

# Advancing Gender Equality: In Humanitarian Action in the Arab States Region



The regional results presented in the infographic are based on data from over **10,000 surveys** conducted in **Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine, Syria and Yemen.**

## Close to 470,000 lives reached across 8 countries in the Arab States in 2024

In emergencies, women and girls face greater risks to their safety, dignity, and future: **increased risks of gender-based violence, reduced access to services, forced into harmful coping mechanisms and little say in decisions that impact their lives.**

But they are also the drivers of recovery, holding the key to building stronger, more resilient communities.

Here is how UN Women changed the lives of women and girls across the region through gender-responsive humanitarian assistance



### Economic Empowerment for Sustainable Livelihoods

UN Women's comprehensive programming strengthens women's access to economic opportunities by:

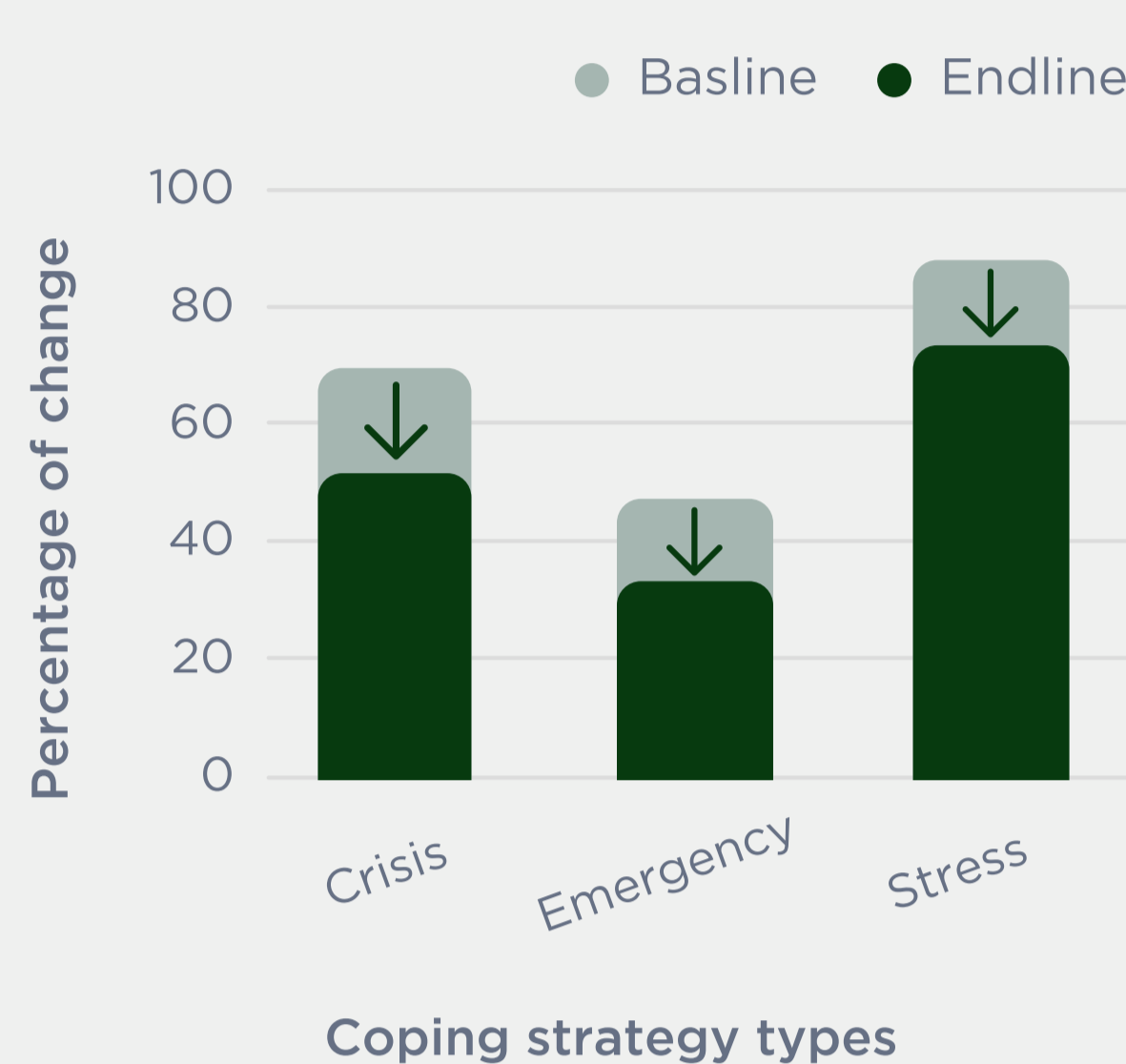
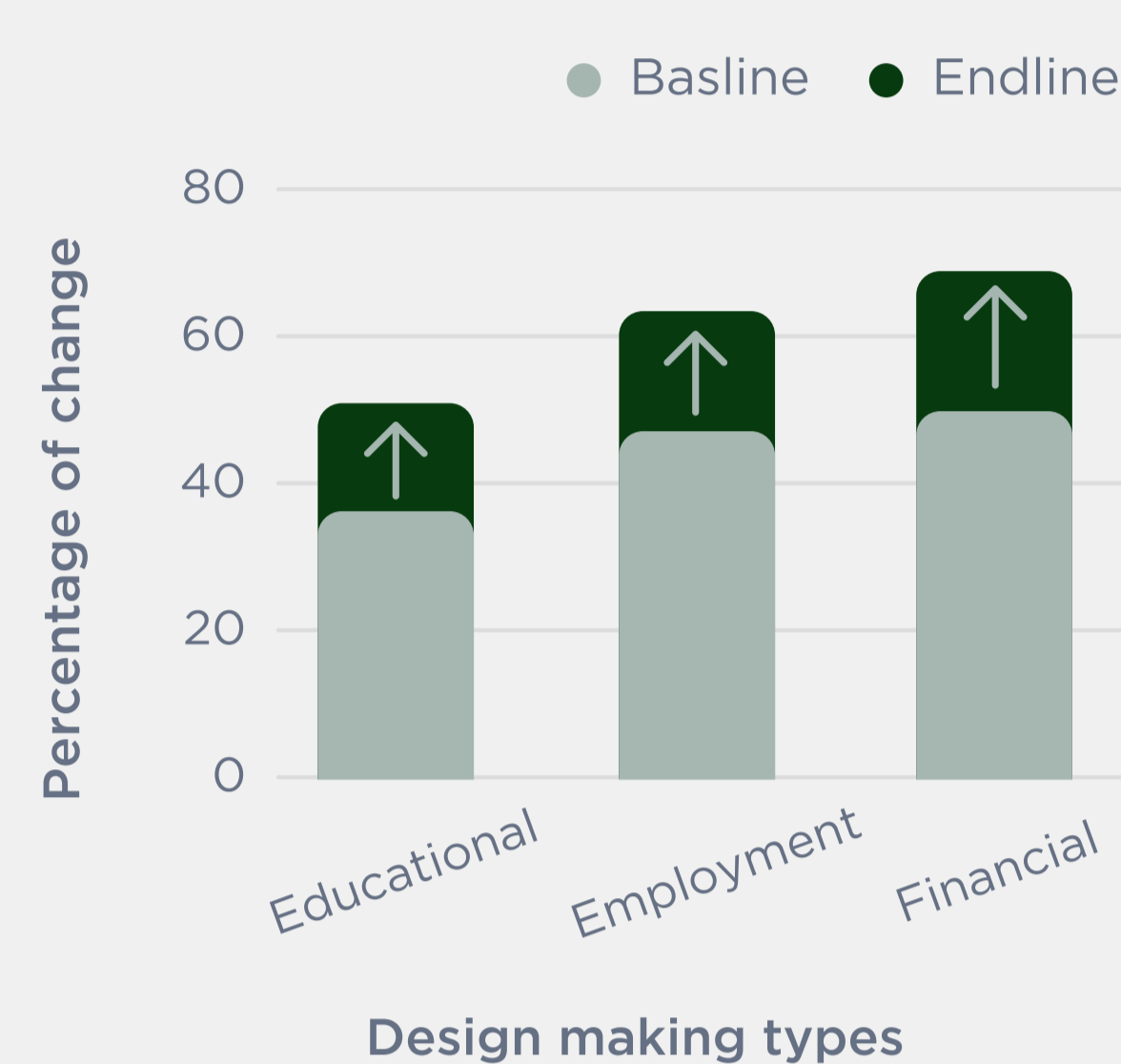
**68%**

of women are **empowered to make their own decisions** in critical areas of their lives such as financial or employment decisions

**47%**

reduction in **harmful negative coping mechanisms** such as begging or taking risky or illegal work

of women have the needed skills and knowledge for their **economic empowerment**



**89.5%**

**↑ 51%**

Up to 51% of women can now exercise their basic human rights **free from violence**, particularly their **rights to education, employment, and protection.**



Creating decent jobs and building market linkages with private sector value chains.



Providing skills development and vocational training for better employment opportunities.



Equipping individuals with market-relevant skills and micro-assets to grow businesses.



Expanding financial access to promote women's economic inclusion and empowerment.

### Enhanced Access to Protection and Support Services

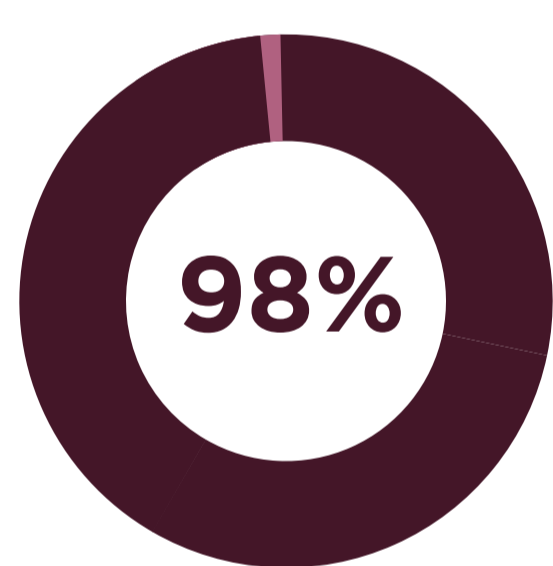
Through multi-sectoral response, UN Women improves women's access to life-saving protection services



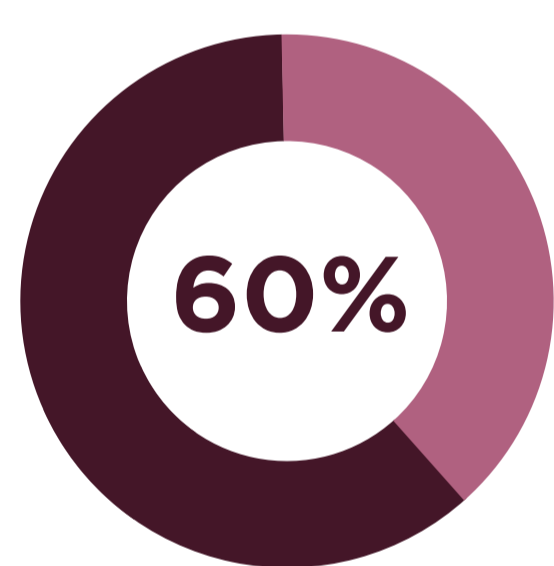
Psychosocial support and counselling



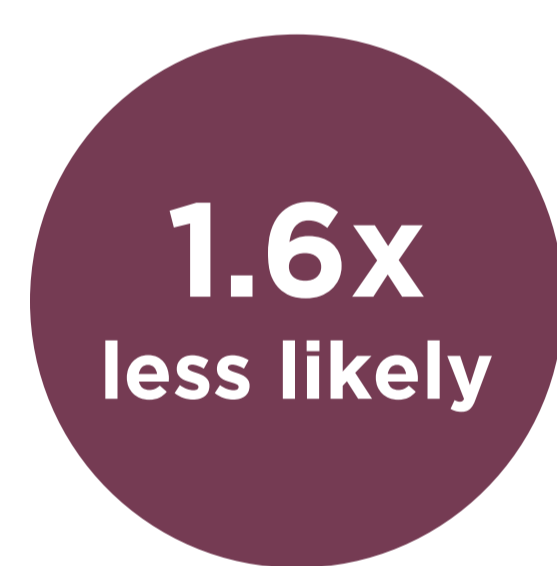
Legal assistance and referral pathways to protection services.



of women understand their legal rights and **can access legal support when needed.**



of women report feeling **safer and more protected**



**1.6x less likely** to accept violence and are **empowered to make informed decisions** about their health, protection, and personal well-being.

Hear from the women whose lives have been impacted by UN Women's humanitarian response

"When I came to the training, I saw that every one of us has her own story. I started feeling that I exist."

Beneficiary from Iraq

"This programme gave me confidence and strength to overcome challenges. Despite the difficult circumstances, I support my daughters in completing their education."

Beneficiary from Lebanon

"I learned how to be independent. Women have the same right to work as men. When you grow up, you can pursue work opportunities."

Beneficiary from Egypt



### Emergency relief and assistance in Gaza and Lebanon

UN Women partnered with women-led organizations to deliver life-saving assistance to over 300,000 individuals and their families, addressing critical humanitarian needs through:



Emergency food assistance to alleviate hunger and ensure nutritional needs.



Protection assistance to safeguard the safety, dignity, and well-being of vulnerable women and girls.



Unconditional cash assistance to address urgent household expenses.



Essential non-food items like dignity kits, sanitary pads, winter clothes, and assistive devices to support dignity and reproductive health.

Transforming lives takes time, commitment, and resources—but the impact lasts for generations. Millions of women and girls across the Arab States remain at risk. Scaling up transformative programming is not just urgent; it is lifesaving. Join us in creating sustainable outcomes and a future where no one is left behind.

**“Together, we can protect their rights, empower their voices, and pave the way for a more equal, resilient future.”**

