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- UN Women’s Humanitarian Strategy, prepared in consultation with EB members and other stakeholders, defines its coordination and leadership role in promoting gender equality and women’s empowerment in humanitarian action.

- The strategy contributes to achieving UN Women’s Strategic Plan (2014-2017) Impact 4 - Peace and security and humanitarian action are shaped by women and men’s equal leadership and participation.
UN Women’s Work at the Global Level (1/2)

Normative
- SG’s 2014 Report on CSW Resolution 56/2 Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment in Natural Disasters;
- “Impact of Gender Equality Programming on Humanitarian Outcomes” study completed and presented to ECOSOC Humanitarian Affairs Segment.
- Co-Chair of IASC Gender Reference Group and Secretariat support.
- Preparation for the 2016 World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

Inter-agency Support
- Active member of GenCap Steering Committee;
- Active participant in Preparedness and Resilience Task Team;
- Support to the Gender Marker review process;
- Development of PDNA Gender Chapter and regional training rollout.

UN Women’s Work at the Global Level (2/2)

Technical Support
- Field support missions to South Sudan, Kenya, Jordan.
- Technical support to programmes in DRC, Colombia, Uganda and Cameroon.
- Technical support to UN Women’s humanitarian response in Iraq, Tajikistan and the Ebola outbreak;
- Deployment to the PDNAs in the Balkan – BiH and Serbia;
- UN Women’s internal surge capacity mechanism, including SOPs initiated.
UN Women’s Work in the Field

- **South Sudan**: Comprehensive gender analysis to inform Humanitarian Strategic Response Planning.
- **Occupied Palestinian territories**: Capacity building of women’s organisations for inclusion in humanitarian coordination.
- **Iraq**: Psycho-social services that addresses the ongoing violence and specific needs of women.
- **Jordan**: Women friendly spaces "Oasis" for Syrian women refugees.
- **DRC**: Assisting women and girls displaced by conflict through GBV survivor services, community mobilization and livelihood support.
- **Cameroon**: Providing assistance to survivors of SGBV in three refugee camps in the Eastern Central African Republic.
- **Uganda**: Conducting gender analysis to better integrate gender equality in humanitarian programming for South Sudanese refugees.

UN Women – OCHA Partnership

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**Goal**: To advance gender equality programming in humanitarian action through:

- Strengthened **gender responsive and informed** humanitarian action that meets the needs and concerns of women and men of different ages;
- **Joint HCT strategies promoting collective action** for inclusive and active participation of women, men, boys and girls;
- **Enhanced capacities and skills of humanitarian actors** that promote and utilize evidence based programming.
UN Women – OCHA Partnership (2/2)

- **Six countries** identified: Pakistan, oPt, Central African Republic, South Sudan, Colombia.
- **UN Women** deployed **national gender and humanitarian specialists (NoC):** DRC, South Sudan, Pakistan, Colombia.
- **Gender Advisors** in Palestine, South Sudan, Syria, Iraq and potentially CAR
- **NorCap partnership:** support in Jordan, Gaza and South Sudan and potentially Cameroon.
- **UN Women - OCHA MoU** in Pakistan being implemented
- **UN Women deploying Gender Expert to the World Humanitarian Summit Secretariat effective October 2014.**
- **UN Women – OCHA regional training** beginning in Asia and Pacific.

Next Steps

- **UN Women** has requested **“standing invitee” membership** to the IASC.
- Roll out of the **UN Women and OCHA partnership initiative.**
- **Mobilize resources** and partners to implement the humanitarian strategy.
- Continue to work within humanitarian system to **ensure accountability to policy and operational commitments** made to gender equality and women’s empowerment.
- Sustain country efforts through continuous **support to civil society organizations, women’s groups and women’s machinery.**