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STRENGTHENING CIVIL SOCIETY CAPACITIES AND MULTI-STAKEHOLDER PARTNERSHIPS TO ADVANCE WOMEN'S RIGHTS AND GENDER EQUALITY IN TURKEY PROJECT

Project Duration: 3 years (1 April 2021- 31 March 2024)

Project Budget: 4,455,957.25 Euros

Contribution to UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework between the Government of Turkey and the United Nations 2021-2025:

Outcome 1.2 - By 2025, women and girls have improved and equal access to resources, opportunities and rights, and enjoy a life without violence and discrimination

Contribution to UN Women Global Strategic Plan 2022-2025:

Outcome 1 – Global Normative Frameworks, and Gender Responsive Laws, Policies and Institutions;

Outcome 5 – Women’s Voice, Leadership and Agency;

Outcome 6 – Production, Analysis and Use of Gender Statistics and Sex-Disaggregated Data and Knowledge

The ‘Strengthening Civil Society Capacities and Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships to Advance Women’s Rights and Gender Equality in Turkey’ project will help women’s rights groups, women-led civil society organizations (CSOs) and other relevant rights-based CSOs improve their capacity to influence national and local women’s rights and gender equality agendas. Working with civil society actors as knowledge partners, implementing partners and advocates, UN Women Turkey will help enhance their access to capacity development opportunities and resources.

The European Union is financing this project under the Civil Society Facility and Media Programme. UN Women Turkey support will include technical assistance and grants for networking, knowledge and experience sharing, capacity development, data- and evidence-based advocacy and for empowering partnerships with public institutions, local authorities and academic institutions. Given the disproportionate social and economic impacts that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on women and girls, UN Women Turkey will give attention to addressing its challenges.

PROJECT'S EXPECTED RESULTS:

RESULT 1:	<p>CSOs will have increased resources and capacities to advance the rights of women and girls in three thematic areas: eliminating violence against women and girls, increasing women's access to justice and human rights mechanisms, and advancing women's economic empowerment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Up to 30 CSOs will be awarded small grants (up to \$30,000) to strengthen their institutional capacities and systems.• Grantees will benefit from a wide range of networking, dialogue and coalition-building platforms and events.• The small-scale grants will be awarded following an open call for applications.• National and local joint projects will be implemented in the three thematic areas to address gender inequalities, exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. The projects will be implemented in partnership with CSOs to be selected through an open call for proposals.• Capacity development programmes will be implemented in the areas of gender-responsive climate action, crises response and disaster risk reduction.
RESULT 2:	<p>UN Women Turkey will increase CSO's access to and expertise in gender-responsive research and data generation for use in programming and evidence-based advocacy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A comprehensive research will be conducted, exploring rural women's priorities and needs from a rights-based perspective. The resulting analysis will inform policymaking and advocacy efforts to ensure that rural women enjoy and benefit from equal rights, resources, and services.• CSO's evidence-based advocacy efforts will be enhanced by implementing capacity development programmes in technical areas (e.g., gender-responsive data analysis, gender analysis and data literacy).• Skills of media professionals and university students will be enhanced to collect, read and use gender data and statistics.
RESULT 3:	<p>For gender equality advocates that represent diverse groups -particularly youth and those in marginalized and vulnerable positions, the project will support and increase opportunities to share knowledge, network, partner and jointly advocate for gender equality and women's empowerment at the local, national, regional and global levels.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A 'Gender Equality Academy' will be established in cooperation with an academic institution which will develop and offer high-quality training content on women's empowerment and gender equality.• Training opportunities will be offered to people interested in mainstreaming these perspectives in their personal, academic, or professional lives. Diverse target groups include media professionals, private-sector actors, students, young women and men, and CSO representatives.• Needs-based and demand-driven technical and financial assistance will be provided to platforms and networks to create joint spaces, agendas and coalitions for civil society activists and women's rights and gender equality advocates. Support will include technical assistance, event organization, travel, translation services, publication guidance and other services.• Technical and facilitation assistance will be provided, such as help with preparing discussion platforms and reports, organizing joint meetings, in order to strengthen dialogue between the government and CSOs. This assistance will focus on intergovernmental, national and local processes, platforms and frameworks, such as the Commission on the Status of Women, the Periodic Review by the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women, the High-level Political Forum, the Generation Equality Forum, as well as relevant local and national action plans.• UN Women Turkey will facilitate forums, consultations, help establish and support existing information- and experience-sharing platforms that bring together women, men, girls and boys from different generations in order to enable dialogue for gender equality across generations.• Logistics and technical support will be provided to CSOs in order to ensure their representation and effective participation in gender equality-focused national, regional and international platforms, initiatives, conferences and events.

PROJECT GOVERNANCE:

The annual Steering Committee will provide high-level strategic guidance for project implementation and for overall project efficiency, effectiveness and coherence. Representatives from CSOs, UN Women's implementing partners, relevant public and academic institutions will comprise the biannual Advisory Board. The Board will facilitate contacts between different groups in multi-stakeholder communication, in strengthening dialogue between the government and CSOs and foster joint learning and experience exchanges. UN Women will hold the secretariat and chair of both bodies.

