

# The EU Gender Action Plan III Moving forward with implementation

GAPIII Structured Dialogue with civil society and local authorities' organisations on 1 December 2022

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# Moving forward with GAPIII implementation

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  - A strategy for gender mainstreaming in EFSD+ operations
  - Working as Team Europe
  - Partnership with Civil society / Women Rights Organisations
- ☐ Gender Transformative Approach and Intersectionality
- Evaluation and Reporting

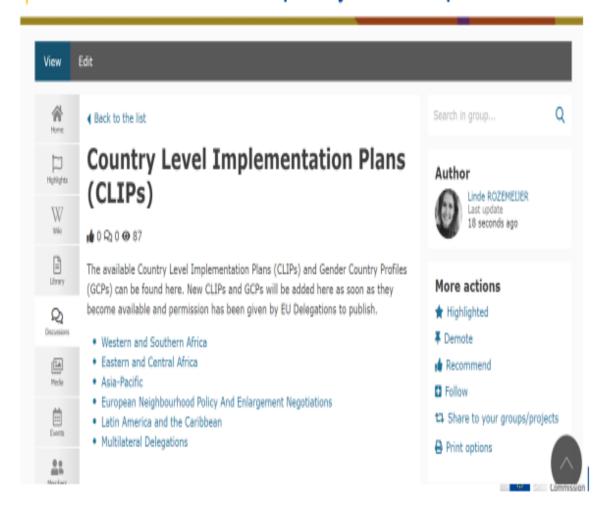


## **GAPIII Country-level implementation plans**

- 130 EUDs have set-up a country level-implementation plan (CLIPs) in collaboration with EU Member States
- 92 EU Delegations new/updated gender country profile (GCP) by EU Delegations
- 81 EU Delegations new gender sector analysis
- 7 countries adopted a joint programming related document which integrates gender equality (out of 7)



### GAPIII: CLIPs on Capacity4Development





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# 2021 – EU actions and funding with gender equality as a significant or principal objective

Applying the OECD gender equality policy marker,

- 70% of new actions have gender equality as significant (G1) or principal (G2) objective
- Volume of funding for G1 and G2 actions: EUR 9 263 million committed (73% of total funding)
- 4% of new actions have gender equality as <u>principal objective</u> (EUR 243 million, 2% of total funding)



# Examples of actions with gender equality as a significant objective (G1 actions)

Rwanda: Supporting inclusive, gender-sensitive and environmentally sustainable agricultural policies, including women's access to services and participation in decision-making processes

**Sri Lanka**: Strengthening social cohesion and peace through resilience and capacities of communities and institutions to prevent and counter violence, intersectional discrimination and exclusion

Latin American and the Caribbean Investment Facility (LACIF): Targeting human rights and gender-responsive private sector development, the action fosters sustainable, inclusive economic recovery and poverty alleviation.





Action in Cameroon: Support to civil society for gender equality, peace and support to displaced people in crises affected regions

Improve civic space and the legal and institutional frameworks

Strengthen protection of displaced people, resilience, social cohesion and peace dialogue

Support women rights organisations and defenders and civil society organisations

Gender equality and support to women's organisations

Supporting people affected by conflict in the North West and South West regions

**Partnership with Cameroonian civil society** 



# A strategy for gender mainstreaming of blending operations and guarantees

Integrate gender mainstreaming and HRBA into processes

Value gender equality and human rights as material to investment outcomes

Empower financial officers and gender and human rights experts to implement the EU policy mandates

Collaborate to develop new approaches to advance gender equality and human rights



### Working as Team Europe – operational level

Several TEIs specifically target gender equality

- Regional Sub-Saharan Africa:
  - Sexual and reproductive health and rights In Sub-Saharan Africa: with 10 EU MS participating. More than EUR 800 M mobilised / targeting adolescents and young women
  - Investing in Young Business in Africa: focus on women entrepreneurs
- Zimbabwe: Gender equality through women's empowerment
- Uganda: <u>Demography and social inclusion</u>
- Morocco: Egalité de genre



#### Political dialogues and multilateral efforts

- Political and policy dialogue on gender equality took place in 94 countries in 77 countries jointly with EUMS, involving often women's rights organisations.
- At international level, the EU and EU-MS joined forces (G7, Gender equality Forum, Afghanistan, Ukraine etc.), WPS agenda, gender in humanitarian actions or in trade policy.



#### Better and more inclusive dialogue with WRO and CSO





+8400 CSOs were consulted by EUDs in 2021, of which 17% were WROs



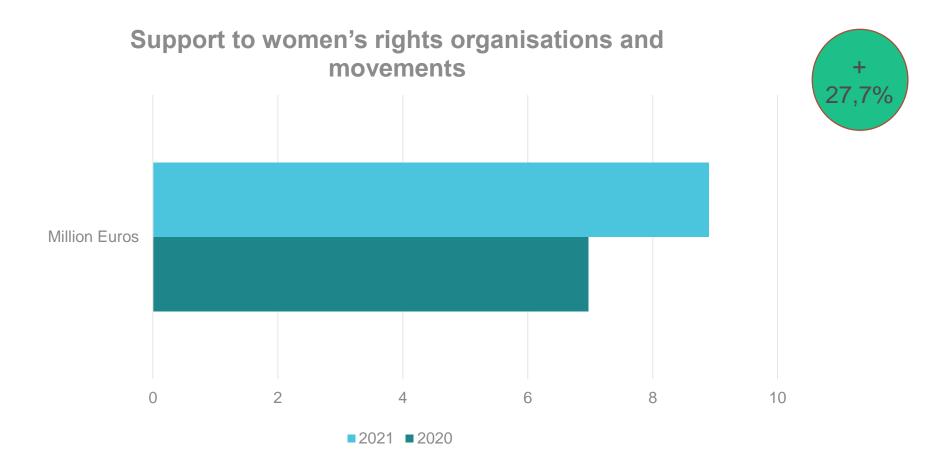
All EUDs (but Iran)
organised consultations
with WROs and CSOs
advancing GEWE for the MIP
2021-2027



Over 80% EUDs organised consultations with CSOs for the CLIP/GAP III in 2021



# Supporting Women's Rights and Feminist Organisations and Movements





# Study - Working better together with CSOs to address gender inequality and champion women and girls' voice and agency

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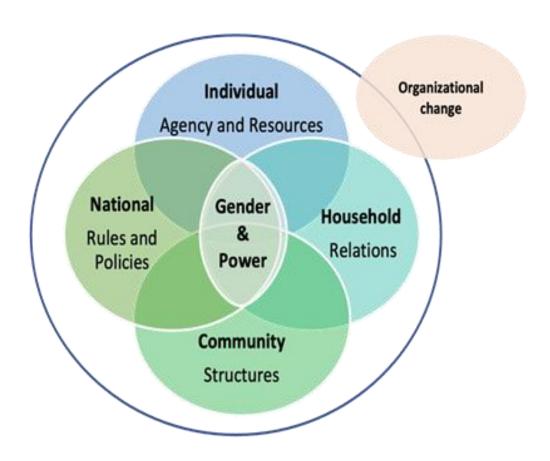


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### Towards a gender-transformative approach



- Multilayered approach at multiple dimensions

   personal, household, community and national
   while also investing in organisational culture change
- Building women's agency and resources, addressing discriminatory power relations, transforming exclusionary social structures and changing institutional rules and policies that perpetuate inequality.
- Engaging with civil society promoting gender equality, with a focus on women rights organisations



# Addressing intersectionality

#### The Youth for Health (Y4H) initiative

- A three-year initiative co-funded by the EU and implemented by a consortium of civil society organisations working with and for adolescents,
- To expand access to life-changing adolescent sexual and reproductive healthcare and rights (ASRHR)
- With a focus on reaching the poorest and most marginalised adolescent girls, including those with disabilities, in rural and hard-to-reach areas of Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, and Zambia.



14/102022 Launch of the Youth for Health (Y4H) project at the Sierra Bay Conference Hall Aberdeen in Freetown.



## Leading by example

- Around 1000 persons were trained on GAP III (including some EU MS staff)
- Gender Focal Persons:
  - HQ: 236 in place, 65% with their role of GFP in job description
  - EU Delegations: 141 in place, 37,5% with their role of GFP in job description
- Gender balanced management:
  - EC: 48% of senior managers are women in external action services (HQ and EU Delegations)
  - Heads of EU Delegations: 30,20% women



### Taking stock ....

- Mid-term evaluation on the implementation of the Gender Action Plan III - focus on country level engagement and women's economic empowerment - draft report foreseen in March 2023
- Mid-term progress report on GAP III implementation to be released in autumn 2023



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