

## **UN-Women Draft Inputs**

### **Implementation of the SAMOA Pathway and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States**

1. What specific activities or programmes, if any, has your government, organisation or agency implemented or introduced, specifically targeting the vulnerabilities of SIDS? Please cite examples of solutions seeking vulnerability reduction.

*Social protection is a significant challenge for heavily indebted SIDS such as those in the Caribbean. Social protection programmes have been found to be lacking in coordination, ineffective and difficult to measure. As such UN Women Caribbean MCO collaborated with UNICEF to implement a gender and child responsive approach to social protection. The direct outputs of the engagement include the development a Social protection Bill, which seeks to upgrade and modernise the legislative framework for social protection in the country (Antigua and Barbuda) in accordance with the normative framework of human rights principles. UN Women is also working with the Ministry of Social Transformation to mainstream gender in its main cash transfer programme for the vulnerable in the country.*

2. To what extent has your Government mainstreamed the SAMOA Pathway and/or the SDGs into national development plans and/or programmes? Please indicate any challenges and/or opportunities.

*N/A for UN Funds and Programmes.*

3. To what extent has your Organisation, integrated the Samoa Pathway and or the SDGs into co-operation frameworks, programmes and activities, to ensure effective follow-up and implementation at regional and national level?

*UN agencies in the Pacific ensured that all indicators of the results framework of the new UN Pacific Strategy, 2018-2022, (new UNDAF) are aligned with the SDGs and are being monitored by the Pacific Island countries and territories. All of UN Women's programming in the Pacific is directly aligned with the SDGs. The results framework was finalized with significant inputs from the many UN Women agencies, such as UN Women Fiji MCO.*

*Further, UN Women Caribbean MCO collaborated with the CARICOM Statistics Programme to develop Gender Equality Indicators (GEI) for Caribbean SIDS to best align indicators that would allow them to report on the SAMOA Pathway, SDGs and CEDAW. The GEI has increased awareness of the need to ensure that reporting on the SDGs and the SAMOA Pathway must include a gender dimension. Dominica has produced for the first time a compendium on gender statistics using the GEI, and Dominica and Grenada will produce Status of Women and Men reports based on the GEI. The MCO is also developing toolkits with ParlAmericas for parliaments to use to better understand how gender is integrated into the*

*SDGs. Successful training consultations for parliamentarians from at least 6 Caribbean SIDS have been held using the frameworks from the toolkits.*

4. Indicate the extent to which the issues and concerns of SIDS are given due consideration in conferences and processes organized or supported by your organization.

*UN-Women continues to prioritise the issues and concerns of SIDS in thematic and/or regional conferences and processes.*

5. In relation to the implementation of the commitments and partnerships announced at the Samoa Conference: <http://www.sids2014.org/partnerships/>

- (i) indicate actions undertaken to date and their outcome(s);
- (ii) indicate what partnerships have been contemplated or have been initiated; and,
- (iii) indicate whether additional partnerships have been registered on the SIDS partnership Platform.

*UN Women Caribbean MCO entered into an MOU with the CARICOM Secretariat to collaborate on swift and effective interventions to address the situation through the implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), the Sustainable Development Goals, the SAMOA Pathway, the Beijing Platform for Action and the Women's Empowerment Principles. The main objectives of the partnership are to:*

- *Enhance Caribbean-wide data, statistics and analysis on the implementation of the gender dimensions of the SDGs and SAMOA Pathway, including the area of citizen security, the 2015-2019 Strategic Plan for CARICOM and the Action Plan for Statistics recently endorsed in 2016;*
- *Support CARICOM-wide voice in the normative processes shaping national level sustainable development as it relates to gender equality;*
- *Deepen capacities of CARICOM Member States to implement international, regional and national commitments to advance gender equality and the empowerment of women, including through access to regionally relevant tools (such as gender-responsive budgeting, model legislation) and sharing of best practices; and*
- *Enhance leadership of CARICOM Secretariat in realizing the above three priorities.*