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EU GENDER ACTION PLAN III

Country Level Implementation Plan for West Bank and Gaza (2021-2025)



The European Union and its Member States are vigorously promoting gender equality and women empowerment in their relations with partner countries. The new EU's Action Plan on Gender Equality and Women Empowerment in External Action (2021-2025) is now operational in the West Bank and Gaza Strip

GAP III

GENDER ACTION PLAN III aims to accelerate progress on empowering women and girls, and safeguard gains made on gender equality during the 25 years since the adoption of the Beijing Declaration and its Platform for Action. It aims to contribute to empowering women, girls and young people to fully use their rights and increase their participation in political, economic, social and cultural life.

Vision

The Country Level implementation plan (CLIP) for West Bank and Gaza :

- translates the EU Gender Action Plan III into priorities and actions for WBG, using a rights based approach.
- was prepared by Team Europe (EU Delegation and EU Member States), in consultation with CSOs working on GEWE.

Rationale for the CLIP

The CLIP areas of engagement are based on:

- The European Joint Strategy in support of Palestine (2021-2024), which serves as MIP for Palestine, mainstreams gender throughout all its pillars.
- The national gender-related plans; the findings of the EU commissioned Gender country profile 2018 for WBG; and consultation of civil society organizations, and EU Member States.

Consultation

Different instrument will be used in the implementation of the CLIP:

- Gender mainstreaming
- Targeted actions with support to the Palestinian Authority and to projects designed and implemented by organisations working on gender equality and women organisations
- Dialogue with different stakeholders
- Public diplomacy campaigns

CLIP - Areas of Engagement



Strengthening economic and social rights and empowering girls and women



Ensuring freedom from all forms of gender-based violence (and access to justice)



Addressing the challenges and harnessing the opportunities offered by the green transition and the digital transformation



Promoting equal participation and leadership



Integrating the women, peace and security agenda



Gender mainstreaming and targeted actions

- Screening EU bilateral programmes with a gender lens and continuing to do so to help maximise the role and capacities of women in the design, implementation and evaluation phases of the programmes. The new programmes will also encompass specific actions to empower women.
- Supporting women organisations and CSO projects aiming at women empowerment through various funding programmes (CSO-LA, EIDHR, EUIP). The EU will continue supporting CSO projects with a focus on the priority areas identified in the CLIP.
- EU is preparing one gender targeted action (G2) foreseen to promote gender responsive policies and laws Occupied Palestinian Territory.
- Other EU Member States (+likeminders) support a number of actions targeting women (G2) in thematic areas identified in the CLIP.

Engagement in dialogue for gender equality and women empowerment



- Dialogue engaged with the PA through various platforms: Joint Committees as well as Sub-Committees on Human Rights, good governance and Rule of Law, as well as on Social Affairs and Health. EU and MS will also engage with PA within gubernamental established structures dealing with gender issues.
- Dialogue with national and local CSOs using the framework of the EU roadmap for engagement with civil society 2018-2020.



Public Diplomacy Activities

EU MS and the EU Delegation will use public diplomacy activities to raise awareness on gender equality issues in Palestine, together with the PA, EU Member States and likeminders and CSOs.