

Annex 1

➤ **The WPHF has three main functions:**

First, it breaks silos between humanitarian, peace, security, and development finance by investing in enhancing women's engagement, leadership, and empowerment across all phases of crisis, peace and security, and development.

Second, it addresses structural funding gaps for women's participation in key phases of crisis, peace and security, and development by improving the timeliness, predictability and flexibility of international assistance. Notably, it will ensure a timely investment in conflict prevention after receipt of early warning signals from women and will accelerate the dispersal of development assistance after successful peace negotiations.

Third, it recognizes that peace cannot be created nor sustained without investment in both the government and civil society organizations. Therefore, the WPHF will improve the coordination and policy coherence of the Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) agenda, by investing in strengthening civil society organizations, particularly in grassroots women's organizations, with the required financial and technical support, as well as supporting government and UN agencies.

The overall goal of the WPHF's theory of change is to achieve peaceful and gender equal societies. Achievement of this goal will require that women are empowered to participate in, contribute to, and benefit from conflict prevention, crisis response, peacebuilding, and recovery.

The WPHF's intervention expects the following six outcomes as part of its theory of change (more information can be found in the Operations Manual, Section 4.1).

Outcome 1: An enabling environment for the implementation of WPS commitment: This can be achieved through evidence-based advocacy and technical support to ensure the adoption of quality, locally relevant accountability frameworks that meet emerging threats and challenges (including violent extremism), and that address attitudinal and cultural biases.

Outcome 2: Women's meaningful participation in conflict prevention: This can be accomplished by promoting favorable attitudes towards women's participation in conflict prevention by the parties to the conflict and local communities, by ensuring that local women's organizations have the capacity to identify and respond to threats by establishing networks, early-warning systems and mechanisms that offer opportunities for dialogue and peaceful engagement, and by connecting women's conflict prevention mechanisms to national and international reporting and response systems.

Outcome 3: Humanitarian/crisis response planning, frameworks and programming which is informed by gender analysis and needs assessments: This requires both the technical tools as well as direct support to local women's organizations to engage effectively in humanitarian planning and programming.

Outcome 4: Conflict resolution: This can be achieved by addressing attitudinal and cultural barriers to women's representation and participation in formal and informal peace negotiations and provision of targeted gender expertise.

Outcome 5: Protection: This can be accomplished by ensuring that women and girls' safety, physical and mental health, and security is assured and that their human rights are respected through measures that prevent acts of violence, facilitates access to services for survivors of violence, and strengthens accountability mechanisms.

Outcome 6: Peacebuilding and recovery investments which benefit women: This can be realized by ensuring that women have the capacity and opportunity to meaningfully participate in recovery planning in order to guarantee that women’s and girls’ specific needs are met in conflict and post-conflict situations.

➤ **The WPHF’s project approbation cycle**

