



**Virtual WFP Executive Board Side Event
Wednesday 2 March, 13:30-14:30 CET**

'Partnering for Gender Equality & Food Security'

Lessons from WFP/UNFPA partnerships in
conflict and post-conflict settings



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WEDNESDAY 2 MARCH, 13:30 – 14:30 CET

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You are kindly invited to the WFP EB side event on Wednesday 2 March which will be facilitated by the World Food Programme with the support from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark.

CONTEXT

In the framework of the Gender Policy, and with the expectation to put into action its objectives, from 2018 to 2021, the World Food Programme piloted a global initiative intending to advance WFP's food security and nutrition objectives with a particular focus on women and girls, as well as exploring new partnerships. The programme sought to strengthen the (i) safety, dignity and rights of women and girls; (ii) health and rights of beneficiaries, and (iii) protection of women and girls from gender-based violence. Funded graciously by the Government of Denmark and implemented in partnership with UNFPA at the country level, eight countries participated: Afghanistan, Cameroon, Ecuador, Lebanon, Nigeria, Republic of Congo, South Sudan and Sri Lanka.

A retroactive lessons learned exercise, undertaken from October to December 2021, sought to harvest the most important achievements, challenges and lessons learned from this programme, that provided valuable inputs for the updated Gender Policy and showcase possible good practices. The findings outline how this programme leveraged both WFP and UNFPA mandates and operational capacities. In order to design and implement initiatives that can comprehensively enhance women's and girls' empowerment. This pilot initiative further demonstrated that WFP Country Offices can expand their knowledge and engagement on women's and girls' empowerment by establishing new partnerships, as called for by the new WFP Gender Policy.

OBJECTIVES

In the framework of the first regular session of the WFP Executive Board, during which the updated WFP Gender Policy will be presented, this session will provide participants with examples from the pilot programme and the partnership with UNFPA and local actors and aim to stimulate discussions about new areas of focus for the updated WFP Gender Policy, particularly in conflict and post-conflict settings.

Specifically, it will:

- Stimulate a discussion on how WFP may help respond to the needs of women and girls in conflict and post-conflict settings, and what the challenges and opportunities are. An important aspect is how to do this via partnerships with other UN agencies and local organisations.
- Showcase examples of innovative operational partnerships established by WFP to promote women's and girls' safety, access to health services and information in conflict and post-conflict settings.
- Discuss how lessons learned may apply to future humanitarian action and identify future opportunities for similar programmes in other countries and broader projects in the same countries.

AGENDA

13:30 - 13:35

Welcome

- **Mr. David Kaatrud**, Director, Programme, Humanitarian and Development Department, WFP

13:35 - 13:45

Presentation: Partnering for Gender Equality & Food Security: Lessons from WFP/UNFPA partnerships in conflict and post-conflict settings

- **Ms. Brenda Behan**, Director, Gender Office, WFP

13:45 - 14:25

Panel discussion and Q&A

- Moderator: **Ms. Dorcas Erskine**
- **Ms. Brenda Barton**, former country director of WFP Sri Lanka country office
- **Mr. Jean Martin Bauer**, former country director of WFP Republic of Congo country office
- **Ms. Ulla Elisabeth Mueller**, UNFPA CD, Nigeria
- **Ms. Vanessa Saraiva**, Former World Vision Humanitarian & Protection Office, South Sudan

14:25 - 14:30

Final remarks

- **Ms. Mette Thygesen**, Director, Department of Humanitarian Action, Civil Society and Engagement, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Denmark

>> BIOGRAPHIES OF SPEAKERS <<



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