

# Accountability Factsheet: Generation Equality Commitments Contribute to Peace and Security for Women and Girls

## For All Women and Girls – Peace and Security

In 2023, global peace declined for a fifth consecutive year resulting in 612 million women and girls living within 50 kilometers of at least one of 170 armed conflicts, an increase of 41 per cent since 2015. The Women, Peace and Security and Humanitarian Action (WPS-HA) Compact is an intergenerational, inclusive movement for bold action on gender equality and to advance the leadership and protection of women and girls in crisis and conflict-affected situations. In 2023, Compact signatories spent US\$ 1.5 billion reaching almost 25 million women and girls to implement actions related to financing, participation, economic security, leadership and protection. Marking this year as the 25th anniversary of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security, Compact signatories along with Commitment Makers maintain their commitment for action towards a safer world for women and girls.

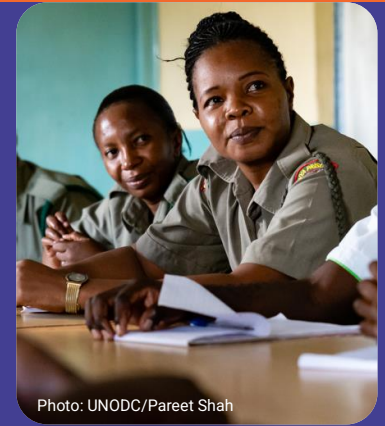
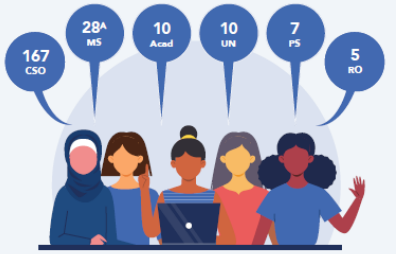


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## WPS-HA Compact Commitments to Peace and Security

### CURRENT SIGNATORIES

The WPS-HA Compact has six stakeholder groups including Member States, regional organizations, United Nations entities, civil society organizations, academic and research institutions and the private sector.



CSO: civil society organization; MS: member states; Acad: academic/research institution; UN: United Nations entities; PS: private sector; RO: regional organization



**54% of Compact signatories:** Indicated that their work to advance gender equality for women and girls was impacted by conflicts and crises, however only 10 per cent of signatories stopped their activities altogether.

Globally, the top 5 countries or territories of overall implementation as reported by signatories were:

- Ukraine
- South Sudan
- Colombia
- Afghanistan
- Sudan

More than two in five signatories (43 per cent) intensified or expanded their actions, implementing in new countries or territories where they had not previously implemented, including Afghanistan, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, the Occupied Palestinian Territory and Ukraine.

In 2023, signatories spent at least US\$ 1.2 billion to finance WPS and gender-responsive humanitarian action, US\$ 166 million towards protection, US\$ 76.6 million towards leadership, US\$ 46.5 million to support women's participation in peace processes, and US\$ 7.1 million to ensure economic security.

### SUPPORT BY THEMATIC AREA



## Top 10 Geographic Locations of New or Intensified Implementation



## SHOWCASED PRACTICES

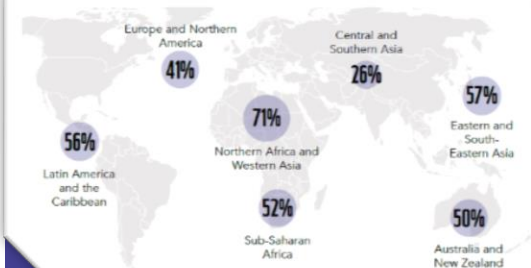
### Germany Advances Inclusive Humanitarian Action with Gender-Age-Disability Marker (Germany)

Germany, as a WPS-HA Compact Signatory, ensures humanitarian projects funded by the Federal Foreign Office are gender-sensitive and consider age and disability. By 2025, 85% of project funding must be gender-sensitive, 8% gender-transformative, and all humanitarian assistance fully gender-sensitive. The gender-age-disability marker helps achieve these goals by prioritizing projects with strong local partnerships, especially with women-led organizations.

### Women and Youth Lead Peacebuilding in Mali's Mining Regions (Mali)

To ease tensions between gold mining and local communities, Compact signatory Search for Common Ground launched peace clubs in four regions. These bring together youth, elders, and local leaders, ensuring women—who form nearly half of the artisanal mining workforce but lack decision-making power—play a key role. In 2023, the initiative trained 3,000 young peacebuilders under 35, equipping women with conflict mediation and leadership skills, earning them newfound respect in their communities.

## Regions Most Affected by Conflict and Crisis for AC Commitment Makers



## Strong overlap between actions taken by Compact Signatories and Action Coalition Commitment Makers



of Commitment Makers have self-reported taking actions linked to the WPS-HA Compact impact areas.

Most Commitment Makers **protect and promote women's human rights** in conflict and crisis.



Globally



of organizations' implementation of commitments/actions are affected by conflict and humanitarian crisis



of youth-led organizations



of civil society organizations are affected by conflict and humanitarian crisis

This factsheet was produced by Generation Equality in March 2025 using data from the 2024 Commitments Reporting Survey, and the WPS-HA Compact. More information on the WPS-HA Compact can be found at [www.wpscompact.org](http://www.wpscompact.org). Contact us at [GEF-Accountability@unwomen.org](mailto:GEF-Accountability@unwomen.org).