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**ANNEX 8**

to the Commission Implementing Decision on the financing of the multiannual action plan for the thematic programme on Global Challenges (People) for 2022-2024

**Action document for Gender Equality**

**ANNUAL PLAN**

This document constitutes the multiannual work programme within the meaning of Article 110(2) of the Financial Regulation, within the meaning of Article 23 of the NDICI-Global Europe Regulation.

**1 SYNOPSIS**

**1.1 Action Summary Table**

<b>1. Title CRIS/OPSYS business reference Basic Act</b>	<b>Global action on the prevention and elimination of Gender Based Violence</b> OPSYS reference : ACT-61051 Financed under the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument ( <u>NDICI-Global Europe</u> )
<b>2. Team Europe Initiative</b>	No
<b>3. Zone benefiting from the action</b>	The action will have a global scope
<b>4. Programming document</b>	<b>NDICI Global Challenges Multiannual Indicative Programme (MIP) 2021-2027</b>
<b>5. Link with relevant MIP(s) objectives / expected results</b>	The action will contribute to Specific objective 3 (Gender equality and women's and girls' empowerment) of the People priority of the Global Challenges MIP and to the following results: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased global advocacy, awareness, networking knowledge sharing and networking.</li> <li>Strengthened global knowledge and expertise covering gender equality and the human rights based approach and its dissemination and use in partner countries.</li> </ul>
<b>PRIORITY AREAS AND SECTOR INFORMATION</b>	
<b>6. Priority Area(s), sectors</b>	Priority 2: Building resilient, inclusive and democratic societies DAC sector code 150 – Governance and Civil Society
<b>7. Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)</b>	Main SDG (1): <b>SGD 5</b> <b>SDG 5.1</b> End all forms of discrimination against all women and girls everywhere <b>SDG 5.2</b> Eliminate all forms of violence against all women and girls in the public and private spheres, including trafficking and sexual and other types of exploitation <b>SDG 5.3</b> Eliminate all harmful practices, such as child, early and forced marriage and female genital mutilation
<b>8 a) DAC code(s)</b>	Main DAC code – <b>15150</b> – Democratic participation and civil society

	Sub-code 1 – <b>15170</b> – Women’s rights organisations and movements, and government institutions Sub-code 2 – <b>15180</b> – Ending violence against women and girls			
<b>8 b) Main Delivery Channel</b>	20000 – Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) 40000 – Multilateral organisations			
<b>9. Targets</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Migration <input type="checkbox"/> Climate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social inclusion and Human Development <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Biodiversity <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Human Rights, Democracy and Governance			
<b>10. Markers</b> <b>(from DAC form)</b>	<b>General policy objective @</b>	<b>Not targeted</b>	<b>Significant objective</b>	<b>Principal objective</b>
	Participation development/good governance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Aid to environment @	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Gender equality and women’s and girl’s empowerment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Trade development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Reproductive, maternal, new-born and child health	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Disaster Risk Reduction @	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Inclusion of persons with Disabilities @	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Nutrition @	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>RIO Convention markers</b>	<b>Not targeted</b>	<b>Significant objective</b>	<b>Principal objective</b>
	Biological diversity @	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Combat desertification @	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Climate change mitigation @	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Climate change adaptation @	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>11. Internal markers and Tags :</b>	<b>Policy objectives</b>	<b>Not targeted</b>	<b>Significant objective</b>	<b>Principal objective</b>
	Digitalisation @	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	digital connectivity digital governance digital entrepreneurship digital skills/literacy digital services	YES <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Connectivity @	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	digital connectivity energy transport health education and research	YES <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Migration @ (methodology for tagging under development)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Reduction of Inequalities @ (methodology for marker and tagging under development)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Covid-19	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>BUDGET INFORMATION</b>				
<b>12. Amounts concerned</b>	Budget line(s) (article, item): 14.020240 – Global Challenges People Total estimated cost: EUR 40 000 000 Total amount of EU budget contribution for 2023 : EUR <b>40 000 000</b> The contribution is for an amount of EUR 40 000 000 from the general budget of the European Union for 2023, subject to the availability of appropriations for the respective financial years following the adoption of the relevant annual budget, or as provided for in the system of provisional twelfths.			
<b>MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION</b>				
<b>13. Type of financing</b>	<b>Indirect management</b> with the entity(ies) to be selected in accordance with the criteria set out in section 4.3.1.			

## 1.2 Summary of the Action

Gender equality is a core value and objective of the EU. Over the last few years, there have been important setbacks for gender equality and the enjoyment of human rights by women and girls. Global normative frameworks and international commitments on gender equality have been increasingly questioned, not least sexual and reproductive health and rights. Gender Based Violence (GBV) including Violence Against Women and Girls (VAW/G)<sup>1</sup> has been exacerbated by COVID 19 and is globally on the rise.

<sup>1</sup> For the purpose of this AD the two terms are used interchangeably, it is understood that GBV is characterised by a broader scope : while women and girls suffer disproportionately from GBV, men and boys can also be targeted. The term is also

With its Gender Action Plan III 2021-2025, the EU reinforces its ambitious engagement for a gender equal world at global, regional and country level. The fight for the elimination of gender based violence continues to be one of the EU priorities, while promoting the equal participation of women and girls in the public sphere. Strong partnerships with civil society, enhanced voice and capacity of women's organisations are at the core of GAP III through enhanced dialogue and support at all levels.

Through this action, the EU intends to promote its interests and values at global level and more specifically positioned itself on the eradication of gender based violence (GBV), by building and reinforcing coalitions with partners in line with the Generation Equality's commitments. The action will build on the EU-UN Spotlight Initiative theory of change and capitalize on its results and lessons learned in 26 countries while ensuring its sustainability.

The action pursues two main outcomes : i) strengthen and disseminate knowledge and best practices, expertise, data and research on how to reduce/eliminate GBV expanding and building the sustainability of the Spotlight Initiative; ii) increase global advocacy by civil society and more particularly women's rights organisations (WROs), strengthen their capacity and resilience, boosting coalition building and networking.

## 2 RATIONALE

### 2.1 Context

COVID-19 has jeopardized a decade of global progress towards the SDGs and further heightened inequalities already long threatened by challenges such as climate change, conflict, or economic crises. Children, youth and women and their access to basic education and health, have been particularly affected, as well as vulnerable people, including people with disability, refugees, migrants. Addressing these impacts and building a sustainable recovery post COVID-19 provides the EU with a unique window of opportunity to revert this, **by building back better**, for all, projecting our priorities, interests and values, promoting a green, digital and inclusive recovery and boosting strategic sovereignty and resilience.

Over the last few years, there have been **important setbacks for gender equality and the enjoyment of human rights by women and girls**. The **25th Anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, the Generation Equality Forum and the recent adoption of an acceleration plan** to achieve tangible results on gender equality by 2025 have drawn global attention to gender equality gaps and to the need to exert global leadership and strengthen support to gender equality and women's empowerment at country/regional and global level. There is a strong call to **supporting civil society organisations and more particularly women's rights organisations**, whose space is shrinking.

The COVID-19 crisis has not only exacerbated existing social and economic inequalities, but it has revealed the systemic failures in ensuring resilience and sustainable and equitable access to opportunities as well as even outcomes for all. Despite some progress, gender inequalities, **in particular gender-based violence has been spiking across the globe since 2020**.

For many years, the prevention and elimination has been a priority for the EU, both within and outside its borders. Recently, the elimination of violence against women and girls was re-affirmed as a priority area both within the **EU Gender Equality Strategy and the Gender Action Plan III for external relations (2021-2025)**. Both strategies were adopted during 2020 and contribute to reverse the worrying negative trends, originated by the backlash on women's rights and further amplified by the COVID crisis, slowing down progress towards achieving SDG 5.

This global action will built on the **Spotlight Initiative**, one of the largest initiatives launched in 2017 by the EU and the UN to combat violence against women and girls. The initiative is currently being implemented in 26

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sometimes used to describe targeted violence against LGBTIQ+ populations, when referencing violence related to norms of masculinity/femininity and/or gender norms.

countries and 6 regions<sup>2</sup>. Civil society organisations are crucial partners in the Initiative both at governance level and at implementation level. Half way through the implementation period of the Initiative and in order to maximize lessons learnt, best practices and new alliances created through the Initiative, the UN and the EU decided to develop the **Spotlight Initiative Global Platform**, a virtual exchange and convening platform that would offer the combined power of a knowledge hub, a community of practice and an advocacy platform, founded on the practical experience of the Spotlight Initiative's 34 programmes. These programmes include our work with two UN Trust Funds that capacitate and fund grassroots organisations which are mainly women-led. Most of this support so far was focused on Africa and Latin-America and to a lesser extend in the other regions which are Asia, Caribbean and Pacific.

The action will also make link with the **UNiTE campaign** launched in 2008 by the United Nations Secretary-General to end violence against women by 2030. The UNiTE campaign is a multi-year effort aimed at preventing and eliminating violence against women and girls around the world, it calls on governments, civil society, women's organisations, young people, the private sector, the media, and the entire UN system to join forces in addressing the global pandemic of violence against women and girls.

In 2020, the **Generation Equality Forum** was launched by UN Women, co-hosted by France and Mexico, an international initiative in favour of gender equality. In June 2021, a Global Acceleration Plan for Gender Equality was adopted with a set of targeted actions in 6 key areas that impact the lives of girls and women. The European Commission is one of the co-leads in the action coalition on gender based violence (GBV). One objective of this participation was to make sure that the Spotlight initiative, with its inclusive and comprehensive approach, to serve as a model of reference in multilateral fora, increase its visibility and share evidence based knowledge and practise. The action coalition can be also be leveraged as a critical space to elevate the advocacy of women's organisations at a global level. Other EU MS such as Netherlands, Denmark and France took the co-leads in action coalitions on Feminist Movement and Bodily autonomy and SRHR<sup>3</sup>.

In parallel, the **Group of Friends to end Violence against women and girls** was also created in 2021 by the EUD in New York<sup>4</sup> to allow for more political engagement at multilateral level.

The action will furthermore complement the EUs work in the context of the Call to Action on Protection from Gender-Based Violence in Emergencies. This global initiative of governments and donors, international organisations (IOs) and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) currently has 97 members. Its aim is to drive change and foster accountability from the humanitarian system to address GBV from the earliest phases of a crisis. The EU has been an active member of the Call to Action since its start in 2013, and led the initiative from 2017-2018.

Finally, the proposed action will also **reaffirm EU's engagement and commitments towards civil society as a whole and women's organisations more particularly**. The proposed action is also a response to a specific political commitment taken in the GAP III related to increasing the EU dialogue with and financial support for women's organisations and continuing support the fight against GBV at all levels.

## 2.2 Problem Analysis

Despite some progress, **gender inequalities remain pervasive** and have been further compounded by the COVID-19 crisis, in particular gender-based violence and violence against women, girls which has been spiking across the globe since 2020. Vulnerable and marginalized women and girls have been disproportionately affected. The pandemic has also revealed the **necessity to invest more into continued collection of evidence, knowledge and data, including on remote service provision**. There is also high demand and potential uptake for data and knowledge to drive advocacy and inform policies and programmes that provide long term sustainable solutions.

Civil society are **first responders** to the needs of women and girls, including those most at risk of violence. They play a major role in advocating globally, regionally and at country level for women's human rights. This advocacy

<sup>2</sup> The Spotlight Initiative is implemented in Africa, Asia, Central Asia, Caribbean, Latin America and the Pacific

<sup>3</sup> "SRHR understood in accordance of the Beijing Platform for Action and the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) and the outcomes of their review conferences."

<sup>4</sup> The Group of Friends was established in December 2020 by the EUD NY to promote the implementation of the UN Secretary-General's global appeal to end violence, including in homes, during COVID-19. It aims to create a platform to share lessons learned on efforts to eliminate all forms of gender-based violence, to improve cooperation on this issue as well as to support advocacy initiatives and the mobilisation of additional resources. The Group includes 93 Member and Observer States from all regional groups.

is essential in working toward a long term, sustainable reduction in gender-based violence, and to improve the systems women rely on to seek justice. Individually, women's organisations are a lifeline for women survivors.

They play a critical role in **monitoring VAW/G and making data available** so that local and national policies and response efforts are informed by realities on the ground.

Evidence shows that the strength of WROs – and feminist movements as a whole - is a major engine in **driving positive change to end violence against women and girls**.

As a movement, they are transformative, using their **collective power** and contextual knowledge to upend the way society deals with gender-based violence. Addressing gender based violence through coalition/movement building is key to ensure that women-centred analysis, approaches and methods underpin and inform all efforts to prevent and respond to violence against women and girls. However, because of **lack of funding** women's organisations have limited organisational and technical capacity, limiting their perspectives, voices and expertise to be heard and limiting them to be at the forefront of research, programming and decision-making.

In fact civil society promoting gender equality and active on VAW/G and in particular WRO are severely underfunded. Recent study estimates that only 1 percent of gender equality funding is going to WROs (OECD 2020<sup>5</sup> ; AWID, 2020<sup>6</sup>). Compounded by this new evidence, the call to invest in civil society and women's organisations is growing. The voice and capacity of WRO to operate as effective bedrock of global efforts to end VAW/G requires attention and support.

Furthermore, COVID 19 has demonstrated that more **flexible funding** for programming and organisational resilience is vital to enable CSOs to continue operate in crisis situations and to build their resilience while ensuring engagement also at regional and/or global level. Readiness to navigate unpredictable and unstable contexts is today a key asset.

In this perspective is imperative to capitalize and value the wealth of experience generated by the **EU-UN Spotlight Initiative** mentioned before. A Mid-term assessment conducted in close than 30 countries so far as well as a meta-analysis for Africa and Latin America confirmed the relevance, efficiency, effectiveness and impact of the initiative based upon a multi-stakeholder comprehensive approach and a theory of change.

Given its unique scope, the Spotlight Initiative is best positioned to provide tangible evidence and comparative data extremely valuable to inform strategies and actions at different levels. Before the initiative comes to a close<sup>7</sup>, maximising the impact of EU's investment and Spotlight's results and sustainability - by rolling out best practices, knowledge, support and expertise - is an opportunity which we cannot loose.

There is currently a groundswell of support from different actors for intensifying efforts to eliminate VAWG. At a political level, the UN Secretary-General has demonstrated a strong conviction and leadership in galvanizing the UN system, member states and other actors to put an end to VAWG once and for all through the UNiTE campaign, the COVID-19 Political Engagement Strategy and now the call to Member States to develop emergency response plans to eradicate violence against women and girls through "Our Common Agenda".

In that regard, the **Generation Equality Forum and its Action Coalition on GBV** – with unprecedented multi-stakeholder engagement - have generated a precious momentum around the fight against GBV with potential high uptake for knowledge and good practices and offer new opportunities for networking and coalitions across regions and globally. This global action will contribute to the fulfilment of GBV Action Coalition blueprint in particular action areas 1: More states and regional actors ratify international and regional conventions and public and private sector institutions strengthen, implement and finance evidence-driven laws, policies and action plans to end gender-based violence against women and girls and action 4 : Enhance support and increase accountability and quality, flexible funding from states, private sector, foundations, and other donors to autonomous girl-led & women's rights organisations working to end gender-based violence against women and girls.

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.oecd.org/development/gender-development/Aid-Focussed-on-Gender-Equality-and-Women-s-Empowerment-2020.pdf>

<sup>6</sup> [How funders can resource feminist movements: concrete practices to Move More Money to the Drivers of Change | AWID](#)

<sup>7</sup> Country programmes will end in December 2023 and support to the Spotlight Secretariat in December 2024.

Identification of main stakeholders and corresponding institutional and/or organisational issues (mandates, potential roles, and capacities) to be covered by the action:

**Civil society organisations and in particular women's rights organisations, networks and coalitions** that work on gender based violence at global or regional level and that represent right's holders working notably on such as for example harmful practises, femicide and online violence.

**UN core agencies** who are currently also involved in the implementation of the Spotlight Initiative, such as UNDP, UNFPA and more particularly **UN Women**, the UN agency whose mandate is dedicated to gender equality and women and girls empowerment and its **Trust Fund to end Violence against women and girls** (UNTF VAW).

**Generation Equality Forum stakeholders** such as other co-leaders of the action coalition on ending violence or other actions such as the ones on feminist Movements or Bodily Autonomy and SRHR, these are for example the Netherlands, Denmark, France, UK, Canada, Ford Foundation.

**Governments or duty bearers** willing to develop a comprehensive approach towards gender based violence and might need technical expertise to do so.

### 3 DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTION

#### 3.1 Objectives and Expected Outputs

The overall objective (impact) of the Action is to contribute to the eradication of gender based violence at global and regional level and reinforce partnerships with civil society organisations.

The **two specific objectives (Outcomes)** of the action are :

1. to strengthen and disseminate knowledge and best practices, expertise, data and research collected through the Spotlight Initiative, valuing the capital of lessons learnt and good practices, and its contribution to global research.
2. To increase global advocacy on the elimination of gender based violence and strengthen coalition building and networking of women's rights organisations<sup>8</sup> as well as their capacity to advocate and build their resilience.

The Outputs to be delivered by this action contributing to the corresponding Specific Objectives (Outcomes) are;

#### **Contributing to Outcome 1**

Output 1.1: Collection of evidence based data and research on GBV and type of violence at global and regional level is enhanced and published;

Output 1.2: Evidence based strategies, knowledge and tools to end violence against women and girls are produced and made available for advocacy purpose and in relevant fora (*as per Generation Equality GBV Action Coalition commitment on Global Knowledge Platform*)

Output 1.3: : Global or regional events or advocacy/awareness/behaviour change campaigns dedicated to ending violence against women and girls are facilitated and supported (*as per Generation Equality GBV Action coalition commitment on Global Knowledge Platform*)

Output 1.4 Increased expertise and support at country level to set in place comprehensive programme to end violence against women and girls, including SRHR.

#### **Contributing to Outcome 2**

<sup>8</sup> In this action women's rights organisations are understood being organisations or groups that work from a feminist and/or women right's perspective, are led by the people they serve, have the promotion of women and girls as their primary mission and push for structural change.

Output 2.1: Impact oriented GBV initiatives and advocacy actions at regional and global level by women's organisations are implemented ;

Output 2.2: Representation and participation of GBV women's organisations and coalitions in formal global and/or regional fora<sup>9</sup> is enhanced and supported;

Output 2.3: Regional/Global best practices and knowledge briefs are developed and supported through interalia dedicated shared collaborative platforms for advocacy purpose;

Output 2.4 : Regional coalition of women's organisations working on gender based violence are supported and strengthened

Output 2.5: Capacity of women organisations and/or coalitions to produce knowledge, research and data at regional level based on evidence collected from lower/grassroots levels (practiced based learning) is supported and strengthened

Output 2.6: Strategic planning, organisational and financial capacity of women's coalitions at regional level is strengthened

### 3.2 Indicative Activities

#### **Indicative activities related to Outputs 1.1 to 1.4**

- producing and strengthening data, evidence, and knowledge on EVAWG to inform advocacy, policy, programming, ,
- supporting comparative research and data on gender based violence from different regions of the world to draw evidence based elements for advocacy purpose mapping existing knowledge tools, databases, surveys and reference studies, as sources of data on VAW/G and develop a repository of available accessible information.
- supporting and facilitating exchanges of lessons learned, experiences, and good practices in policies and programmes through global and regional knowledge sharing platforms.
- designing and producing a practical technical package and modules (targeting civil society and public actors in the EU and in partner countries other stakeholders) to allow effective development of GBV programmes based upon the Spotlight model.
- Organising specific events at global level around key international fora (CSW, UNGA, CEDAW, Special Rapporteur on EVAWG sessions)
- Organisation of advocacy/awareness/behaviour-change campaigns around ending VAW/G, including through partnerships with individuals and entities

#### **Indicative activities related to Outputs 2.1 to 2.6**

- Supporting and building evidence based knowledge and skills of women's organisations and/or coalitions to ensure the effectiveness of their actions on GBV
- Increasing spaces for civic action and engagement, networking, organizing, co-creating and mobilizing to spur greater action on EVAWG
- Fostering peer to peer exchange amongst women's organisations to facilitate the creation of cross borders dialogue, exchange and networks
- Strengthening women's organisations and coalition's capacity to develop strategical global and regional advocacy campaigns around key aspects of GBV
- Supporting global advocacy actions in the context of global and regional fora, creating more awareness and commitments towards key issues (from legislation to prevention, through education services to victims and gender budgeting)
- Supporting online workshops, events and exchanges amongst women's organisations to build shared strategies
- Capacitating and/or providing technical and organisational support to women's coalitions at regional level
- Building or reinforcing GBV coalitions of women's organisations at global and/or regional level by expanding their networks through collaborative platforms, gatherings and events
- Strengthening intersectional alliances and coalition building to engage in diversity such as LGBTQI+ groups, indigenous women, rural women's associations, young women's movements, women living with disabilities, migrant women's groups and other groups of women in the EVAWG agenda.
- Strengthening the capacity and resilience of organisations, through increased support for operating/core tasks.

<sup>9</sup> Generation Equality GBV Action Coalition, Commission of Status of Women, Sexual Violence and Research Initiative annual conference and Regional Fora such as for example African Union or Latin America.



- Providing support to specific coalitions focusing on types of violence (for ex on harmful practices, early marriages, femicides, online violence).
- Supporting specifically GBV multi-stakeholders partnership and engagement in particular with men/boys, media, traditional/religious actors and leaders on GBV and harmful practices

### 3.3 Mainstreaming

#### **Environmental Protection & Climate Change**

##### **Outcomes of the SEA screening** (relevant for budget support and strategic-level interventions)

The Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) screening concluded that no further action was required.

##### **Outcomes of the EIA (Environmental Impact Assessment) screening** (relevant for projects and/or specific interventions within a project)

The EIA (Environment Impact Assessment) screening classified the action as Category C (no need for further assessment).

##### **Outcome of the CRA (Climate Risk Assessment) screening** (relevant for projects and/or specific interventions within a project)

The Climate Risk Assessment (CRA) screening concluded that this action is no or low risk (no need for further assessment)

##### **Gender equality and empowerment of women and girls**

As per OECD Gender DAC codes identified in section 1.1, this action is labelled as **G2**. This implies that gender equality is the principal objective for parts of this programme, the main beneficiaries will be women rights' organisations.

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#### **Human Rights**

The action will apply the **human rights based approach (HRBA)**, working towards strengthening the capacities of rights-holders to make their claims and of duty-bearers to meet their obligations, and applying its five principles: 1) a) applying all human rights for all; b) meaningful and inclusive participation and access to decision-making; c) non-discrimination and equality; d) accountability and rule of law for all; and e) transparency and access to information supported by disaggregated data. Women right's organisations often also represent voices of the most vulnerable and/or marginalised groups, including women and girls with disabilities.

#### **Disability**

As per OECD Disability DAC codes identified in section 1.1, this action is labelled as D1. This implies that the rights of persons with disabilities will be considered throughout the action. Particularly, the protection and representation of women and girls leaving with disabilities subject to gender based violence. Participation of women with disabilities in the activities will be ensured by accessible and adapted communication and information (for instance sign language interpretation), accessible facilities and additional support when needed.

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#### **Democracy**

The overall objective of this action is to support and enhance participation and action of women's rights organisations at regional and global level to promote and protect the rights of women and girls victims of gender based violence. Promotion and protection of women's rights and enhanced democratic principles are thus not only mainstreamed all across the action but one of the main objective. By doing so the action will promote the universal values of participatory democracy.

#### **Conflict sensitivity, peace and resilience**

The action will also duly consider and mainstream conflict sensitivity and will contribute towards building peaceful and resilient societies. It will apply the "do-no-harm" and "leave no one behind" principles. Specific risks related to increase in vulnerability of youth and women will be considered.

### Disaster Risk Reduction

By promoting a more equal and less violent society, the action will also contribute towards disaster risk reduction at global level.

### 3.4 Risks and Lessons Learnt

Main risks include a weakened overall enabling environment for civil society to operate due to the continued impact of the COVID pandemic, the competing priorities surrounding build back better strategies, and continue backlash on hard gained women's rights particularly on Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights.

Category	Risks	Likelihood (High/ Medium/ Low)	Impact (High/ Medium/ Low)	Mitigating measures
Contextual	Weakened overall enabling environment for civil society due to Covid 19	<b>H</b>	<b>H</b>	EU's continued engagement and dialogue at global and regional level on the issue of enabling environment for CSOs as well as direct support to civil society organisations to build resilience to face crisis;
Contextual	Competing priorities surrounding build back better strategies	<b>H</b>	<b>M</b>	Continued support to integrating SRHR and GBV related measures into relevant priorities sectors and strategies in order to maintain access and provision of services to women victims of GBV
Political	Backlash on SRHR and anti-gender movement gain strength	<b>M</b>	<b>M</b>	Continued and strengthened EU's engagement in all international and regional fora overall on gender equality matters and SRHR
Operational	Low capacity of women's organisations and difficulties to provide flexible funding	<b>M</b>	<b>M</b>	Specific support to organisational strengthening and resilience of women's organisations at all levels. Seek organisations or funding mechanism with a proven track record in the provision of flexible funding to grassroots and women rights organisations

#### Lessons Learnt:

This action is informed by the new and growing evidence showing that is possible to reduce and prevent VAW/G through a range of interventions. It builds on the body of knowledge showing that women's rights organisations (WROs) play an essential role in this respect.

WROs – and women movements as a whole – are key actors in driving positive change. This was acknowledged in the Beijing Platform for Action Review (2020) calling on Member States to support them including through funding. A number of studies also demonstrate that progress in the area of VAW/G has been made possible thanks to the sustained demands and organized actions of women's rights activists. Working on the front lines with those directly

impacted by violence, civil society organisations and progressive social movements are uniquely positioned to effect change through collective advocacy, and programmes to prevent and respond to violence.

CSO and WRO have been pivotal since the 90's in advancing the normative frameworks on GBV at all levels through advocacy. CSO action is key in pushing forward community mobilisation and participatory education seen among the most effective prevention strategies, with lasting results.

Sources indicate that civil society organisations working for gender equality and WROs are overwhelmingly underfunded. Experts recommendations all agree that is urgent to mobilize more funding also to counteract the increasing voice and resources captured by conservative movements pushing back on gender equality. The "How" these actors access and mobilize external funding is also essential<sup>10</sup> highlighting the advantages of *direct funding* to women's organisations versus general funding of activities promoting gender equality. Is in fact important to foster the autonomy of these organisations to scale up their political commitment and impact for gender justice. Many EU member states are working along these lines increasing their support to women organisations exploring innovative modalities to reach out to local levels and connecting it with the regional and global dimension.

The EU supports the fight against GBV since many years. The Evaluation of the EU's external action support to gender equality and women's and girls' empowerment (2010-2018) recommends a renewed engagement with CSO notably in the area of prevention of GBV with a long term and strategic approach.

Important lessons from the from the implementation of the Spotlight Initiative also feed this action.

The Initiative has prioritized strengthening women's movement building as part of the comprehensive approach to ending violence against women and girls (EVAWG) through pillar 6, focusing on strengthening women's rights groups, autonomous social movements and relevant CSOs to more effectively influence and advance progress on gender equality and women's rights and EVAWG.

For every region, each country programme has a dedicated pillar dedicated to supporting CSOs and more particularly WRO, on top of this, 10% of the geographical funding was earmarked for civil society at grassroots level. For these allocations, specific implementation modalities were agreed and funds were channelled through the UNTF on Violence against Women and Girls managed by UN Women (UNTF VAW) and the UN Women Peace and/or Humanitarian Fund (UNWPHF). These Trust Funds allowed to reach out in country grassroots organisations and provide invaluable lifeline support during the COVID 19 pandemic to allow continuous provision of support and services to victims of violence.

In 2021, support up to nearly 37mio USD was provided in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Caribbean<sup>11</sup> to support national and grassroots organisations and women's organisations. Projects cover amongst other awareness raising and prevention activities at community level, capacity building and networking, improving reporting of violence incidences, engagement with local leaders, traditional leaders or teachers, advocacy, work on transformative masculinities, provision of support services, including SRHR, strengthen leadership capacities of women leaders and strengthen social accountability tools. Those projects had an important focus on vulnerable and marginalized groups such as women with disabilities, refugees, and LGBTI.

The Spotlight Initiative also allowed to support training on accountability mechanisms, to ensure women's rights organisations were better equipped to address and engage into accountability processes.

The main results achieved can be categorised as : (i) increase capacity of local country level civil society organisations to work on ending violence against women and girls, (ii) increase CSOs's engagement on policy, planning processes and accountability mechanisms vis a vis government and institutions; (ii) Strengthened research, knowledge at country level (iii) Strengthened local and grassroots organisations and movements around GBV;

To a lesser extend Spotlight Initiative supported the coordinated efforts of civil society organisations to end violence

<sup>10</sup> [https://www.awid.org/sites/default/files/2022-02/MovingMoreMoney\\_FINALFINAL.pdf](https://www.awid.org/sites/default/files/2022-02/MovingMoreMoney_FINALFINAL.pdf)

<sup>11</sup> UN Women Peace and Humanitarian Fund: DRC, Liberia, Malawi, Nigeria and Uganda, Haiti, PNG and Afghanistan, UN Trust Fund VAWG: Cameroon, Chad, Ivory Coast, DRC, Liberia, Malawi, Nigeria, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe, 3 regional projects, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico and Argentina.

against women and girls through participation in official dialogues and processes and via shadow reports and accountability mechanisms to advocate for ending violence against women and girls<sup>12</sup>. In addition, the mapping of capacities of local civil society organisations enabled Spotlight Initiative teams to identify specific gaps to be addressed to ensure adequate strengthening and contribute to the establishment of more robust civil society platforms across countries.

The Spotlight Initiative 26 countries programme created foundations for women's organisations collaboration and networking, knowledge exchange and organisational capacity building but essentially at local (country) level. Results achieved so far **need to be elevated from local to regional and global level in order to maximise and sustained long lasting impact on ending violence against women and girls** and focus more particularly on strengthening coalition-building and advocacy within the context of regional and global fora against current post COVID pandemic context.

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<sup>12</sup> See Spotlight Annual Report 2020

### 3.5 The Intervention Logic

Addressing GBV is a significant, long-term development challenge. Recognizing the scale of such challenge, and in the context of the COVID post pandemic, the EU's engagement is to continue investing into building global and regional partnerships, contribute to learning, and best practices, to test and advance effective approaches both to prevent gender based violence including interventions to address the social norms and behaviours that underpin violence and to scale up and improve responses when violence occurs.

The underlying intervention logic is that the action will contribute to ending gender-based violence at global and regional level **by building and expanding upon the evidenced based knowledge gained under the EU-UN Spotlight Initiative whilst strengthening coalitions working on gender based violence at regional and global level to lead advocacy**. The action will build on the best practices, the Spotlight multi stakeholders' partnerships approach, its comprehensive theory of change as well as the work initiated on the Global Knowledge Hub.

By rolling out **knowledge, support and expertise including to new countries that wish to adopt a comprehensive programme on the prevention and elimination of gender-based violence**, the action will ensure Spotlight's legacy whilst generating new evidence and data collection to support credible and impactful policies, strategies and fund-raising advocacy.

However to further succeed in its important mission to contribute to ending gender-based violence, **all the work undertaken under the Spotlight Initiative at country level must also feed, leverage, and strengthen existing and/or emerging women's coalitions and networks, in particular at regional and global level**. The action will therefore ensure that women's organisations that have been at the forefront of efforts to bring an end to gender-based violence are provided with the necessary knowledge, organisational and financial support to ensure their effective representation and engagement in advocacy at global and regional level.

Ultimately, **strengthened global and/or regional women's coalition and networks will allow for sustained exchange of information, coordination and collaboration on comprehensive and transformative approaches and strategies to end violence against women and girls**. Such reinforced coalitions and/or networks will contribute to building more impactful, evidence based global advocacy in international fora with strong regional dimensions leading to the adoption of tangible measures and means to address and end gender based violence.

Given the limited funding availability, **geographical priorities will have to be set** insofar the second outcome of this action is concerned which is to increase global and regional advocacy and to strengthen coalition building and networking of women's rights organisations as well as their capacity. Future actions on gender based violence funded on other regional funding will also be taken into account to avoid duplication. **The geographical focus of this action will be decided during the inception phase. Africa and Latin-America will most probably be targeted as most work with CSOs and WROs has been concentrated in these regions and calls for/deserves follow up and scaling**. If confirmed by the progress made towards the end of 2023, **some funding might be allocated to Central-Asia** to complete work currently ongoing under the corresponding regional programme. A virtual knowledge platform is being set-up for civil society organisations to facilitate remote knowledge building as well as joint advocacy actions; a scoping study is also carried out to establish a grant-making mechanism.

### 3.6 Logical Framework Matrix

This indicative logframe constitutes the basis for the monitoring, reporting and evaluation of the intervention.

On the basis of this logframe matrix, a more detailed logframe (or several) may be developed at contracting stage. In case baselines and targets are not available for the action, they should be informed for each indicator at signature of the contract(s) linked to this AD, or in the first progress report at the latest. New columns may be added to set intermediary targets (milestones) for the Output and Outcome indicators whenever it is relevant.

- At inception, the first progress report should include the complete logframe (e.g. including baselines/targets).
- Progress reports should provide an updated logframe with current values for each indicator.
- The final report should enclose the logframe with baseline and final values for each indicator.

The indicative logical framework matrix may evolve during the lifetime of the action depending on the different implementation modalities of this action.

The activities, the expected Outputs and related indicators, targets and baselines included in the logframe matrix may be updated during the implementation of the action, no amendment being required to the Financing Decision.

Results	Results chain (@): Main expected results (maximum 10)	Indicators (@): (at least one indicator per expected result)	Baselines (values and years) <i>To be set in 2022 or 2023</i>	Targets (values and years)	Sources of data	Assumptions
Impact	To contribute to the eradication of gender based violence.					<i>Not applicable</i>
Outcome 1	To strengthen and disseminate knowledge and best practices, expertise, data and research collected through the Spotlight Initiative, valuing the capital of lessons learnt and good practices, and its contribution to global research.	<p>1.1 Improved systems on data collection on GBV and specific type of violence at regional level</p> <p>1.2 Number of publication on best practices and knowledge briefs on GBV reflecting specific regional issues and type of violence</p>			<p>UN data</p> <p>Generation Equality Action Coalition on GBV report</p> <p>Spotlight Initiative and UNTF Annual Reports</p> <p>Global Knowledge Platform</p>	
Outcome 2	To increase global advocacy on the elimination of gender based violence and strengthen coalition building and networking of women's rights organisations as well as their capacity to advocate and build their resilience.	<p>2.1 Number of grassroots civil society organisations benefitting from (or reached by) EU support (EURF)</p> <p>2.2 Ensure funding to women's rights organisations and movements to contribute to gender equality (GAP III)</p> <p>2.3 Number of GBV coalitions, and partnerships facilitated and supported at regional level</p>			<p>EU RF</p> <p>GAP III Reporting and OECD Data</p> <p>Generation Equality Action Coalition on GBV report</p> <p>Spotlight Initiative and UNTF Annual Reports</p>	

<p><b>Outputs</b></p> <p><b>relating to Outcome 1</b></p>	<p><b>Output 1.1:</b> Collection of evidence based data and research on GBV and type of violence at global, regional and country level is enhanced and published;</p> <p><b>Output 1.2:</b> Evidence based strategies, knowledge and tools to end violence against women and girls are produced and made available for advocacy purpose and in relevant fora</p> <p><b>Output 1.3:</b> : Global or regional (multi-stakeholder) events or campaigns dedicated to ending violence against women and girls are facilitated and supported</p> <p><b>Output 1.4</b> Increased expertise and support at country level to set in place comprehensive programme to end violence against women and girls, including SRHR.</p>	<p>1.1.1 Number of evidence based research piece on GBV/type of violence produced and published at country/regional and/or global level</p> <p>1.2.1 Number of strategies and tools produced (policies, plan of action, draft legislation etc.) and made available for organisations working on GBV.</p> <p>1.3.1 Number of multi-stakeholders regional peer to peer events and engagement forum dedicated to ending GBV organised and supported</p> <p>1.4.1 Number of countries provided with specific technical expertise to develop new GBV programmes and/or strategies</p>			<p>Generation Equality Action Coalition on GBV report</p> <p>Spotlight Initiative and UNTF Annual Reports</p> <p>OECD Database</p> <p>GAP III reporting</p> <p>Global Knowledge Platform</p>	
<p><b>Outputs</b></p> <p><b>relating to Outcome 2</b></p>	<p><b>Output 2.1:</b> Impact oriented GBV initiatives and advocacy actions at regional and global level by women's coalitions are implemented around key GBV calendar events and/or fora</p> <p><b>Output 2.2:</b> Representation and participation of GBV women's organisations and coalitions in formal global and/or regional fora is enhanced and supported;</p> <p><b>Output 2.3:</b> Regional/Global best practices and knowledge briefs are</p>	<p>2.1.1 Number of women's coalitions' led advocacy actions at global or regional level on GBV</p> <p>2.1.2 Number of GBV coalitions, and partnerships facilitated and supported at regional level</p> <p>2.2.1 Number of coordinated actions by women's rights organisations, autonomous social movements and relevant CSOs to advocate jointly on ending violence against women and girls (GAP III)</p> <p>2.3.1 Number of specific knowledge briefs and/or reports based upon</p>			<p>Generation Equality Action Coalition on GBV report</p> <p>Spotlight Initiative and UNTF Annual Reports</p> <p>GAP III reporting and OECD Data</p> <p>Global Knowledge Platform</p>	



	<p>developed and supported through interalia dedicated shared collaborative platforms for advocacy purpose;</p> <p><b>Output 2.4</b> : Regional coalition of women's organisations working on gender based violence are supported and strengthened;</p> <p><b>Output 2.5:</b> Capacity of women organisations and/or coalitions to produce knowledge, research and data at regional level based on evidence collected from lower/grassroots levels (practiced based learning) is supported and strengthened;</p> <p><b>Output 2.6:</b> Strategical planning, organisational and financial capacity of women's coalitions at regional level is strengthened</p>	<p>country/regional comparative (between regions) best practices developed/produced by women's coalitions for advocacy purpose</p> <p>2.4.1 Ensure funding to women's rights organisations and movements to contribute to gender equality (GAP III)</p> <p>2.4.2 Number of regional coalition of women's organisations working on GBV strengthened and/or supported</p> <p>2.5.1 Number of women's organisations that benefit from support to improve their data collection and knowledge production</p> <p>2.6.1 Number of women's organisations that benefit from support to improve their operational and financial capacity</p>				
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## 4 IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

### 4.1 Financing Agreement

In order to implement this action, it is not envisaged to conclude a financing agreement with partner countries.

### 4.2 Indicative Implementation Period

The indicative operational implementation period of this action, during which the activities described in section 3 will be carried out and the corresponding contracts and agreements implemented, is 72 months from the date of the adoption by the Commission of this Financing Decision.

Extensions of the implementation period may be agreed by the Commission's responsible authorising officer by amending this Financing Decision and the relevant contracts and agreements.

### 4.3 Implementation Modalities

The Commission will ensure that the EU appropriate rules and procedures for providing financing to third parties are respected, including review procedures, where appropriate, and compliance of the action with EU restrictive measures<sup>13</sup>.

#### 4.3.1 Indirect Management with a pillar assessed entity

This action may be implemented in indirect management with a UN entity or UN entities. The UN is the implementing partner of the Spotlight Initiative through an established Multi-Donor Trust Fund (MPTF). The core agencies are UNDP; UNFPA and UN Women.

The final entity(ies) for this particular action will be selected by the Commission's services using the following criteria: the nature of the action, the expertise and the mandate of the UN entity in the area of prevention and elimination of gender based violence, experience with global advocacy work and normative standard setting, experience with partnerships, networks and coalitions of civil society organisations, experience with multilateral engagement, the operational capacity, the value added and transparency. The implementation by the UN entity(ies) will concern the two outcome areas which the strengthening and dissemination of knowledge, best practices, expertise, data and research, expanding/building the sustainability of the Spotlight Initiative as well as increasing global advocacy by civil society and more particularly women's rights organisations (WRO), strengthening their capacity and boost coalition building and networking.

Possible UN entities for the implementation of this action are the Multi-Donor Trust Fund for the Spotlight Initiative, UN Women and/or its UN Trust Fund to end violence against women and girls which fall under the mandate of UN Women.

#### 4.3.2 Changes from indirect to direct management mode due to exceptional circumstances

In case the above implementation modality of indirect management with a UN agency cannot be implemented due to circumstances outside of the Commission's control, direct management through the award of grants contracts and/or service contracts will be applied for the activities related to the increase of global advocacy, the strengthening of coalitions and networks of women's organisations, capacity building, data and research and the provision of expertise.

<sup>13</sup> [www.sanctionsmap.eu](http://www.sanctionsmap.eu). Please note that the sanctions map is an IT tool for identifying the sanctions regimes. The source of the sanctions stems from legal acts published in the Official Journal (OJ). In case of discrepancy between the published legal acts and the updates on the website it is the OJ version that prevails.

#### 4.4 Scope of geographical eligibility for procurement and grants

The geographical eligibility in terms of place of establishment for participating in procurement and grant award procedures and in terms of origin of supplies purchased as established in the basic act and set out in the relevant contractual documents shall apply.

The Commission's authorising officer responsible may extend the geographical eligibility on the basis of urgency or of unavailability of services in the markets of the countries or territories concerned, or in other duly substantiated cases where application of the eligibility rules would make the realization of this action impossible or exceedingly difficult (Article 28(10) NDICI-Global Europe Regulation)

#### 4.5 Indicative Budget

<b>Indicative Budget components</b>	<b>EU contribution (amount in EUR)</b>	<b>Third-party contribution, in currency identified</b>
	2023	
<b>Indirect management cf. section 4.3.1.</b>		
<b>Specific objective 1: Strengthen and disseminate knowledge and best practices, expertise, data and research collected through the Spotlight Initiative, valuing the capital of lessons learnt and good practices, contribution to global research.</b>	18.000.000	N.A.
<b>Specific objective 2: Increase global advocacy on the elimination of gender based violence and strengthen capacity, coalition building and networking of women's organisations</b>	22.000.000	N.A.
<b>Evaluation – cf. section 5.2</b> <b>Audit – cf. section 5.3</b>	Will be covered by another Decision	N.A.
<b>Totals</b>	40.000.000	N.A.

#### 4.6 Organisational Set-up and Responsibilities

The existing governance and organisational structure of the Spotlight initiative includes a high-level Governing body and an Operational Steering Committee, both co-chaired by the EU and the UN, they meet at regular intervals to discuss overall strategy and implementation issues linked to the Initiative. There is a Spotlight Secretariat consisting of a technical unit and a management unit which oversees the overall implementation, coordination, monitoring and evaluation of the Initiative and is also in charge of overall communication and knowledge building. Its role and composition will be reviewed in light of the current action.

Finally, at country level and regional level there are steering committees co-chaired by the UN and the partner countries or regional organisations. The Commission participates in all these structures as part of its prerogative of budget implementation and to safeguard the financial interests of the Union.

It is expected that part of these structures at global and regional level will also be used in the framework on this particular action. Regular meetings will be organised to discuss formulation, implementation and progress including at technical level with the UN agencies concerned and the secretariat.

As mentioned before, civil society plays an essential role in the Spotlight Initiative, not only as an implementing partner at country level but also at the different governance levels in its advisor capacity. Civil society representatives are part of the Governing Board and the national steering committees. From 2020

onwards, they will also be a member of the Operational Steering Committee. Civil society reference groups have created at global, regional and country level and regular consultations have been and are still conducted with them at all levels and will be continued where relevant.

## 5 PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT

### 5.1 Monitoring and Reporting

The day-to-day technical and financial monitoring of the implementation of this action will be a continuous process, and part of the implementing partner's responsibilities. To this aim, the implementing partner shall establish a permanent internal, technical and financial monitoring system for the action and elaborate regular progress reports (not less than annual) and final reports. Every report shall provide an accurate account of implementation of the action, difficulties encountered, changes introduced, as well as the degree of achievement of its results (Outputs and direct Outcomes) as measured by corresponding indicators, using as reference the logframe matrix.

The Commission may undertake additional project monitoring visits both through its own staff and through independent consultants recruited directly by the Commission for independent monitoring reviews (or recruited by the responsible agent contracted by the Commission for implementing such reviews).

### 5.2 Evaluation

Having regard to the nature of the action and final evaluation(s) may be carried out for this action or its components contracted by the Commission or via an implementing partner. It will be carried out for accountability and learning purposes at various levels (including for policy revision).

Adequate gender equality expertise will be ensured in monitoring and evaluation teams.

The Commission shall inform the implementing partner at least one month in advance of the dates envisaged for the evaluation missions. The implementing partner shall collaborate efficiently and effectively with the evaluation experts, and inter alia provide them with all necessary information and documentation, as well as access to the project premises and activities.

The evaluation reports shall be shared with the partner country and other key stakeholders following the best practice of evaluation dissemination. The implementing partner and the Commission shall analyse the conclusions and recommendations of the evaluations and, where appropriate, in agreement with the partner country, jointly decide on the follow-up actions to be taken and any adjustments necessary, including, if indicated, the reorientation of the project.

The financing of the evaluation may be covered by another measure constituting a Financing decision.

### 5.3 Audit and Verifications

Without prejudice to the obligations applicable to contracts concluded for the implementation of this action, the Commission may, on the basis of a risk assessment, contract independent audit or verification assignments for one or several contracts or agreements.

## 6 STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC DIPLOMACY

The 2021-2027 programming cycle will adopt a new approach to pooling, programming and deploying strategic communication and public diplomacy resources.

It will remain a contractual obligation for all entities implementing EU-funded external actions to inform the relevant audiences of the Union's support for their work by displaying the EU emblem and a short funding statement as appropriate on all communication materials related to the actions concerned. This obligation will continue to apply equally, regardless of whether the actions concerned are implemented by the Commission, partner countries, service providers, grant beneficiaries or entrusted or delegated entities such as UN agencies, international financial institutions and agencies of EU member states.

The present action will support knowledge building, advocacy and awareness activities coordinated and implemented by the Spotlight Initiative secretariat. Global level activities should be coordinated with INTPA HQ. Activities designed to raise awareness of the issues, such as gender-based violence, promote behavior change and advance global advocacy, are integral to the overall objectives of the action.

## Appendix - REPORTING IN OPSYS

An Intervention (also generally called project/programme) is the operational entity associated to a coherent set of activities and results structured in a logical framework aiming at delivering development change or progress. Interventions are the most effective (hence optimal) entities for the operational follow-up by the Commission of its external development operations. As such, Interventions constitute the base unit for managing operational implementations, assessing performance, monitoring, evaluation, internal and external communication, reporting and aggregation.

Primary Interventions are those contracts or groups of contracts bearing reportable results and respecting the following business rule: 'a given contract can only contribute to one primary intervention and not more than one'. An individual contract that does not produce direct reportable results and cannot be logically grouped with other result reportable contracts is considered a 'support entities'. The addition of all primary interventions and support entities is equivalent to the full development portfolio of the Institution.

The present Action identifies as

Group of actions level		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Group of actions	Actions reference (CRIS#/OPSYS#): Present actions for two outcome areas and other actions under the Spotlight Initiative : MIGR/2017/392-573, HUM/2018/403-204, EDF 2018/404-041, EDF/2019/412-502, EDF/2019/412-681 AND HUM/2019/414-226