



UN WOMEN ASIA PACIFIC

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR VISITS THE PHILIPPINES



United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of UN Women, Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, visited the Philippines to promote gender equality and women's rights within a regional context. During her visit, the Executive Director announced ADB and UN Women will work together on a collaborative study to track the progress of Asia and the Pacific in realizing gender

equality. Her mission included meetings with members of the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) and the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW).

During her visit to Quezon City, the Executive Director welcomed the city to UN Women's Safe Cities Global Initiative. She also had the opportunity to meet members of the civil society and reiterate UN Women's disposition and willingness to continue working together for gender equality. Lastly, Mlambo-Ngcuka participated in the event "Economies that Work for Women" which highlighted key messages from UN Women's flagship report "Progress of the World's Women: Transforming Economies, Realizing Rights". [Read more...](#)

ASIA-PACIFIC MEMBER STATES COMMIT TO GENDER EQUALITY



On 27 September, the Global Leaders' Meeting on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment: A Commitment to Action, co-organized by UN Women and the Chinese Government, resulted in unprecedented political support at the highest level for gender equality and the empowerment of women. Governments made concrete commitments to ensure women and girls can reach their full potential by 2030. Among 80 Member States globally that made commitments, 20 are from the Asia-Pacific region. [Read more...](#)

NEW UN WOMEN OFFICE OPENS IN TOKYO



JAPAN

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzō Abe and UN Women Executive Director Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka officially inaugurated the new UN Women Liaison Office in Tokyo, located in Bunkyo City. [Read more...](#)

A WOMEN'S RIGHTS ACTIVIST

ROKEYA KABIR

"Bangladeshi women should be independent, they should be entitled to the same benefits as men as equal citizen such as inheritance, pension and care for women and equal pay.

That is what we will continue to fight for" says Rokeya Kabir, a women's rights advocate from Bangladesh. [Read more of her story...](#)



WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION



■ SAMOA
Journalists, students and potential political candidates empowered to participate in upcoming elections. [Read more...▶](#)



■ PAKISTAN
Youth speaks out for political and economic empowerment. [Read more...▶](#)



■ BANGLADESH
Creating a network of democratic capacity builders in Bangladesh. [Read more...▶](#)



■ CAMBODIA
Girls and boys get trained on gender issues in preparation for the national election process. [Read more...▶](#)

GENDER-RESPONSIVE PLANNING AND BUDGETING



■ VIET NAM
Officials from the Ministry of Defense receive training on gender equality. [Read more...▶](#)



■ TIMOR-LESTE
Government and partners estimate costs of services needed by women and children affected by violence. [Read more...▶](#)



■ MALDIVES
Gender Equality and women's empowerment are priority in Maldives' new development framework. [Read more...▶](#)

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



■ BANGLADESH
Women lead the way on building resilience against climate change. [Read more...▶](#)

WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT



■ VANUATU
Female market vendors recover from Cyclone Pam and benefit from improvements in their workplace. [Read more...▶](#)



■ BANGLADESH
Women migrant workers help each other to migrate safely and overcome stigma. [Read more...▶](#)



■ LAO PDR
Government develops plan to empower women migrant workers. [Read more...▶](#)

PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS



■ PACIFIC
Civil society has a new tool to design projects to end violence against women and girls. [Read more...▶](#)



■ VIET NAM
Youth use social media to prevent and combat violence against women. [Read more...▶](#)



■ CAMBODIA
Youth mobilizes to advance gender equality and prevent violence against women and girls. [Read more...▶](#)



■ PAPUA NEW GUINEA
Girls and women travel safer, thanks to innovative transport solution. [Read more...▶](#)



■ PAKISTAN
University students compete to create solutions for safe transportation of women and girls. [Read more...▶](#)

NORMATIVE FRAMEWORK FOR GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT



■ CAMBODIA
Cambodia moves forward to ensure gender equality in decision-making processes. [Read more...](#) ▶



■ INDONESIA
National human rights groups get trained to reduce gender-based discrimination. [Read more...](#) ▶

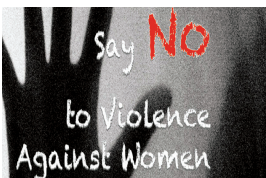


■ VIET NAM
Government commits to improve the lives of Vietnamese women under CEDAW. [Read more...](#) ▶

ADVOCACY AND OUTREACH



■ CHINA
Valencia CF joins Beijing Royal School to promote gender equality. [Read more...](#) ▶



■ BANGLADESH
New campaign aims to create safer campuses for women and girls. [Read more...](#) ▶



■ ASIA-PACIFIC
International sport federations commit to combat violence against women and girls. [Read more...](#) ▶

RESPONSE TO NATURAL DISASTERS



■ NEPAL
Reaching out to survivors of violence in post-earthquake Nepal. [Read more...](#) ▶

UN SYSTEM COORDINATION



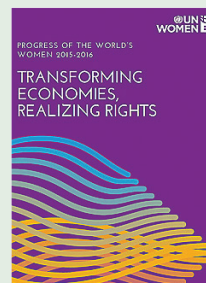
■ ASIA-PACIFIC
Asian Development Bank and UN Women announce joint study to track progress on Gender Equality in Asia. [Read more...](#) ▶



■ ASIA-PACIFIC
UN Agencies call for ending violence and discrimination against Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex People. [Read more...](#) ▶

PROGRESS OF THE WORLD'S WOMEN REPORT

Key findings of the report "Progress of the World's Women 2015-2016: Transforming Economies, Realizing Rights" continue to be disseminated throughout the region:



■ PAKISTAN



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■ PHILIPPINES



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Progress of the World's Women 2015-2016: Transforming Economies, Realizing Rights is *now available in Vietnamese* ▶

HeForShe

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



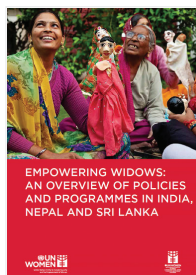
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How to design projects to end violence against women and girls

INDIA



Empowering Widows: An Overview of policies and programmes in India, Nepal and Sri Lanka

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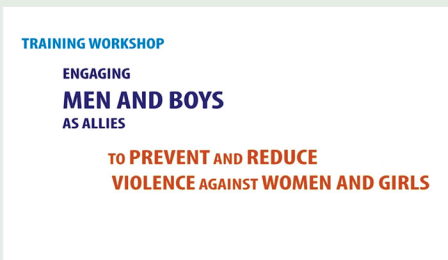
VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS

BANGLADESH



Women and climate change

VIET NAM



Engaging men and boys as allies to end Violence against women

CHINA



VCF and UN Women First joint event in Beijing

More videos from the 3rd quarter are available [here](#) or visit our website [here](#)... ►

WOMEN AND THE SDG's



GLOBAL GOALS

Women and girls make up more than half the world's population — and they are on the frontlines — often more deeply impacted than men and boys by poverty, climate change, food insecurity, lack of healthcare, and global economic crises. Their contributions and leadership are central to finding a solution.

With the new global 2030 roadmap and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), we take a look at how women are affected by each of the 17 proposed SDGs, as well as how women and girls can — and will — be key to achieving each of these goals. [Read more...](#) ►



WHY GENDER EQUALITY IS THE MOST CRITICAL OF ALL THE GLOBAL GOALS?

“We know now that without gender equality and a full role for women in society, in the economy, in governance, we will not be able to achieve the world we hoped for. These are the changes for which governments have repeatedly signed their support, with international protocols on non-discrimination, and on different aspects of rights and global goods. To date, that support has not been felt all the way through society; consequently results have fallen short of aspiration.”

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