



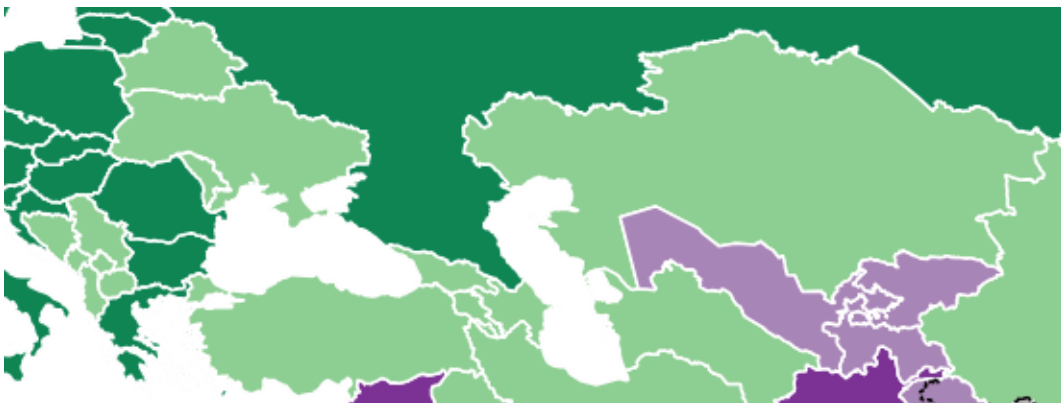
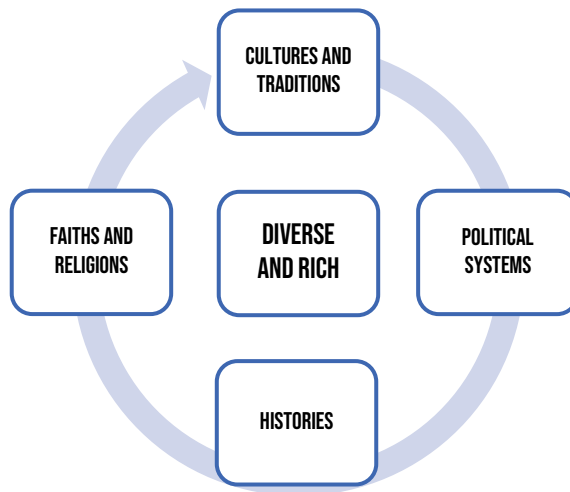
UN WOMEN'S WORK IN EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA

EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA
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ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL DIVERSITY



- Low income
- Lower middle income
- Upper middle income
- High income

FUNDING PARTNER	TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS
MPTF Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office United Nations pooled fund	\$51,942,943
Sweden OECD-DAC donor	\$51,234,710
Germany OECD-DAC donor	\$39,829,096
Finland OECD-DAC donor	\$32,036,433
Norway OECD-DAC donor	\$30,939,673
European Commission OECD-DAC donor	\$23,503,594
Switzerland OECD-DAC donor	\$23,317,548
Australia OECD-DAC donor	\$22,433,338
Japan OECD-DAC donor	\$21,041,581
Canada OECD-DAC donor	\$20,658,657

OPPOSING DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS IN THE REGION

WESTERN BALKANS AND SOUTH CAUCASUS

DECLINING BIRTH RATE

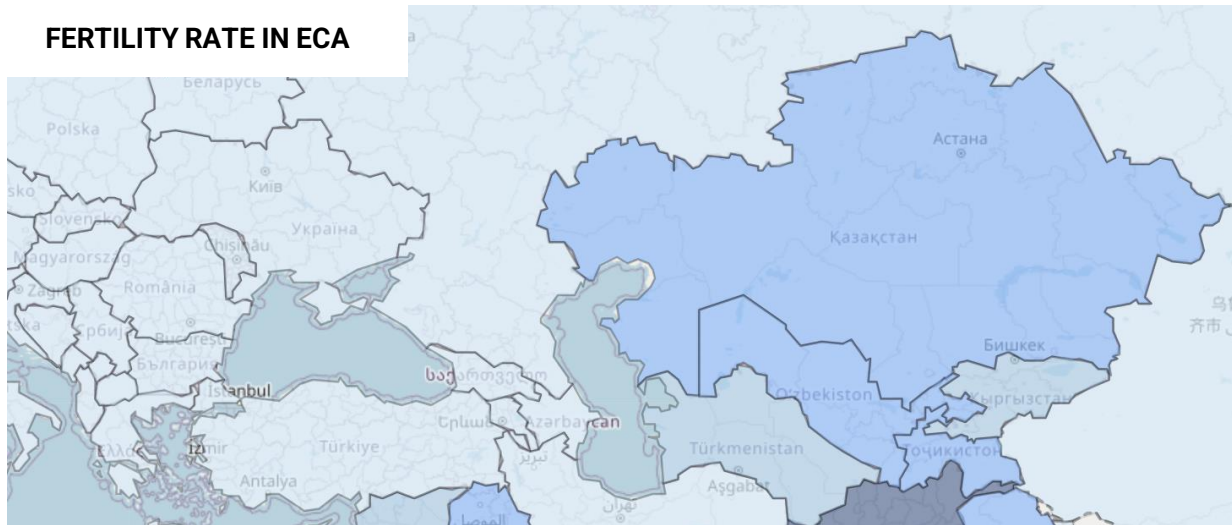


Aging population



Youth and skilled worker **outmigration**

FERTILITY RATE IN ECA



CENTRAL ASIA

HIGH BIRTH RATE



Youthful population



Rapid urbanization



Internal migration pressures



PROGRESSES AND CHALLENGES FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS IN EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA



WOMEN'S POLITICAL PARTICIPATION

31.6% of parliamentarians are women.



WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

Women still perform **2.5X** more unpaid care work than men.



GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

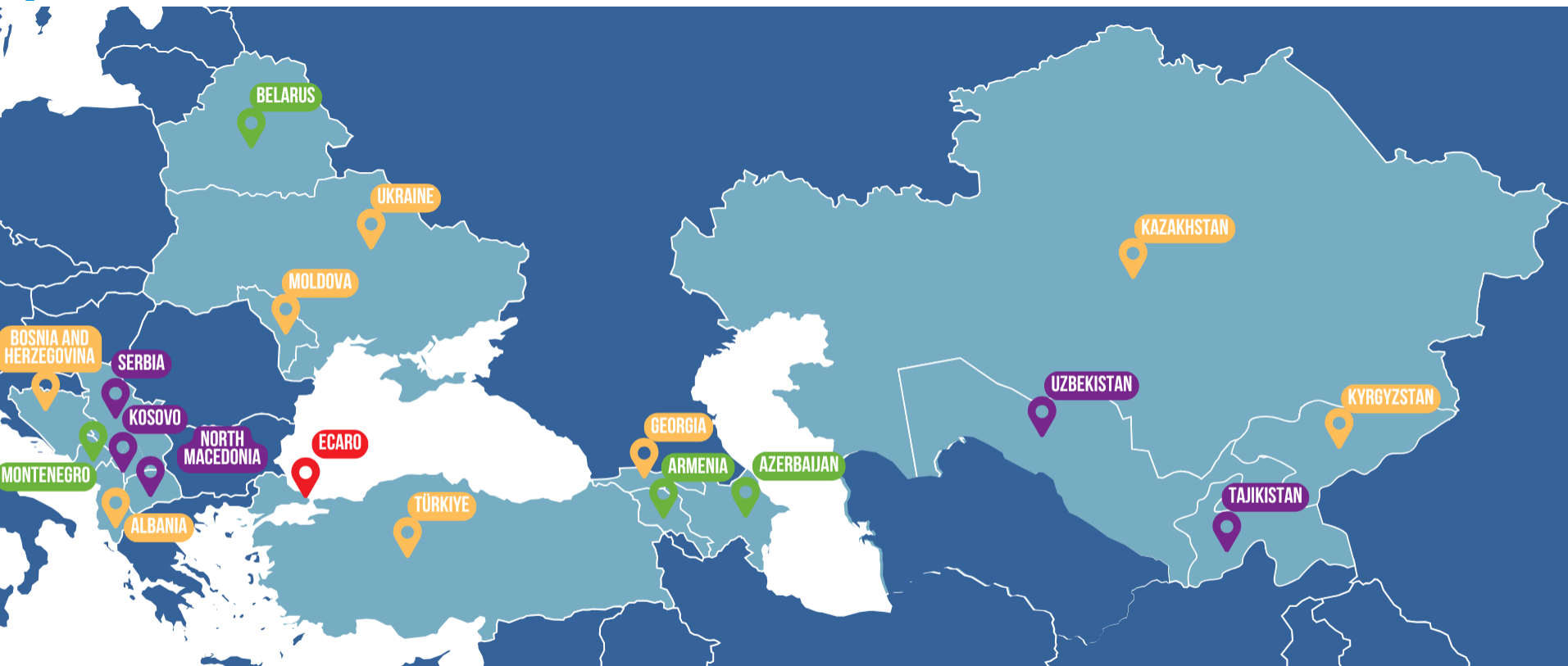
24 million women experienced physical or sexual violence.



WOMEN, PEACE, AND SECURITY

7 million Ukrainian refugees.

UN WOMEN IN EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA





KEY RESULTS (2024)

INTERGOVERNMENTAL/NORMATIVE AGENDA:

BEIJING
+30 



95%

95% of UNECE
Member States
participated with
60% at the
ministerial level



High level **political
commitments**



Key themes raised include:

- Implementation gaps
- Impact of war and conflicts
- Migration
- Unpaid care work
- Ending violence against women



KEY RESULTS (2024)

GENDER GOVERNANCE



Built capacity with ministries in **11 countries**



GRB institutionalized in the legal frameworks of **5 countries**, namely, **Albania, North Macedonia, Serbia, Türkiye and Kosovo**¹



Counting Femicide project delivered **first-ever femicide estimates in Central Asia**



15 of 18 countries reporting at least **50% of SDG 5 indicators**

1. All references to Kosovo should be understood in full compliance with the UNSCR 1244



KEY RESULTS (2024)

WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION



Hosted CEDAW GR.40 Regional Consultation for inclusive representation



Increased women's political representation in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kyrgyzstan, Serbia, Türkiye, and Uzbekistan



1,300 women entrepreneurs were engaged under EXPO initiative and 620,000 USD were mobilized



7 countries in the region hosted satellite events for women entrepreneurs.



Expanded care work mapping in the Western Balkans, linking to the green economy in 2025



KEY RESULTS (2024)

WOMEN, PEACE, AND SECURITY, AND HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE



82% of UNECE Member States have NAPs



First ever **Regional Humanitarian Strategy**



Supported humanitarian responses in Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Türkiye and Ukraine



Provided accessible legal services to women and girls affected by the earthquakes in Türkiye



KEY RESULTS (2024)

ENDING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN



Supported national governments to fully implement the Istanbul Convention.



6,8 million people were reached through joint programming with UNFPA on transforming social norms and stereotypes in six countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine)



Established a new partnership with the European Commission to combat technology-facilitated violence together with UNDP



Two landmark laws on reparations for sexual violence victims and those affected by armed aggression were signed in Ukraine.



Strengthened national mechanisms and legislation on EVAW in Albania, Moldova and Kazakhstan



KEY RESULTS (2024)

COORDINATION



Ongoing technical support to 12 countries in mainstreaming GEWE in their UNSDCFs (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, North Macedonia, Kazakhstan, Kosovo¹, Serbia, Turkmenistan, Türkiye, and Uzbekistan)

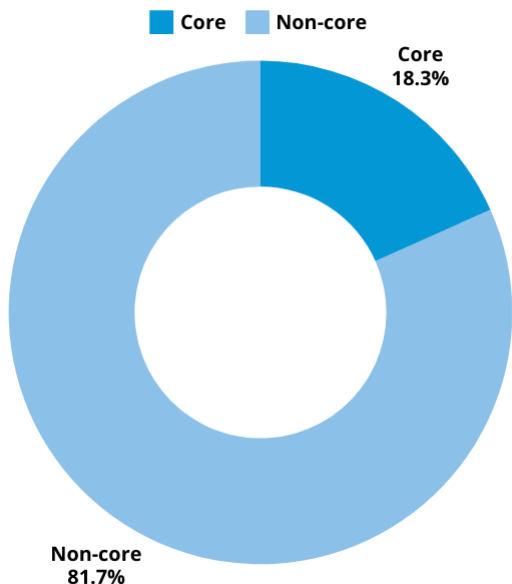


Partnerships with regional bodies and UN family on refugee response, and peace and security efforts (Ukraine Situation Refugee Coordination Forum, UNDP/PA)

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OPERATIONAL DELIVERY

2024 Budget



Total budget: **58.8 million USD**



69.7% of total core funds allocated to COs



99.99% core resource utilization is projected for 2024



Top strategic funding partners:



LOOKING AHEAD: 2025 AND BEYOND

WHAT WE DO: NORMATIVE MANDATE



Enhance synergy across thematic areas to leverage key intergovernmental processes:



UNSCR 1325
WOMEN | PEACE | SECURITY

COMMISSION *on the*
STATUS OF WOMEN



LOOKING AHEAD: 2025 AND BEYOND

WHAT WE DO: PROGRAMMATIC WORK



- **Gender Governance Systems**
- **Comprehensive package** to capitalize on national elections for women's political participation
- **Democracy and Push Forward approach**



- **WPS agenda and Humanitarian and Development Nexus**
- **Strengthen crisis communication** for women and girls in Ukraine



- **Strengthened partnership with private sector** for WEE, Transforming Care Work



- **Ending violence against women and transforming social norms**

LOOKING AHEAD: 2025 AND BEYOND

HOW DO WE IT? - PARTERSHIPS; COORDINATION; COMMUNICATION AND ADVOCACY; ORGANIZATIONAL EFFICIENCY



- **UN Coordination**
- **Leveraging GEAP** at country level
- **Partnership with IBCs** on Gender and Climate
- **EVAW** and **Care Work**



- **Organizational efficiency** and **effectiveness**
- **Pivot to countries**



- **Strategic partnerships** for resource mobilization and high-impact results



- **Streamlined communications** and **advocacy**

← Forward-looking strategic vision and plan →

LOOKING AHEAD: 2025 AND BEYOND

HOW WE DO IT?



WOMEN, PEACE, AND SECURITY

- **Strengthen** WPS agenda
- Focus on **humanitarian-development nexus** and **DRR**
- Implement the **Regional Humanitarian Strategy**
- **Promote collaboration** among women leaders, CSOs and activist



WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

- **Strengthen care economy programming** and **promote good practices** and **focused policy measures**



ENDING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

- **Implement Istanbul Convention commitments** and deliver multi-stakeholder strategies
- **Address harmful social norms** and **emerging forms of violence** (e.g. Online violence)



UN COORDINATION

- **Strengthen the coordination mandate** through platforms like PSG, IBCs, and UNCT
- **Support 12 UNSDCF-developing** countries to ensure gender-responsive frameworks



THANK YOU!