



# UN WOMEN ASIA PACIFIC

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## OUR WORK IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

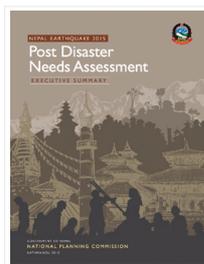
### NEPAL'S EARTHQUAKE



Women, men, girls and boys experience the impact of disasters in different ways. In Nepal, women, in particular single women, female-headed households, women with disabilities and older women, report discrimination in access to relief and information. *Read Gender Equality Bulletin Special Issue – One Month on... ▶*

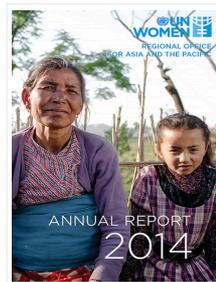
Women's groups prepared a Common Charter of Demands which calls for women's equal representation and leadership in shaping and implementing the humanitarian relief, recovery and reconstruction efforts in the aftermath of the Nepal earthquakes. *Read more... ▶*

UN Women works closely with the National Planning Commission of the Ministry of Women, Children and Social Welfare to ensure women's perspectives and needs are reflected and taken into account in the Post-Disaster Needs Assessment process. *Read more... ▶*

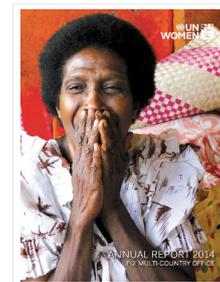


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UN Women Asia and Pacific has reached the most marginalized women and girls across 32 countries in the region. A range of approaches were used to advocate for gender equality, partnering with government programmes to advance women's rights; support women's movements in influencing policy decisions; encourage more contributions from men as gender equality advocates; and advocate for increased investment to support gender equality. The Annual Reports highlight this work.

## PROGRESS OF THE WORLD'S WOMEN REPORT



### ■ ASIA-PACIFIC

The report provides in-depth analysis and key recommendations for actions that governments and other stakeholders can take in moving towards an economy that works for women, to the benefit of all society. *Read more...▶*

## GENDER-RESPONSIVE PLANNING AND BUDGETING

UN Women's mainstreaming work with governments includes capacity development for government officials to design, implement and monitor gender responsive plans and budgets at the national and sub-national levels and equitable access to productive resources.



### ■ TIMOR-LESTE

Census data collectors and messengers sensitized on gender issues *Read more...▶*

## WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP IN PEACE AND SECURITY, AND DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

Girls and women are some of the most affected populations during conflict or disasters. Yet they are often under-represented in peace negotiations and disaster response initiatives. UN Women works closely with governments and other actors in the region to ensure their active participation and involvement.



### MYANMAR

Government officials review UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security. [Read more...](#)



### BANGLADESH

Women teach lessons of resilience and adaptation to climate change in Bangladesh. [Read more...](#)



### VANUATU

Female vendors receive support to re-open market destroyed by the Cyclone Pam. [Read more...](#)

## WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION

Changing political culture, addressing structural impediments as well as eliminating restrictive gender norms are all necessary to assure social inclusion and democratic space for women.



### INDIA

UN Women's Fund for Gender Equality supports local organizations to train women leaders in rural areas on information and communication technologies. [Read more...](#)



### SAMOA

Women in Samoa empowered and better prepared to participate in politics. [Read more...](#)

## PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

All offices seek to improve the policy response with a focus on law enforcement and regulatory mechanisms, as well as deepening political and institutional commitments for preventing, protecting and punishing violence against women and girls.



### ASIA-PACIFIC

Young activists from Asia-Pacific receive training for the prevention of violence against women and girls. [Read more...](#)



### THAILAND

Young Burmese refugees learn about gender-based violence on training programme supported by the UN Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women. [Read more...](#)



### INDIA

A 'smart city' must also be safe for women and girls, says minister at Safe Cities global meeting. [Read more...](#)



### PAPUA NEW GUINEA

A new comprehensive community education initiative to end violence against women and children in Bougainville was launched in April, funded by the Secretary-General's Peacebuilding Fund. [Read more...](#)



### LAO PDR

Collaborating with the MoES to work with youth to end violence against women and girls. [Read more...](#)

## CEDAW AND HUMAN RIGHTS

UN Women supports UN Member States as they set global standards for achieving gender equality, and works with governments and civil society to design laws, policies, programmes and services needed to implement these standards.



### CAMBODIA

A series of dialogues for civil society members and parliamentarians on CEDAW was organized with the Cambodian National Council For Women. [Read more...](#)

## WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

UN Women's work focuses on supporting evidence-based policy for inclusive development, comprehensive social protection systems, decent work and equitable access to productive resources.



### ■ SOLOMON ISLANDS

Female vendors receive support to make markets safer, cleaner and more productive. [Read more...](#) ▶



### ■ PAKISTAN

Seventeen CEO's commit to improve women's conditions in the workplace. [Read more...](#) ▶

## UN SYSTEM COORDINATION

UN Women leads, promotes and coordinates efforts across the UN system to advance the full realization of women's rights and opportunities.



### ■ ASIA-PACIFIC

A joint study with UNESCO reviews the situation of women journalists and gender equality in the media, 20 years after the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. [Read more...](#) ▶

## ADVOCACY AND OUTREACH

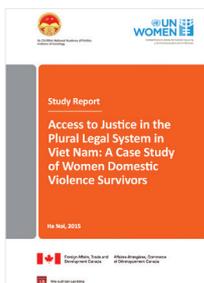
### HeForShe

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The global solidarity movement for gender equality HeForShe continues to generate waves of support in the region.



## PUBLICATION AND VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS



Access to Justice in the Plural Legal System in Viet Nam: A Case Study of Women Domestic Violence Survivors



Inclusive Cities. Toward gender equality, youth empowerment, and non-discrimination (Afghanistan)



Women, Peace and Security (WPS) - YES! Learning Pack (Timor-Leste)



Training manual, A rights-based approach to Gender and Climate Change (Bangladesh)



Lao Vice-Minister of Education and Sport calls to stop the silence on violence against women and girls

More publications from the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter are available here [▶](#)

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