GOAL 5: GENDER EQUALITY

Our mission: To end all forms of discrimination against women and girls and to advance gender equality as a driver of economic growth and sustainable development.

KEY PROBLEMS

- Women have lower rates of employment than men, and are paid less for the same job.
- Stereotypical gender roles and traditions such as early marriage continue to harm girls.
- Women-headed households are more vulnerable to poverty.
- Women have less access to decision-making positions than men.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE REGION?

- Each day, women in Central Asia spend 6 hours and 10 minutes on unpaid domestic work while men only spend 4 hours 10 minutes.
- In Turkey and the South Caucasus, women parliamentarians occupy only 15% of seats.
- In the Western Balkans, 1 in 4 women face physical or sexual violence from a current or former partner.
- Across the region, women earn less than two-thirds of men's income.

ACHIEVEMENTS

1. In Kyrgyzstan, we supported the Parliament to widen the existing draft law on prohibiting religious marriages for Uzbeks by including the new law passed in 2016.
2. In Armenia, a joint EU-UNDP initiative gets women involved in local governance. 82 women were elected as heads of community or local council members.
3. In the last 2 years, we helped set up community response services for survivors of domestic violence in 11 municipalities in Albania.

WHAT ARE WE DOING?

- In Serbia, we supported the adoption of standards for NGO services for domestic violence survivors.
- In Moldova, we increased women’s participation in community planning through a business energy initiative.
- In Ukraine, we created 3,600 jobs for women in rural agriculture cooperatives.
- In Turkmenistan, we provided computer training skills for women living with disabilities.
- In the FYR of Macedonia, we partnered with to increase the number of women in parliament from 30 to 40%.
- In Turkey, we are advocating for more public investment in social care services through new research.
- In Georgia, we helped establish the first women-led organic agro-farming cooperatives.