

Partnership and Coordination



Why do we do what we do?

Coordination and **partnerships** are central to UN Women mandate in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Given the complexity of the country with three central governments and large international presence, UN Women undertakes systematic approach to coordination and collaboration.

Primary areas of UN Women partnership

UN Coordination

To ensure gender mainstreaming throughout the UN system, the **Gender Theme Group** (GTG), chaired by UN Women, includes gender focal points from all UN agencies and Resident Coordinator's Office. GTG meets quarterly and contributes to the implementation of **joint programmes on gender equality**, assists in developing and overseeing implementation of gender mainstreaming action plans and provides support to government on key international normative commitments.

Coordination with international community

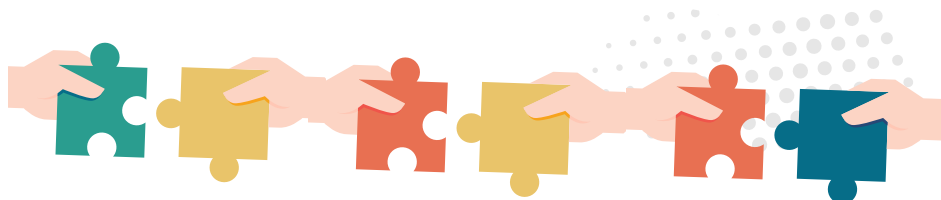
International Working Group on Gender Equality (IWGE), co-chaired by BiH Agency for Gender Equality and UN Women, provides a vehicle for practically engaging all the international community and is central in UN Women's efforts to ensure **gender mainstreaming** across a span of international partners. Thematic quarterly meetings allow for space to discuss efforts on tackling violence, joint normative priorities, as well as to incorporate the gender equality perspective in the programming of **international partners**.

Coordination with gender mechanisms

Coordination with institutional gender mechanisms is conducted through quarterly meetings with both **entity and state gender institutional mechanisms**. UN Women's main objective is to support gender mechanisms in their responsibility for monitoring and implementation of international norms and standards – **influencing gender mainstreaming in the policy** of line ministries across the three governments and supporting implementation of **normative standards** in practice.

Coordination with civil society

Women's rights CSOs were essential to establishing specialized services to support survivors of violence, and UN Women seeks to support their **capacities, influence, and internal coordination** with the aim of supporting CSOs organizational capacity and functional link with government, increasing their engagement and influence on **normative, policy and practice**.



UN Women supports Bosnia and Herzegovina to achieve gender equality, and works with governments and civil society organizations to design laws, policies, programmes and services needed to implement international gender equality commitments.



Key partners

- ▶ Embassies of Spain, Norway, Netherlands, Greece, United States, United Kingdom, France, Switzerland, Austria, Italy, Finland, Japan, China, Sweden and Diplomatic Office of Belgium in Sarajevo

- ▶ OSCE
- ▶ Council of Europe
- ▶ EU Delegation
- ▶ EUFOR
- ▶ NATO
- ▶ RCC
- ▶ USAID
- ▶ GIZ
- ▶ KFW
- ▶ TIKa
- ▶ World Bank
- ▶ IFC
- ▶ IMF
- ▶ EBRD

- ▶ UN agencies: FAO, IFAD, ILO, IOM, RCO, UNDP, UNECE, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNEP, UNESCO, UNODC, UN Women, and WHO

- ▶ Gender institutional mechanisms: BiH Agency for Gender Equality, Federation BiH Gender Center, Republika Srpska Gender Center

- ▶ CSO members of Safe Network and Women's Network

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Our results

- Ensured cohesion between UN Country Team (UNCT) and international community over **joint gender equality and women's empowerment (GEWE)** priorities to be pursued and advocated for.
- GEWE topics successfully streamlined in **communications activities** at UN level through UN Women participation in the UN Communications Group.
- UN Women supported design of the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (**UNSDCF**) 2021-2025 ensuring gender sensitive indicators are reflected in the Framework.
- UN Women facilitated first ever **System Wide Assessment of Progress (SWAP)** comprehensive assessment with active participation of all Gender Theme Group members.
- **Gender Mainstreaming Action Plan** is designed using all 15 indicators from SWAP and can measure progress in UNCT accountability to GEWE.
- First ever **gender parity survey** was conducted in UNCT BiH as well as depository of gender resources.
- UN Women facilitated **development of policy briefs** following targeted discussions with civil society namely around implementation of Women, Peace and Security agenda, progress on SDG5 and state of play of women human rights defenders.

And many more...



Generation Equality Action Coalitions (ACs) led by UN Women BiH

▶ Gender Based Violence AC



▶ Economic Justice and Rights AC



Generation Equality Action Coalitions (ACs) supported by UN Women BiH

▶ Bodily Autonomy and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights AC (led by UNFPA)



▶ Feminist Action for Climate Justice AC (led by UNDP)



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