

## BUILDING THE FOUNDATION: SHAPING THE FIRST REGIONAL ACTION PLAN FOR WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY IN CENTRAL ASIA

### Brief N2 - Direct Action Suggestions for the RAP, November 2025

#### Civil Society Perspectives on Driving Change in the WPS Agenda in Central Asia

Central Asian states have demonstrated an increasing commitment to the UN Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1325, a commitment manifested through adoption of National Action Plans (NAPs) and other national policies advancing Women, Peace and Security (WPS) priorities. Across the region, there is growing recognition of the crucial role women play in peacebuilding, and their voices are increasingly being championed in national and regional forums.<sup>1</sup>

In November 2023, the Central Asia Women's Dialogue in November 2024<sup>2</sup> endorsed a call for a Regional Action Plan (RAP) for Women, Peace and Security (WPS). The regional action plan is to ensure that women meaningfully participate and are at the center of peacebuilding, conflict prevention, and recovery efforts across the region, especially mitigating the security impacts of geopolitical tensions, climate change, and social vulnerabilities and gender inequality. This pioneering initiative seeks to catalyze transformational change by promoting women's equal and meaningful participation across the four pillars of the WPS agenda.

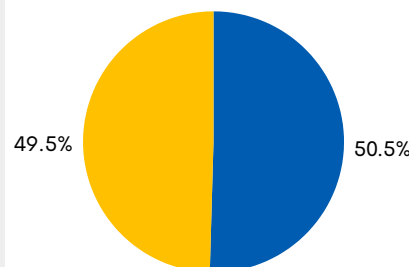


#### What change the RAP on WPS seeks to create

**Critical Priorities:** The WPS-RAP is designed to promote full participation of women in building lasting peace and stability and accelerate progress across the four pillars of WPS:



A series of civil society consultations were facilitated by UN Women ECARO to ensure an inclusive, transparent, and regionally owned development process for the regional action plan. The consultation identified four high-impact priority areas, namely, **Youth engagement and Social Norm Change; Direct Financial and Economic Support; Ending Violence Against Women and Strengthening Access to Justice and Accountability; Women-led Prevention and Mitigation of Risks of Natural Resource Conflicts.**

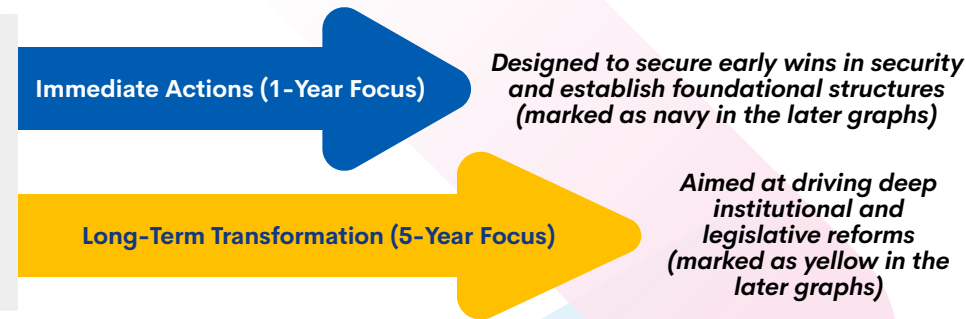


To date, total of 220 CSO representatives have participated the consultations with **50.5%** (111) being **youth representatives**. Participation across the five countries Kazakhstan (36), Kyrgyzstan (48), Tajikistan (33), Turkmenistan (40) and Uzbekistan (42). The rest where from other neighbouring countries.

1). UN Women, *Women Leaders Gather in Bishkek to Address Peace and Security Challenges in Central Asia and Afghanistan (2024)*. Available at: <https://eca.unwomen.org/en/stories/media-advisory/2024/10/women-leaders-gather-in-bishkek-to-address-peace-and-security-challenges-in-central-asia-and-afghanistan>  
 2). *Central Asia Women's Dialogue*: <https://ca-women.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/final-statement-of-the-dialogue-of-women-of-central-asia.pdf>

### Concrete action suggestions distributed by the WPS Pillars

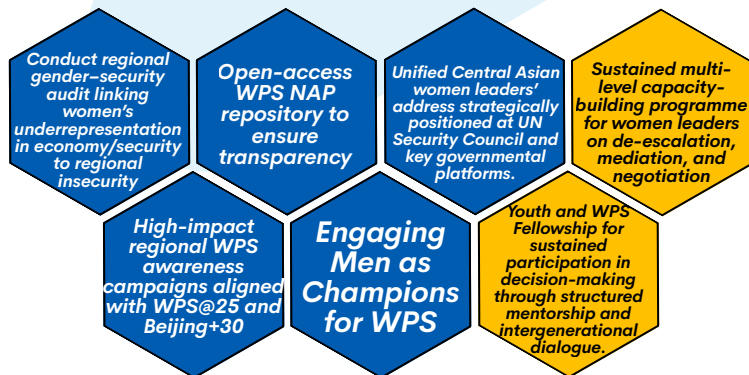
The consultations culminated in a comprehensive and actionable set of recommendations spanning the four WPS pillars. Initial discussions generated 135 diverse action suggestions, which have been strategically consolidated into 62 core action recommendations aiming to address all key issues raised. These 62 actions recommendations are categorized by timeline and aligned with the four central priority areas identified.



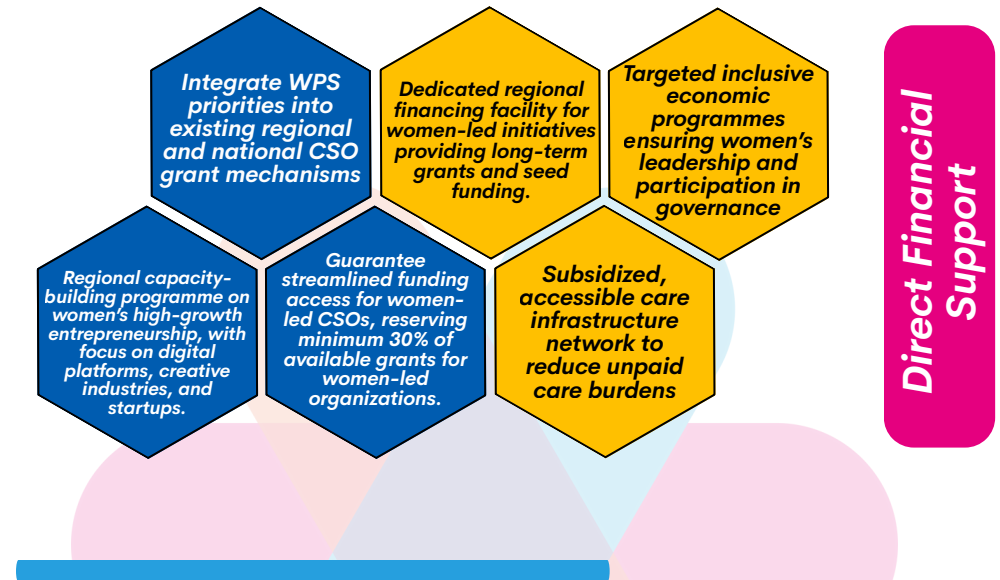
All recommendations are directly connected to our four key priorities: Youth Engagement and Social Norm Change; Direct Financial and Economic Support; Ending Violence Against Women and Strengthening Access to Justice and Accountability; and Women-led Prevention and Mitigation of Natural Resource Conflicts.

### 62 Consolidated Action Suggestions (from the total 135)

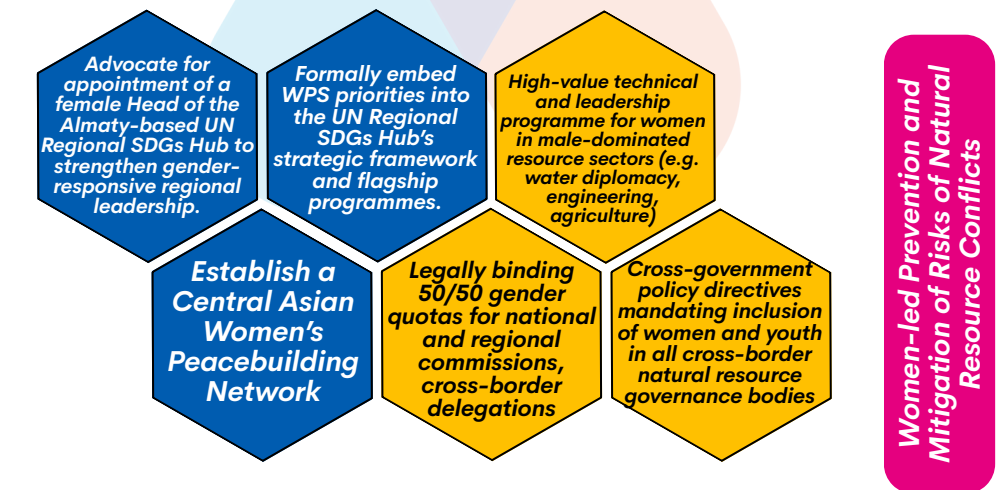
#### 1. Participation - Consolidated Action Points (19)



Youth Engagement and Social Norm Change



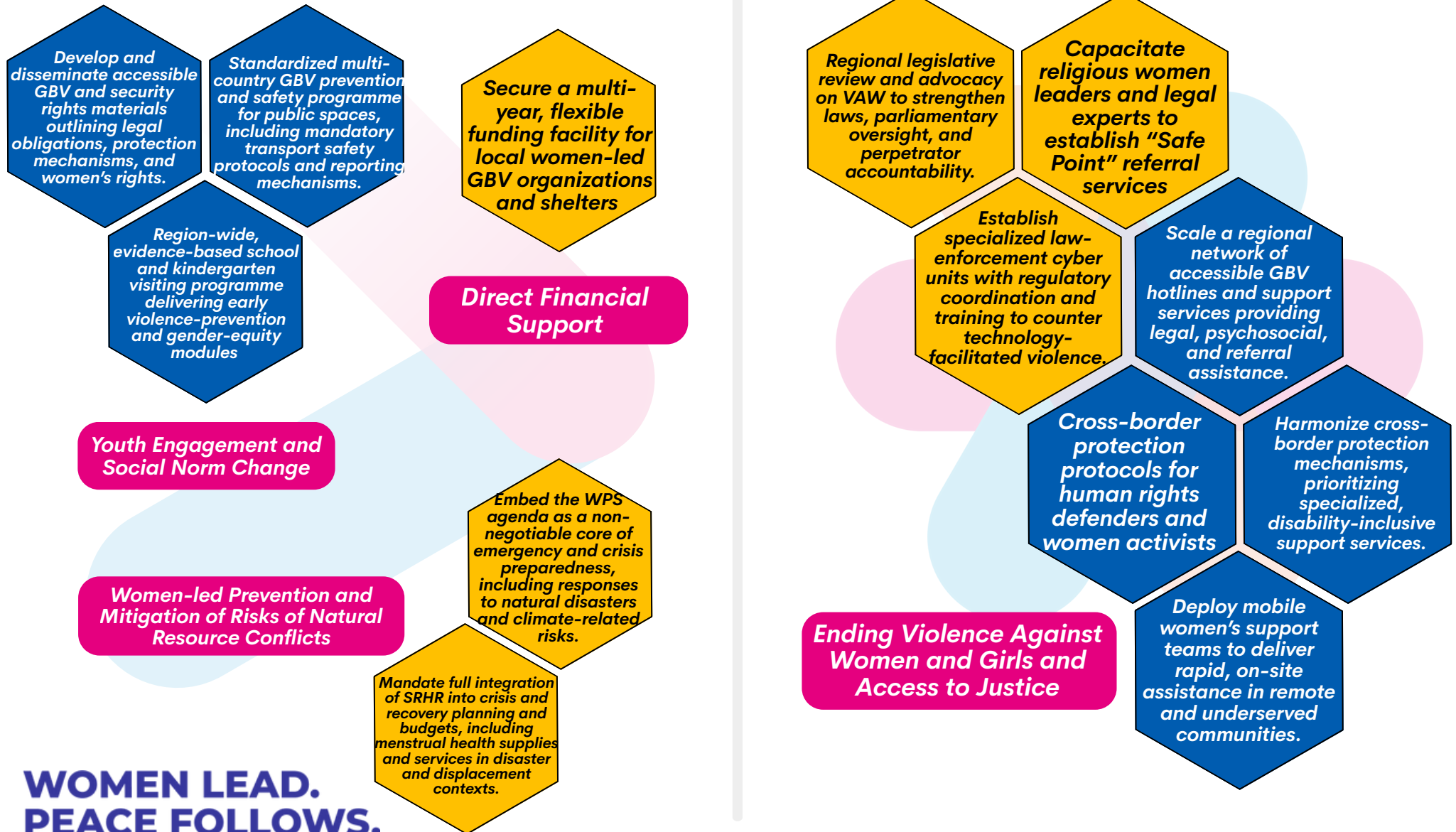
Direct Financial Support



Women-led Prevention and Mitigation of Risks of Natural Resource Conflicts

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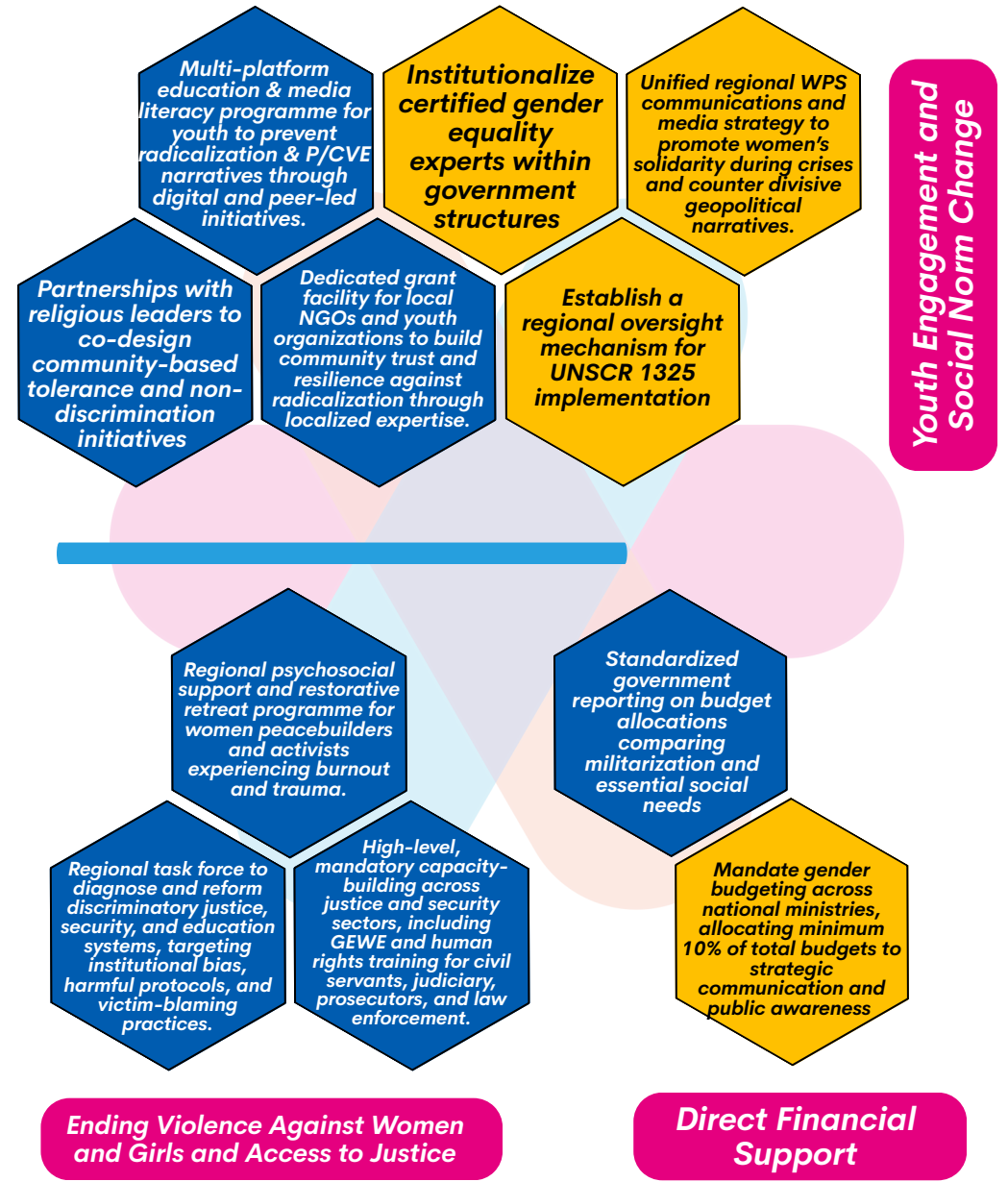
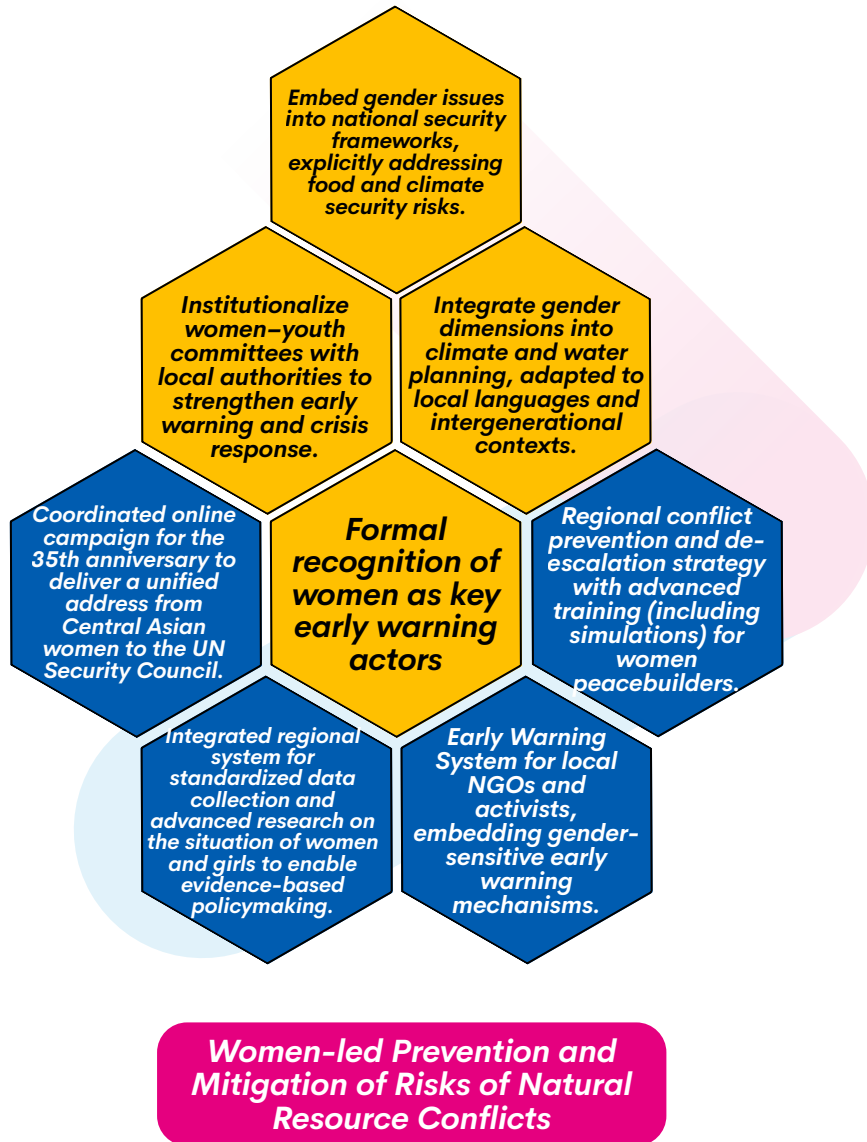
2. Protection - Consolidated Action Points (13)



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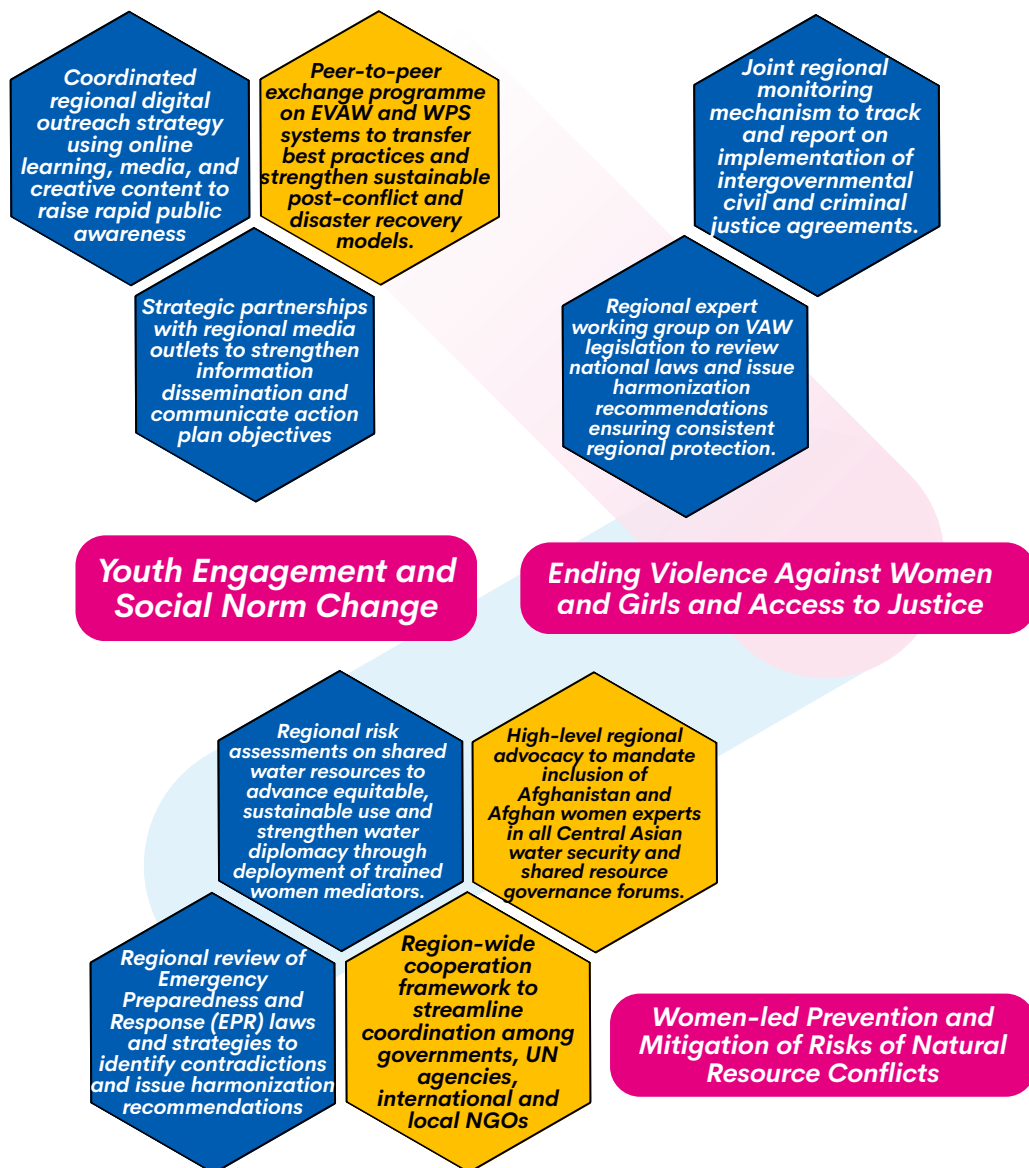
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3. Prevention - Consolidated Action Points (19)



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#### 4. Relief and Recovery - Consolidated Action Points (11)



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We invite all partners – state and interstate institutions, civil society, youth networks, academic institutions, and development actors – to contribute to the development of Central Asia’s first RAP WPS. Your insights, expertise, and partnership are essential to ensure the RAP reflects regional priorities and drives meaningful, inclusive change.

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