

FACT SHEET Workshop

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| <p><b>Block III –WS 7 Multilateral partners for accelerating gender equality – working with UN Women and the World Bank</b></p> |   |
| <p>Title</p>  | <p><b><i>Moving forward for meaningful impact:<br/>What can we gain from multilateral partners and what can we bring to leverage our support?</i></b></p>   |
| <p>Focus and Key questions</p>  | <p>SDC is providing substantial funding to multilateral partners and is shaping the way forward through its participation in the decision making bodies. Multilateral work brings additional expertise, networks and scale in development efforts.</p> <p>SDC is working closely with the United Nations Funds and Programmes and with the World Bank to promote gender informed policy making and programs for gender equality and the empowerment of women.</p> <p>In fragile contexts, increased vulnerable situations for women and girls may occur, gender roles shift and power relations evolve. New opportunities may come along as well as additional paid or unpaid workload. The return of men to communities and households often accompanies a reversion to pre-conflict norms as men fill available labor market opportunities and attempt to re-assert control over assets.</p> <p>In this workshop we would like to present and discuss UN Women and World Bank work aiming at strengthening women’s economic empowerment, including in fragile contexts.</p> <p>We also want to look at the modalities of multi-stakeholder partnerships between Government, UN women, civil society and bilateral donors (SDC) in the spirit of Agenda 2030.</p> <p>Key questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>How to strengthen women’s economic empowerment and resilience in fragile contexts? What can be learned from the UN Women Fund for Gender Equality and its current work on women economic empowerment in fragile contexts (eg framework for empowerment)?</b></li> <li>➤ <b>What is the current approach of the WB to help address livelihood vulnerabilities in fragile contexts, particularly</b></li> </ul> |

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|                         | <p><b>for women and girls?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>How can multilateral partners and bilateral donors strengthen their cooperation in such contexts?</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Where do you see additional opportunities for cooperation with UN agencies and civil society/implementing partners in your area of work? What are the challenges encountered?</b></li> </ul> |
| Examples from the field | Examples from World Bank, UN Women / Fund for Gender Equality   |
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| Workshop procedure      |   |
| Final result            | Increased awareness of multilateral partners' work and identification of possible avenues for further cooperation   |