures at COP26, UN Climate Change Conference UK 2021 (Glasgow) 5 November 2021. Access Date: 13 May 2022. <https://ukcop26.org/young-people-demand-action-to-protect-their-futures-at-cop26/>

<sup>1410</sup> Ministers renew efforts to increase opportunities for talented women at the top of UK business, Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (London) 1 November 2021. Access Date: 13 May 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ministers-renew-efforts-to-increase-opportunities-for-talented-women-at-the-top-of-uk-business>

<sup>1411</sup> UK announces £274m boost to climate resilience across Indo-Pacific, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 8 November 2021. Access Date: 13 May 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-announces-274m-boost-to-climate-resilience-across-indo-pacific>

<sup>1412</sup> UK boost to advance gender equality in climate action, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 9 November 2021. Access Date: 13 May 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-boost-to-advance-gender-equality-in-climate-action>

<sup>1413</sup> UK boost to advance gender equality in climate action, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 9 November 2021. Access Date: 13 May 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-boost-to-advance-gender-equality-in-climate-action>

<sup>1414</sup> The impact of C-19 on gender and racial inequalities, Open Innovation Team (London) 12 November 2021. Access Date: 13 May 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/the-impact-of-c-19-on-gender-and-racial-inequalities>

<sup>1415</sup> 14 charities to receive Tampon Tax funding, Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport (London) 16 November 2021. Access Date: 13 May 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/14-charities-to-receive-tampon-tax-funding>

On 17 November 2021, Foreign Secretary Liz Truss announced more than GBP20 million towards preventing violence against women at the G7 Gender Equality Advisory Council.<sup>1416</sup> GBP18 million of new funding targets ending child marriage in 12 countries, including Sierra Leone, Uganda, Ethiopia, Bangladesh and Yemen. GBP3 million is for organisations tackling violence against women and girls through counselling, violence prevention, education and policies improvements. GBP1.4 million is for the Global Survivors Fund to help support survivors of sexual violence.

On 7 December 2021, the British High Commission and the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association launched the second cohort of the mentorship programme for 35 women parliamentarians in Uganda.<sup>1417</sup> The programme offers one-to-one mentorship support programmes between Ugandan and UK parliamentarians, senior leadership exchanges, and procedure workshops. It aims to empower the beneficiaries to effectively carry out their parliamentary duties and promote gender equality in any leadership agenda.

On 15 December 2021, the Yemen Conflict, Stability and Security Fund (CSSF) team invited bids for projects that increase women's political participation and inclusion in peacebuilding processes.<sup>1418</sup> CSSF supports the UK National Action Plan on Women Peace and Security and the Yemen Gender Strategy. Selected projects will influence formal and informal political structures in Yemen by identifying and tackling areas of support needed to encourage partisan and nonpartisan women political actors.

On 23 December 2021, the Department of Health and Social Care published the Vision for Women's Health Strategy for England.<sup>1419</sup> Based on an analysis of 100,000 responses to call for evidence, the publication outlines a mandate to improve women's health and systemic inequality. The government will appoint a Women's Health Ambassador to facilitate commitments in the vision.

On 28 January 2022, Foreign Secretary Liz Truss pledged GBP97 million of emergency UK aid to the Afghan people to provide life-saving food and emergency health support, as well as water and sanitation facilities.<sup>1420</sup> The funds are also for assistance to survivors of gender-based violence and essential child protection services. This pledge builds on the previous one announced on 12 December 2021 of GBP75 million.

On 21 February 2022, UK Minister for Africa, Vicky Ford, announced that GBP74 million will be allotted for women entrepreneurs and women owned businesses and small and medium enterprises (SMEs).<sup>1421</sup> The financial package will be delivered through a new financing facility between First Bank of Nigeria and British International Investment to promote access to financial inclusion. The facility also includes a technical assistance programme to further develop the bank's ability to support the growth of female-led businesses.

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<sup>1416</sup> Preventing sexual violence in conflict: Foreign Secretary's speech at the Gender Equality Advisory Council, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 17 November 2021. Access Date: 13 May 2022.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/foreign-secretary-speech-on-preventing-sexual-violence-in-conflict>

<sup>1417</sup> Mentorship and Leadership programme for Ugandan Women Parliamentarians launched, British High Commission (Kampala) 7 December 2021. Access Date: 13 May 2021. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/mentorship-and-leadership-programme-for-ugandan-women-parliamentarians-launched>

<sup>1418</sup> Yemen: call for project bids supporting women's participation in peacebuilding, British Embassy (Sana'a) 15 December 2021. Access Date: 13 May 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/world/organisations/british-embassy-sana-a>

<sup>1419</sup> Government sets clear ambition to close gender health gap, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 23 December 2021. Access Date: 13 May 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-sets-clear-ambition-to-close-gender-health-gap--3>

<sup>1420</sup> Foreign Secretary pledges to support over 2.7 million Afghans with life-saving aid, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 28 January 2022. Access Date: 13 May 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/foreign-secretary-pledges-to-support-over-27-million-afghans-with-life-saving-aid>

<sup>1421</sup> UK boosts access to finance for women-owned businesses and clean energy projects in Nigeria, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 21 February 2022. Access Date: 13 May 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-boosts-access-to-finance-for-women-owned-businesses-and-clean-energy-projects-in-nigeria>

On 7 March 2022, Work and Pensions Secretary, Thérèse Coffey, completed the ratification process for the International Labour Organisation's Violence and Harassment Convention.<sup>1422</sup> This Convention is the first international treaty to "recognise everyone's right to a workplace free from violence and harassment, including gender-based violence and harassment." The UK government will also introduce a new duty to require employers to prevent workplace sexual harassment, explicit protections for employees from third party harassment and a statutory Code of Practice on sexual harassment and harassment in the workplace.

On 8 March 2022, Minister for Women Deborah Stedman-Scott launched two initiatives to level up employment opportunities for women while aiding recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.<sup>1423</sup> The first initiative is a pilot scheme to improve pay transparency in job application processes without the disclosure of an applicant's salary history. The second initiative help women back into science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) careers. These initiatives aim to close salary gaps and tackle pay inequality for women.

On 8 March 2022, the UK Intellectual Property Office and other countries' intellectual property offices released a joint statement outlining their commitment to support women in developing, commercialising, and distributing their innovations and creative works.<sup>1424</sup> The statement recognizes the importance of reaching gender equality throughout economies for a more sustainable future.

On 8 March 2022, Prime Minister Boris Johnson launched a new GBP20 million global partnership with 11 businesses to improve girls' access to education and employment in developing countries.<sup>1425</sup> The partnership will support programmes with a focus on STEM skills needed in key sectors and the GenU's Passport to Earning platform that provide education for future employment and entrepreneurship opportunities.

On 8 March 2022, the British Embassy Kyiv accepted project proposals on women's rights for the 2022 to 2023 financial year from not-for-profit organisations.<sup>1426</sup> In response to the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, the United Kingdom is seeking to strengthen its contribution to the Women, Peace and Security agenda through proposed projects.

On 30 March 2022, Home Secretary Priti Patel launched a new Tackling Domestic Abuse Plan that was developed with input from victims and survivors.<sup>1427</sup> The plan aligns closely to the Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy and sets priorities on crime prevention, victim support and pursuing perpetrators. The plan outlines an investment over three years of GBP81 million for tackling perpetrators and GBP7.5 million to enable healthcare professionals to better identify, refer and support victims and survivors of domestic abuse.

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<sup>1422</sup> UK ratifies treaty tackling violence and harassment at work, Department for Work and Pensions (London) 7 March 2022. Access Date: 13 May 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-ratifies-treaty-tackling-violence-and-harassment-at-work>

<sup>1423</sup> Government launches pay transparency pilot to break down barriers for women, Government Equalities Office (London) 8 March 2022. Access Date: 13 May 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-launches-pay-transparency-pilot-to-break-down-barriers-for-women>

<sup>1424</sup> Joint statement in support of women in IP, Intellectual Property Office (London) 8 March 2022. Access Date: 13 May 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/joint-statement-in-support-of-women-in-ip>

<sup>1425</sup> UK government and global businesses in new £20 million partnership to educate girls in developing countries, Prime Minister's Office (London) 8 March 2022. Access Date: 13 May 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-government-and-global-businesses-in-new-20-million-partnership-to-educate-girls-in-developing-countries>

<sup>1426</sup> UK government and global businesses in new £20 million partnership to educate girls in developing countries, Prime Minister's Office (London) 8 March 2022. Access Date: 13 May 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-government-and-global-businesses-in-new-20-million-partnership-to-educate-girls-in-developing-countries>

<sup>1427</sup> Home Secretary launches new Tackling Domestic Abuse Plan, Home Office (London) 30 March 2022. Access Date: 13 May 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/home-secretary-launches-new-tackling-domestic-abuse-plan>

On 6 April 2022, the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory partnered with Women in Data to create a more inclusive workplace and address the gender imbalance in STEM.<sup>1428</sup> This partnership will also help recruitment opportunities reach other underrepresented groups in science and technology.

On 3 May 2022, Foreign Secretary Liz Truss and other foreign ministers at the Global Partnership for Action on Gender-Based Online Harassment and Abuse signed a joint statement to call attention to the violence that women journalists and media workers face.<sup>1429</sup> This multilateral statement urged “all states, media companies, workplaces, technology platforms and civil society groups” to prevent and address offline and online discrimination against women in journalism to defend their freedom of expression and an inclusive mediascape.

On 5 May 2022, Foreign Secretary Liz Truss announced GBP45 million in UK funding for the UN and humanitarian organisations to protect the most vulnerable in Ukraine.<sup>1430</sup> Of the package, GBP15 million is for the UN Ukraine Humanitarian Fund to help address sexual and gender-based violence through targeted services, legal support and crisis accommodation. Another GBP15 million is for UNICEF to fund the protection and services for vulnerable groups, such as nutrition support for pregnant women. Funding of GBP10 million is for humanitarian organisations in Moldova and other border countries to protect the basic needs of women and children fleeing the conflict. GBP5 million is for the International Federation of the Red Cross in Ukraine to deliver life-saving assistance, from health care to sexual and gender-based violence services to tackle discrimination, safeguarding and trafficking.

On 13 May 2022, the Department of Health and Social Care opened applications for grants of between GBP200,000 and GBP600,000 per applicant for the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector to support women who experience reproductive issues in their remain or return to the workplace.<sup>1431</sup> Projects that provide training and awareness for small and medium enterprises that lack internal support for women are particularly encouraged. This funding aims to reduce the pressure on the National Health Service by supporting the well-being of women employees.

On 24 May 2022, the Department for Education and Home Office launched a new working group dedicated to tackling the number of spiking attacks against students.<sup>1432</sup> The working group will test solutions such as drink safety test strips and funding and delivering bystander intervention training to staff in night-time city venues. Home Office Minister for Safeguarding Rachel Maclean today met victims, campaigners, senior police officers and university leaders to discuss the patterns of attacks and the best way to proceed in strengthening victim’s rights in sexual crimes.

On 25 May 2022, the British High Commission Dhaka supported girls’ education across Bangladesh at its annually hosted Queen’s Birthday Party.<sup>1433</sup> The sponsorship raised for the event is directed to the British Council’s English and Digital for Girls’ Education Programme. It aims to improve life-skills for marginalized

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<sup>1428</sup> New partnership reaffirms Dstl’s commitment to inclusion, Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (London) 6 April 2022. Access Date: 13 May 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-partnership-reaffirms-dstls-commitment-to-inclusion>

<sup>1429</sup> Global Partnership for Action on Gender-Based Online Harassment and Abuse: foreign ministers’ joint statement on World Press Freedom Day, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 3 May 2022. Access Date: 13 May 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/global-partnership-for-action-on-gender-based-online-harassment-and-abuse-foreign-ministers-joint-statement-on-world-press-freedom-day>

<sup>1430</sup> UK provides further humanitarian aid focused on most vulnerable in Ukraine, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 5 May 2022. Access Date: 13 May 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-provides-further-humanitarian-aid-focused-on-most-vulnerable-in-ukraine>

<sup>1431</sup> Grant fund launched to support women’s reproductive wellbeing in the workplace, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 13 May 2022. Access Date: 13 May 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/grant-fund-launched-to-support-womens-reproductive-wellbeing-in-the-workplace>

<sup>1432</sup> Spiking of university students to be tackled, Department for Education and Home Office (London) 24 May 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/spiking-of-university-students-to-be-tackled>

<sup>1433</sup> British High Commission celebrates Queen’s Birthday in Dhaka and vows to boost girls’ life chances, British High Commission Dhaka (Dhaka) 26 May 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/british-high-commission-celebrates-queens-birthday-in-dhaka-and-vows-to-boost-girls-life-chances>

adolescent Bangladeshi girls and to provide them with self-protection against child marriage, cyber bullying and gender-based harassment.

On 26 May 2022, Minister for Women and Equalities Liz Truss launched the ‘Taskforce on Women-Led High-Growth Enterprises’ with Anne Boden, the CEO and founder of Starling Bank.<sup>1434</sup> The taskforce will support women entrepreneurs through offering them access to finance and growth capital, technology and leadership development. It strives to increase the number of women-led fast-growing businesses through its influence on high growth investors and the wider business community.

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, able to promote equity and accelerate progress on all SDGs, recognizing the importance of women empowerment. It has addressed SDG4: Quality Education and SDG 17: Partnership for the Goals by partnering with the private sector to improve girls’ access to education. It has addressed SDG 5: Gender Equality, SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth, SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure, SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities and SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities by monitoring women’s workplace representation, increasing pay transparency and preventing workplace harassment. It also addressed SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institution by launching the leadership program for Ugandan Women Parliamentarians and initiating projects to increase women’s political inclusion in Yemen’s peacebuilding processes. It addressed SDG 13: Climate Action and SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production, while advancing women empowerment through its funding announced at COP26. Its published Vision for Women’s Health Strategy for England and efforts to improve access to feminine hygiene also addresses SDG 3: Good Health and Well-Being and SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation. The UK’s actions for Afghan women also address SDG 1: No Poverty and SDG 2: Zero Hunger.

Thus, the United Kingdom receives a score of +1.

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### **United States: 0**

The United States has partially complied with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, able to promote equity and accelerate progress on all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), recognizing the importance of women empowerment.

On 4 November 2021, the United States Government launched the First National Strategy on Gender Equity and Equality.<sup>1435</sup> The Gender Strategy provides a comprehensive whole-government approach that called on each federal agency to develop concrete plans for implementation. It also reaffirms the United States’ commitment to “enable the full potential of all individuals, regardless of their sex ... gender identity or expression.”

On 11 November 2021, The US Agency for International Development (USAID) Administrator Samantha Power met with Kosovo President Vjosa Osmani where they reaffirmed the partnership between the United States and Kosovo.<sup>1436</sup> During the meeting, they discussed topics such as the advancement of women empowerment including addressing gender-based violence and the importance of creating economic and employment opportunities for women.

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<sup>1434</sup> Government launches taskforce to boost women starting fast-growing companies, Government Equalities Office (London) 26 May 2022. Access Date: 5 June 2022. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-launches-taskforce-to-boost-women-starting-fast-growing-companies>

<sup>1435</sup> The First National Strategy on Gender Equity and Equality, The US Department of State (Washington) 4 November 2021. Access Date: 21 June 2022. <https://www.state.gov/the-first-national-strategy-on-gender-equity-and-equality>

<sup>1436</sup> Administrator Power’s Meeting with Kosovo President Vjosa Osmani, USAID Office of Press Relations (Washington) 11 November 2021. Access Date: 14 February 2022. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/nov-11-2021-administrator-power-meeting-kosovo-president-vjosa-osmani>

On 3 December 2021, the White House released an updated National Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking.<sup>1437</sup> USAID has invested more than USD340 million in 83 countries and regions to fight human trafficking.

On 6 December 2021, USAID Administrator Power met with Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Malala Yousafzai to discuss USAID's support to global girls' education.<sup>1438</sup> They discuss opportunities to advance gender equity and equality, increase girls' education and leadership of girls. Additionally, they focused on education access for women and girls in Afghanistan.

On 7 December 2021, USAID Administrator Power announced that the United States government has intended to invest up to USD11 billion over three years to combat malnutrition in women and children.<sup>1439</sup> The initiative included programs to promote exclusive breastfeeding, and improve nutrition and health outcomes for mothers and newborns.

On 11 January, USAID announced the US government's initial contribution of more than USD308 million in humanitarian assistance for the people of Afghanistan.<sup>1440</sup> The contribution is committed to providing aid to women, girls, minority populations and people with disabilities. Aid included food and nutrition assistance, support for health care facilities and mobile health teams.

On 13 January 2022, USAID launched the MujerProspera (WomanProsper) Challenge which is aimed to advance gender equity and equality in El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras.<sup>1441</sup> The regional challenge is expected to issue up to 14 awards, each valued between USD150,000 and USD500,000. The challenge is focused on seeking solutions that advance women's economic security, employment and/or entrepreneurship.

On 21 January 2022, USAID Administrator Power, on day two of her trip to Bosnia and Herzegovina spoke to a group of young women on issues such as insecurity, lack of economic opportunity and barriers to future employment.<sup>1442</sup>

On 31 January 2022, USAID Administrator Power and Tuskegee University President Charlotte Morris signed a Memorandum of Understanding in order to promote diversity, equity and inclusion in the international development workforce.<sup>1443</sup>

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<sup>1437</sup> Release of the National Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking, USAID (Washington) 3 December 2021. Access Date: 14 February 2022. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/dec-03-2021-release-national-action-plan-combat-human-trafficking>

<sup>1438</sup> Administrator Samantha Power's Meeting Malala Yousafzai, USAID Office of Press Relations (Washington) 6 December 2021. Access Date: 14 February 2022. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/dec-6-2021-administrator-samantha-powers-meeting-malala-yousafzai>

<sup>1439</sup> Administrator Power Announces \$11 Billion to Combat Malnutrition and Safeguard the Lives of Women and Children, USAID Office of Press Relations (Washington) 7 December 2021. Access Date: 14 February 2022. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/dec-7-2021-administrator-power-announces-11-billion-combat-malnutrition>

<sup>1440</sup> USAID Announces More than \$308 Million in Additional Humanitarian Assistance for the People of Afghanistan, USAID Office of Press Relations (Washington) 11 January 2022. Access Date: 14 February 2022. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/jan-11-2022-usaid-announces-308-million-humanitarian-assistance-afghanistan>

<sup>1441</sup> USAID Launches the MujerProspera (WomanProsper) Challenge to Support Women in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras, USAID Office of Press Relations (Washington) 13 January 2022. Access Date: 14 February 2022. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/jan-13-2022-usaid-launches-mujerprospera-womanprosper-challenge-support-women-el-salvador>

<sup>1442</sup> Day Two of Administrator Samantha Power's Trip to Bosnia and Herzegovina, USAID Office of Press Relation (Washington) 21 January 2022. Access Date: 14 February 2022. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/jan-21-2021-day-two-administrator-samantha-power-trip-bosnia-and-herzegovina>

<sup>1443</sup> USAID Signs Historic MOU Under the Minority-Serving Institutions Partnership Initiative with Tuskegee University, USAID Office of Press Relations (Washington) 31 January 2022. Access Date: 14 February 2022. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/jan-31-2022-usaid-signs-historic-mou-under-minority-serving-institutions>

On 6 February 2022, USAID Spokesperson Rebecca Chalif announced that the USAID reaffirmed their commitment to ending human rights abuse and gender inequalities such as female genital mutilation and cutting.<sup>1444</sup> This announcement came on the International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation.

On 10 February 2022, the Women’s Bureau from the U.S Department of Labor announced that they will host a webinar on 18 February 2022 addressing “Advancing Equity for African-American Women in the Workforce.”<sup>1445</sup> The webinar will include discussion on federal resources available to assist Black women in obtaining better job skills, building careers and exploring avenues to business ownership.

On 11 February 2022, USAID’s Harry T. Moore Chapter of Blacks in Government and Office of Civil Rights and Diversity hosted “The Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Crisis: A Priority for Black America.”<sup>1446</sup> The panel included discussions on factors leading to disparities in health outcomes among marginalised groups and suggested ways of alleviating the crisis.

On 28 February 2022, USAID Deputy Administrator Isobel Coleman met with UN Women’s Executive Director Sima Sami Bahous to recommit to empowering women and girls globally.<sup>1447</sup> They discussed their renewed partnership to tackle gender inequity in the climate crisis, humanitarian disasters, access to education and employment opportunities.

On 8 March 2022, President Biden issued the largest USD2.6 billion budget request to advance gender equity and equality worldwide.<sup>1448</sup> These investments aim to increase access to education for girls, decrease gender-based violence and help women advance in the workforce. These efforts help promote political stability and economic growth.

On 1 April 2022, the U.S. government announced a ten-year U.S. Strategy to Prevent Conflict and Promote Stability in partnership with Haiti, Libya, Mozambique, Papua New Guinea, and a grouping of Coastal West African countries comprised of Benin, Côte d’Ivoire, Ghana, Guinea and Togo.<sup>1449</sup> The Strategy outlines government commitments to foster peace and long-term stability through integrated diplomacy, development, and security-sector engagement. It builds upon progress towards U.S. Strategy on Women, Peace, and Security in advancing gender equality.

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<sup>1444</sup> On the International Day of Zero Intolerance for Female Genital Mutilation, USAID Office of Press Relations (Washington) 6 February 2022. Access Date: 6 February 2022. <https://www.usaid.gov/NEWS-INFORMATION/PRESS-RELEASES/FEB-6-2022-RELEASE-INTERNATIONAL-DAY-OF-ZERO-TOLERANCE-FOR-FEMALE-GENITAL-MUTILATION>

<sup>1445</sup> US Department of Labour Seeks to Advance Equity for Black Women Facing Lower Wages, Less Opportunity Exacerbated by the Pandemic, Women’s Bureau (Washington) 10 February 2022. Access Date: 14 February 2022. <https://www.dol.gov/newsroom/releases/wb/wb20220210>

<sup>1446</sup> Deputy Administration Paloma Adams-Allen at the Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Crisis: A Priority for Black America Panel Discussion, USAID (Washington) 11 February 2022. Access Date: 14 February 2022. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/feb-11-2022-deputy-administrator-paloma-adams-allen-maternal-mortality-and>

<sup>1447</sup> Deputy Administrator Isobel Coleman’s Meeting with UN Women Executive Director Sima Sami Bahous, USAID (Washington) 28 February 2022. Access Date: 13 May 2022. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/feb-28-2022-deputy-admin-isobel-coleman-meets-with-un-women-executive-director-sima-sami-bahous>

<sup>1448</sup> International Women’s Day Statement by Administrator Samantha Power, USAID (Washington) 8 March 2022. Access Date: 13 May 2022. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/mar-08-2022-statement-administrator-power-international-womens-day>

<sup>1449</sup> The U.S Strategy Prevent Conflict and Promote Stability: Priority Countries and Region, USAID (Washington) 1 April 2022. Access Date: 13 May 2022. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/apr-1-2022-us-strategy-prevent-conflict-and-promote-stability-priority-countries>

On 25 April 2022, Administrator Samantha Power and Honduran Minister of Foreign Affairs Enrique Reina discussed shared priority to address the root causes of irregular migration, including by creating economic opportunities, strengthening democratic governance, and addressing violence against women.<sup>1450</sup>

On 13 May 2022, USAID Deputy Administrator for Policy and Programming Isobel Coleman announced USD5.6 million to support the Government of Laos to advance their education and economic growth goals in recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.<sup>1451</sup> The funding includes a USD3 million grant to the World Bank's multi-donor fund, in partnership with Australia, Ireland, and the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, to support micro, small, and medium enterprises, including women-owned businesses. The funds aim to create opportunities for increased and sustainable wages.

The United States has partially complied with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, able to promote equity and accelerate progress on all SDGs, recognizing the importance of women empowerment. They have addressed SDG 1: No Poverty, SDG 2: Zero Hunger, SDG 3: Good Health and Well-Being by creating programs that address malnutrition and maternal health. Actions addressed SDG 4: Quality Education, SDG 5: Gender Equality and SDG 13: Climate Action by repeatedly promoting and investing in programs that advance women's access to education, especially concurrently with the current climate crisis. SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth, SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure, SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities and SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions were addressed by providing financial and humanitarian aid to countries that suffer from gender inequities in their government, healthcare and education. Finally, SDG 17: Partnership for the Goals through ample international partnerships and initiatives. However, it has fallen short of the 12 SDGs threshold necessary for full compliance.

Thus, the United States receives a score of 0

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### **European Union: 0**

The European Union has partially complied with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, able to promote equity and accelerate progress on all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), recognizing the importance of women empowerment.

On 25 November 2021, the EU Delegation to Ukraine, the Council of Europe Office in Ukraine, and many other EU embassies reaffirmed their "to defending the rights of women and girls in Ukraine to live free from violence,"<sup>1452</sup> in the observance of the International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women. This was done also to accompany the annual international 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence Campaign.

On 30 November 2021, the committees on Civil Liberties and Women's Rights called for legislation to address gender-based cyberviolence.<sup>1453</sup> They requested this legislation to create a common criminal law definition of

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<sup>1450</sup>Administrator Samantha Power Meeting Honduran Minister Foreign Affairs Enrique Rein, USAID (Washington) 26 April 2022. Access Date: 13 May 2022. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/apr-26-2022-administrator-samantha-power-meeting-honduran-minister-foreign-affairs>

<sup>1451</sup> USAID Announces \$5.6 Million to Support Inclusive Education and Economic Growth in Laos admits the Covid-19 Pandemic, USAID (Washington) 15 May 2022. Access Date: 15 May 2022. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/may-15-2022-usaid-announces-56-million-support-inclusive-education-and-economic-laos>

<sup>1452</sup>"Orange the World: END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN NOW!": Joint statement in observance of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women on November 25 and the accompanying 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, 2021 (Kyiv) 25 November 2021. Access Date: 28 February 2022. <https://www.coe.int/en/web/kyiv/-/orange-the-world-end-violence-against-women-now-joint-statement-in-observance-of-the-international-day-for-the-elimination-of-violence-against-women->

<sup>1453</sup> Gender-based cyberviolence: MEPs demand harmonised sanctions and victim support (Bruxelles) 30 November 2021. Access Date: 5 February 2022. <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20211124IPR18012/gender-based-cyberviolence-meps-demand-harmonised-sanctions-and-victim-support>

gender-based cyberviolence, consequences for those committing it and a reparation and preparation plan for victims.

On 6 December 2021, the Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council reached a draft of a directive on pay transparency and a conclusion on the impact of artificial intelligence on gender equality in the labour market.<sup>1454</sup> The directive on pay transparency is supposed to help close the gender pay gap by enforcing the right to equal pay, and the conclusion on the impact of artificial intelligence on gender equality in the labour market suggests a need for a gender perspective be adopted in artificial intelligence, to improve gender equality.

On 25 January 2022, Elisabeth Moreno, Minister Delegate for Equality between Women and Men, Diversity and Equal Opportunities, stated that the French presidency would work towards completing policies regarding pay transparency and women's presence on company boards.<sup>1455</sup>

On 27 January 2022, the European Parliament announced that they will host "Afghan Women Days" on 1 February and 2 February 2022.<sup>1456</sup> These days will give Afghan women leaders a platform to spread awareness of what is happening to women in Afghanistan.

On 28 January 2022, the French Presidency of the Council of the European Union announced that the EU Member States are joining together to support a stronger economy that stimulates and fosters job creation and social and environmental policies, with gender equality being at the forefront of these efforts and reflected in all aspects of public policy.<sup>1457</sup> Member States reaffirmed their commitment to strengthen "the application of the principle of equal pay for equal work or work of equal value between men and women, through pay transparency and enforcement mechanisms in order to improve access to employee information ... [and] gender balance on-company boards."

On 31 January 2022, France, the Czech Republic and Sweden, released a Trio Presidency Declaration on Gender Equality 2022-2023.<sup>1458</sup> These European Union Member States "firmly commit [themselves] to promoting gender equality and to [fight] against all forms of discrimination against women at all levels." The trio presidency will achieve this under the theme of Recovery, especially emphasizing women's economic empowerment, ensuring equal opportunities for women in all areas of life, as well as fighting against gender-based violence.

On 10 February 2022, the European Union, the Government of Nepal and the Government of Finland worked together to provide access to safe water and basic sanitation to the entire population of the Karnali and Sudurpashchim provinces in Nepal.<sup>1459</sup> This will help women with their personal menstruation hygiene, as well as help the communities overcome cultural beliefs that stigmatize the female body.

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<sup>1454</sup> Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council, 6-7 December 2021 (Bordeaux) 6 December 2021. Access Date: 12 February 2022. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/meetings/epsco/2021/12/06-07/>

<sup>1455</sup> French Presidency briefs the European Parliament's committees on its priorities (Paris) 25 January 2022. Access Date: 12 February 2022. <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20220119IPR21311/french-presidency-briefs-the-european-parliament-s-committees-on-its-priorities>

<sup>1456</sup> European Parliament to host "Afghan Women Days" (Brussels) 27 January 2022. Access Date: 12 February 2022. <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20220120IPR21429/european-parliament-to-host-afghan-women-days>

<sup>1457</sup> The Economic Empowerment of Women: Key to substantive gender equality – Conference of Equality Ministers, French Presidency of the Council of the European Union (Paris) 28 January 2022. Access Date: 21 June 2022. <https://presidence-francaise.consilium.europa.eu/en/news/the-economic-empowerment-of-women-key-to-substantive-gender-equality-conference-of-equality-ministers/>

<sup>1458</sup> Trio Presidency Declaration on Gender Equality France, the Czech Republic and Sweden 2022-2023, the Presidency of the Council of the EU (Paris) 31 January 2022. Access Date: 21 June 2022. <https://www.government.se/490abc/contentassets/86aa35838076469dba3bed21be7d30b4/trio-presidency-declaration-on-gender-equality-france-the-czech-republic-and-sweden-2022-2023.pdf>

<sup>1459</sup> Water for Human Development and Gender Equality in Nepal (Nepal) 10 February 2022. Access Date: 12 February 2022. [https://europa.eu/capacity4dev/public-water\\_and\\_sanitation/documents/water-human-development-and-gender-equality-nepal](https://europa.eu/capacity4dev/public-water_and_sanitation/documents/water-human-development-and-gender-equality-nepal)

On 8 March 2022, the European Union released the 2022 Report on Gender Equality in the EU.<sup>1460</sup> This report builds on top of the European Commission's Gender equality Strategy 2020-2025 and "focuses on key actions and achievements on gender equality by EU institutions and Member States." The key areas of the report cover women being free from violence and stereotypes, thriving in a gender-equal economy, leading equally throughout society, having access to gender mainstream and funding, and finally, promoting gender equality and women's empowerment across the world.

On 20 May 2022, the Committee of Ministers recommended that member states protect the rights of "migrant, refugee and asylum-seeking women and girls,"<sup>1461</sup> based on the commitment of the states to human rights and democracy.

On 7 June 2022, the Europe Union, with joint efforts with the Council of Europe, held the second steering committee meeting for the action "Fostering Women's Access to Justice in Türkiye."<sup>1462</sup> Small grants were given out at this meeting to upcoming projects that aim to increase women's legal literacy and awareness, especially for women who are refugees or victims of abuse and violence.

On 14 June 2022, the European Union and the Council of Europe jointly held the second multi-stakeholder meeting on "Fostering Women's Access to Justice in Türkiye."<sup>1463</sup> At this meeting, participants noted key challenges faced by women in accessing justice and aimed to create local and sustainable support networks that alleviate the obstacles women face. An emphasis was placed on increasing the gender sensitivity of legal aid services as well as improving women's access to these services to enhance legal awareness and literacy.

The European Union has partially complied with its commitment to support a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery across the world, able to promote equity and accelerate progress on all SDGs, recognizing the importance of women empowerment. It has addressed SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities and SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions through protecting women's rights and supporting peace, SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities through working towards equality in the labour market, SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth and SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure in promoting the impact artificial intelligence has on gender equality in the labour market. Furthermore, the "Afghan Women Days" initiative also helped promote SDG 17 by raising awareness of global gender issues. The EU also addressed SDG 4: Quality Education through improving women's legal awareness and literacy and SDG 3: Good Health and Well-Being and SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation through working towards attaining good health and access to clean water for women. Finally, the EU's collaborative actions with other nations of the world also address SDG 17: Partnership for the Goals, and all of the actions mentioned work together in addressing SDG 5: Gender Equality. The EU's actions also touch on all three characteristics of sustainability, inclusivity, and resiliency. However, it has fallen short of the 12 SDGs threshold necessary for full compliance.

Thus, the European Union receives a score of 0.

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<sup>1460</sup> 2022 report on gender equality in the EU, Europe Commission (Brussels) 3 March 2022. Access Date: 21 June 2022. [https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/default/files/aid\\_development\\_cooperation\\_fundamental\\_rights/2022\\_report\\_on\\_gender\\_equality\\_in\\_the\\_eu\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/default/files/aid_development_cooperation_fundamental_rights/2022_report_on_gender_equality_in_the_eu_en.pdf)

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<sup>1462</sup> Second Steering Committee meeting of the Action on "Fostering women's access to justice in Türkiye," Council of Europe (Ankara) 7 June 2022. Access Date: 21 June 2022. <https://www.coe.int/en/web/genderequality/-/second-steering-committee-meeting-of-the-action-on-fostering-women-s-access-to-justice-in-turkiye>

<sup>1463</sup> Women's access to justice was discussed with key stakeholders in Türkiye, Council of Europe (Ankara) 14 June 2022. Access Date: 21 June 2022. <https://www.coe.int/en/web/genderequality/-/women-s-access-to-justice-was-discussed-with-key-stakeholders-in-turkiye>