COMPACT ON WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY AND HUMANITARIAN ACTION (WPS-HA)

Ambitious global action which places women at the forefront of peace, security and humanitarian action #ActForEqual



REALIZING WOMEN'S RIGHTS FOR AN EQUAL FUTURE







In partnership with civil society and youth



WHAT NEEDS TO CHANGE?

Women and girls remain significantly excluded from formal and informal peace processes and in the planning and implementation of humanitarian response plans.

The economic needs of conflict and crisis affected women are often absent from response plans which hinders the ability of communities to survive and recover.

A lack of funding has posed a serious obstacle to the implementation of WPS commitments and the empowerment of women and girls in humanitarian action.

Women and girls face harmful gender norms, shrinking civic space and intersecting forms of discrimination which prevent their equal participation and leadership in peace, security and humanitarian action.

Women and girls in conflict and crisis situations are at increased risk of human rights violations. This inhibits their ability to benefit from, meaningfully participate in, and lead efforts around peace and security and humanitarian action.

WHAT IS THE WPS-HA COMPACT?

The WPS-HA Compact is an inter-generational, inclusive global movement for action on existing commitments in women, peace and security and gender equality in humanitarian action.

More than twenty years after the adoption of the Beijing

Declaration and Platform for Action (1995) and UN Security Council resolution 1325 (2000), the WPS-HA Compact calls for the redesign of peace and security and humanitarian processes to systematically and meaningfully include women and girls – including peacebuilders, refugees, other forcibly displaced and stateless women and girls – in the decisions that impact their lives.

The WPS-HA Compact and corresponding Framework builds on years of work on women, peace and security and humanitarian action.

The Framework has been **collectively developed in a multi-stakeholder format** with inputs from Member States, UN entities, civil society organizations and youth networks, private sector and academia, and participants at the Generation Equality Forum in Mexico in March 2021.

The Compact Framework lays out a comprehensive approach to help signatories **realize existing commitments**, with a focus on financing and increased monitoring and assessment of progress. It also **improves coordination** on joint areas of action at the global, regional, national and local level.



DEVELOPMENTOF THE COMPACT

The Compact Framework was developed by representatives from more than **50 stakeholders** including Member States, UN entities, regional organizations, civil society organizations and youth networks.

The working groups have sought to:



INTEGRATE the peace-humanitarian-development nexus



REFLECT the experiences and needs of young women, indigenous and minority groups, persons with disabilities, LGBTQI, forcibly displaced women and girls



IDENTIFY the pressing gaps within the peace and security and humanitarian sectors



DETERMINE transformative and achievable actions

Compact signatories can take in the next five years



BOARD MEMBERS of the WPS-HA COMPACT

UN Member States

- Ireland
- Namibia
- Norway
- Sierra Leone
- United Arab Emirates

UN Entities

- Department of Peace Operations
- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Regional Organizations

Office of the African
 Union Commission
 Special Envoy on WPS

Civil Society Organizations & Networks

- Afghan Youth Ambassadors for Peace Organization
- African Centre for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes
- Feminist Humanitarian Network
- Global Network of Women Peacebuilders
- Karama
- Réseau Paix et Sécurité pour les Femmes de l'Espace CEDEAO



CATALYTIC MEMBERSof the WPS-HA COMPACT

UN Member States

- Canada
- Estonia
- Finland
- Germany
- Spain
- Sweden
- Uruguay

UN Observer State

Palestine

UN Entities

- Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs
- United Nations Development Programme

Regional Organizations

 Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe

Global Partnership Entity

Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund

Civil Society Organizations & Networks

- Gender Action for Peace and Security
- Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict
- International Civil Society Action Network
- Our Generation for Inclusive Peace
- People Beyond Borders
- Women's International League for Peace and Freedom
- Women's International Peace Centre
- Women's Refugee Commission
- WO=MEN Dutch Gender Platform



THEMATIC ISSUE AREAS OF THE WPS-HA COMPACT





FINANCING the WPS agenda and gender equality in humanitarian programming



Women's meaningful PARTICIPATION in peace processes



Women's
ECONOMIC
SECURITY, access
to resources and
other essential
services



PROTECTION of women in conflict and crisis contexts, including women human rights defenders



LEADERSHIP
AND AGENCY
across peace,
security
and humanitarian
sectors

Women's

HOW TO BECOME INVOLVED IN THE WPS-HA COMPACT?

BECOME A SIGNATORY!



SIGNATORIES WILL:

Select transformative actions across the thematic issue areas of the WPS-HA Compact

Actively engage in the implementation and monitoring of the WPS-HA Compact over the next five years

Mobilize other stakeholders around the WPS-HA Compact

WHO CAN BECOME A SIGNATORY?

Governments

Women's organizations and movements and civil society actors

Youth organizations and networks

Private sector entities and philanthropic organizations



UN entities

Other international or regional organizations

Academic, think-tank, research institutions

WHAT TYPE OF INVESTMENT IS EXPECTED?

Financial investments

Advocacy investments

Policy investments

Programmatic investments





BECOME A SIGNATORY

STEP Review the Compact Framework

STEP Select one or more actions from one or multiple thematic issue areas

STEP Identify possible partners to collaborate on actions

Outline the level of investment that will be made to implement actions

STEP Go to <u>www.wpshacompact.org</u> and register your actions

WE NEED REAL ACTION, NOT JUST PROMISES.

CHOOSE ACTIONS AND INVESTMENTS WHICH CAN BE REALIZED IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.



THANK YOU!

The next five years can be a landmark for gender equality but only if we #ActForEqual

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