GENDER SCORECARD INDICATOR 1.2 GOOD PRACTICE - SRI LANKA

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UNCT in Sri Lanka

UN presence in Sri Lanka

- 22 UN Agencies operate in Sri Lanka, coordinated by the Resident Coordinator's Office. Most function as full Country Offices, and a few operate as Advisory Offices/ Programme Presences (or similar equivalents).

- Gender + the UN in SL

GTG: Was revived in 2021, with UN Women's technical leadership on the Scorecard Assessment and investment in a Gender Coordination Officer

Programming in Sri Lanka

- Until 2022, Sri Lanka had been shifting from conflict/ humanitarian context to a development context.

- Following the recent economic crash and crisis [2022], the UN has begun to shift back towards humanitarian programming alongside high level policy- oriented work.

- Work on GE is mainstreamed across agencies, and programming to some extent, but still working towards full equitable programming and greater investment.

Scoring criteria: 1.2 Gender Equality Mainstreamed in UNDAF/UNSDCF Outcomes

APPROACHES MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS	MEETS MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS	EXCEEDS MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS
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- **<u>UNSDCF 2018 – 2022</u>** - Last Scorecard Assessment on Indicator 1.2 [2020, Comprehensive Assessment] : ***Approaches Minimum Requirements***
- **<u>UNSDCF 2023 – 2027</u>** – *[Will meet minimum requirements; exceeding requirements will depend on the assessment of the IAT]*

UNSDCF 2023 – 2027

The UNSDCF has 6 outcomes under **4 Strategic Priorities**, which are:

1: Inclusive and Equitable Human Development and Wellbeing

2: Resilient and Green Recovery And Growth For Shared Prosperity and Environmental Sustainability

3: Social Cohesion and Inclusive Governance & Justice

4: Gender Equality

- **Outcome 1**: By 2027, more people in Sri Lanka, particularly the most vulnerable, access and benefit from equitable, resilient, gender-responsive and quality social services with enhanced wellbeing and dignity.

- **Outcome 2**: By 2027, more people in Sri Lanka, particularly youth and the most vulnerable, have equitable, decent, just work and income opportunities, and benefit from and contribute to inclusive, gender-transformative, resilient and green-led economic recovery, growth and diversification.

- **Outcome 3**: By 2027, more people and communities in Sri Lanka, especially the vulnerable and marginalized, are more resilient to climate change and disaster risks, have enhanced water and food security, and equitably benefit from ambitious climate action and increasingly sustainable management and protection of the environment and natural resources.

- **Outcome 4**: By 2027, people in Sri Lanka, particularly the most vulnerable, have increased trust and confidence to claim and benefit from enhanced, non-discriminatory, gender-responsive, participatory and efficient governance and justice systems and rights-based development.

- **Outcome 5**: By 2027, the people of Sri Lanka live in a society which is more cohesive and strengthened by transformative and rights-based processes and mechanisms which support peaceful coexistence and human rights for all.

- **Outcome 6**: By 2027, women and girls enjoy and are empowered to exercise their full rights, representation, and agency over all aspects of their lives, and live free from discrimination and violence.
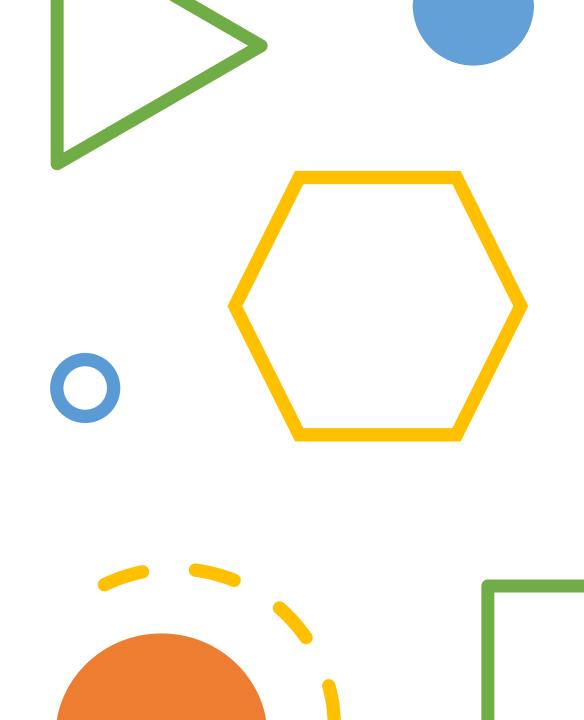
UNSDCF 2023 – 2027

Includes one Strategic Priority + Outcome on Gender Equality

The outcome identifies three priority areas:

i. Women in leadership
ii. Women's economic empowerment
iii. Ending violence against women

Areas of UN support include

- Government: Strengthening institutional and policy frameworks + gender responsive budgeting + government capacity

- Society: Social dialogue and awareness + transformation of norms,

- Individual: Empowerment of women – particularly from marginalized groups.

Internal Challenges
[re. GEWE outcome]

- **Before establishing a standalone outcome on Gender Equality**

   i. Self-critique by the UNCT in anticipation of State dismissal/ disapproval

   ii. Assuming the approach of previous UNSDCFs from the outset [i.e., regarding gender mainstreaming]

- **After establishing a standalone outcome on Gender Equality**

   i. De-prioritization of streamlining gender equality throughout the other outcomes

   ii. Division of indicators in areas of overlap

LESSONS LEARNT

1. STRENGTHEN ENABLING FACTORS

- **GTG**: sustained and normative participation

- **Dedicated coordination position**: to support inter-agency coordination + neutral technical input

- **RCO/ UNCT**: maintain Gender Equality as a key area of engagement in bilaterals and UNCT meetings

- **CCA**: strong analysis around Gender Equality

- **Investment**: in programming on gender, joint resource mobilization, capacity development of gender focal points and technical officers.

2. COORDINATE WITH MULTIPLE STAKEHOLDERS

INTERNAL

- **Gender-focused agencies** [UN Women + UNFPA]

- **Resident Coordinator's Office**

- **Gender Theme Group + Gender Coordination Officer**

EXTERNAL

- **Government counterparts**

- **CSO counterparts**

LESSONS LEARNT

3. IDENTIFY ENTRY POINTS FOR ADVOCACY

INTERNAL

- **Gender scorecard requirements**
- **QCPR**
- **UN Secretary General's priorities**
- **CCA**
- **Gaps in previous approaches** [gender mainstreaming]

EXTERNAL [Government]

- **Alignment with Government manifesto**

- **Recommendations by CEDAW**

- **Known Gender Priorities (e.g., WEE]**

4. COORDINATE + ADVOCATE THROUGHOUT THE PROCESS

- **Common Country Analysis** [foundation for standalone outcome on GEWE]

- **Theory of Change** [flags GEWE as a key target change]

- **Strategic Priority** (or equivalents) [symbolic prioritization]

- **Outcome** [centralizes planning and programming]

- **M+E framework** [strengthens and centralizes monitoring + results]