



United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)

Country Questionnaire for the Fifteenth-Year Review and Appraisal of the Implementation of the Beijing Platform of Action (BPFA+ 15)

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INTRODUCTION

Country Questionnaire for the Fifteenth-Year Review and Appraisal of the Implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action (BPFA) +15

The adoption of the Beijing Platform for Action (BPFA) in 1995 ushered in a new era in terms of addressing women's empowerment and advancement. The inception of this Platform carried with it, a call for Governments to accelerate their efforts towards addressing gender inequality. In 2004, and in line with the BPFA, African member States reiterated their commitment to the provisions of the Platform and to gender equality in general. African member States committed themselves to addressing challenges as identified in the *Synthesis of the national progress reports on the implementation of the Dakar and Beijing Platforms for Action* (2004). The current review will therefore cover the extent to which countries have scaled up efforts, post the 7th African Regional Conference on Women (Beijing+ 10).

The United Nations (UN) General Assembly has mandated the UN Regional Commissions, including the UN Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), to follow-up the implementation of the BPFA. At the recent meeting of the Committee on Women and Development (CWD), the process for the African review of the implementation of the Platform was presented to member States. This process was adopted with amendments during the CWD session in August 2008.

The process for the African review will be carried out by a number of stakeholders including the AU and UN Agencies. To ensure that a comprehensive review is undertaken, this questionnaire seeks to solicit information on the status of implementation of policies, programmes and legislation in the area of women's empowerment and advancement in your country. It will be appreciated if this questionnaire could be filled in a collaborative way and in consultation with all stakeholders involved in the implementation of activities related to the empowerment and advancement of women in your country. The national gender machinery is expected to coordinate the completion of this questionnaire and also provide documents supporting information provided.

The completed questionnaires will be analysed and summarized by ECA and the results will be published in the *synthesis report* of the regional report on Beijing+ 15. The report will form part of Africa's contribution to the global review and appraisal of the Beijing +15.

The ECA Executive Secretary would therefore appreciate it if you could submit the completed questionnaire to ECA through the REC and ECA Sub-Regional Office in your region, for onward transmission to:

**The OIC
African Centre for Gender and Social Development
Economic Commission for Africa
P.O. Box 3001
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Fax: 251 11 551 2785/ 4416**

Soft copies in MS Word format should also be emailed to the following address:

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The deadline for the submission of the report is **31 March 2009**

Thank you in advance for your keen collaboration.

ACRONYMS

ACHPR	African Charter on Human and People's Rights
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
AU	African Union
BPFA	Beijing Platform for Action
CEDAW	Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women
CWD	Committee on Women and Development
ECA	Economic Commission for Africa
GBV	Gender Based Violence
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HR	Human Rights
ICPD	International Conference on Population and Development (<i>held in Cairo Egypt in 1994</i>)
ICTs	Information Communication Technologies
ILO	International Labour Organisation
MDGs	Millennium Development Goals
NDS	National Development Strategy
NGP	National Gender Policy
NDP	National Development Plan
NEPAD	New Partnership for Africa's Development
PRSP	Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper
SDGEA	Solemn Declaration on Gender Equality in Africa
STI	Sexually Transmitted Infections
UN	United Nations
UNSC	United Nations Security Council
VAW	Violence Against Women

PART 1: Enabling Environment

Preamble: In this section, countries assess the degree to which there is an enabling environment at country level for supporting effective implementation of the Beijing Platform of Action. This appraisal focuses on the following aspects of the creation of such an enabling environment for the implementation of the BPFA:

- a) Institutional Arrangements
- b) Commitment to CEDAW
- c) Commitment to continental level gender equality protocols
- d) Commitment to sub-regional level gender equality protocols
- e) Adoption of a national gender policy
- f) Emerging issues for Africa
- g) Integration of gender equality principles into national development strategies (NDS) and Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers (PRSP)

a) Institutional Arrangements for Gender Equality, Equity and Empowerment of Women

- 1.1 Have any institutional arrangements been put in place for promoting Gender Equality, Equity and Empowerment of Women in line with the strategic objectives for the BPFA, and recommendation from reviews of the BPFA. Yes No

If yes, please list the various institutional arrangements and mechanisms:

Institutional Arrangement	Year of Establishment	Function(s)
Women's Affairs Department	1996	Coordination of Gender & Development issues
Botswana National Council on Women	1999	Advisory body to the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs on gender issues

- 1.2 What are the major constraints that prevent the National Gender Machineries from being effective?)
- *Human resource constraints*
 - *Financial constraints*
 - *Attitudes and perceptions which leads to resistance of gender and development issues in some quarters*

b) Commitment to CEDAW

- 1.3 What additional work has been done on CEDAW since the 2004 evaluation? What are the lessons learnt?

- *Enactment of the Domestic Violence Act, 2008*
Enactment of the the Abolition of Marital Power Act 2004

- 1.4 Has the Government ratified the Additional Protocol to CEDAW?

- a. Ratified? Yes Year of ratification [_____] No

c) Commitment to Continental Level Gender Equality Protocols

1.5 Indicate actions taken to implement the following continental level policy/strategy/framework in your country:

- Year
1. *AU Solemn Declaration on Gender Equality in Africa* [_____]
- 1.1. Frequency of reporting: Always Sometimes Never
2. *The African Women’s Protocol* [_____]
- 2.1. Frequency of reporting: Always Sometimes Never

d) Commitment to Relevant Sub-regional Level Policies and strategies

1.6 State the relevant sub-regional level policy or strategy and actions taken at country level

Instrument	Action taken at country level
SADC Gender Protocol	

e) Adoption of a National Gender Policy

1.7 Has the Government developed a national gender policy or reviewed an existing one to conform to the BPPA+10 Recommendations?

- (a) Developed Yes Year of adoption [2008] No

f) Emerging Issues for Africa

1.8 Has your Government adopted Gender Responsive Budgeting as a mechanism?

- Yes Year of adoption [_____] No

1.9 What are the lessons learnt in formulating, implementing and monitoring the National Gender Policy?

g) Integration of Gender Equality Principles in the NDS/ PRSP

1.10 Has the Government formulated a National Development Strategy (NDS) / PRSP?

NDS: Yes Year [_____] No
 PRSP: Yes Year [_____] No

If Yes, please indicate which of the following areas articulated in the NDS and budgeted for in the national programme of activities? (Tick the box for which the answer is 'Yes' or leave box unchecked if answer is 'No')

	<i>Gender Issues Articulated In the NDS/ PRSP</i>	<i>Gender Issues Budgeted for in the NDP</i>
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>
BPFA 12 Critical Areas of Concern		
1. Women and Poverty	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Women in the Economy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Education and training for women	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Women and health	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Violence Against Women	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Women in Conflict Situations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Women in Power and Decision Making	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Human rights of women	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Women in the media	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Women and the environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. The Girl Child	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. HIV/AIDS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emerging Issues for Africa		
13. Financing for Gender Equality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

1.12 Please rate availability of the following statistics and data in your country?

Very effective	Good	Average	Poor	Ineffective
1	2	3	4	5

Availability of gender statistics in following areas	Response				
	1	2	3	4	5
Sex disaggregate data on social issues (education, health)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sex disaggregate data on economic issues (production, income, trade, employment, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sex disaggregate data on environmental issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sex disaggregate data on Time-Use	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Statistics on GBV/Violence Against Women	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Statistics for women in decision-making positions (cabinet, parliament, etc.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

1.13 How effective is the dissemination strategy of Gender Statistics in your country?

Very effective	Good	Average	Poor	Ineffective
1	2	3 ✓	4	5

1.13.1 Does it involve use of ICT? Yes No

Please elaborate:

Dissemination is usually through the use of print and electronic media, and annual sector reports.

PART 2: Review of the 12 Critical Areas of Concern and other Emerging Issues

Preamble: Part 2, provides a set of guiding questions that can be used to assess a country's performance against expected actions to be taken by governments as stipulated in the BPFA for 1995. All the 12 critical areas of concern are covered. Countries will also review their performance against cross cutting and emerging issues for the BPFA for Africa.

Section 1: Women and Poverty

a) Measures taken by government empower women and reduce poverty

2.1.1 Indicate actions taken by your government through review of macro policies, development of new legal framework and other socio-economic measures and strategies all aimed at empowering women and reducing their level of poverty. (Tick the box for which the answer is 'Yes' or leave box unchecked if answer is 'No')

Specific Measures/Actions Taken in the Following Areas	Response	If Yes Indicate Specific Actions Undertaken at Country Level	Give Brief Description of Concrete Results Achieved and when (year)
Reallocation of public spending in favour of programmes and projects aimed at empowering women	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Design social protection tools (gender-sensitive safety nets in favour of women and girls)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	- Provision of food rations	- Destitution and poverty reduction
Provision of services (training, legal services, credit) to women to enable them to start up businesses.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	- Grants - Banking/credit laws relaxed - Organising of the annual National Women's Exposition	- Women have been able to start income generating projects - Women have easier access to credit - Capacity building of with small & medium business women entrepreneurs. - Small & medium business women entrepreneurs given an opportunity to market

			<i>their products.</i>
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b) Addressing Cross Cutting and Emerging Issues for BPFA

2.1.2 For the critical area of Concern “Women and Poverty”, please indicate if any of these issues were addressed in efforts to empower women and reduce poverty. *(Tick the appropriate response)*

Specific Measures/Actions Taken in the Following Areas	Response	Response
Effective Result Based Management mechanism	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Involvement of men and boys	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Capacity Building	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Gender and ICTs for women and poverty	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Food security	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Financing gender equality to reduce poverty	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

If you have responded “yes” to any of the questions above, please elaborate:

Botswana Government has put in place measures that specifically target women, e.g., grants under which they can start income generating projects. Other programmes are not specifically targeted at women, but access to them by women is easier. Programmes that aim to improve food security by providing farming equipment, draught power, seeds, fertilisers and drilling have been put in place(e.g., ISPAAD, LIMID, etc).

Section 2: Education and training for women

a) Measures taken by government for education and training of women

2.2.1 Indicate actions taken by your government to ensure education and training of women. (Tick the box for which the answer is 'Yes' or leave box unchecked if answer is 'No')

Specific Measures/Actions Taken in the Following Areas	Response	If Yes Indicate Specific Actions Undertaken at Country Level	Give Brief Description of Concrete Results Achieved and when (year)
Elimination of barriers that hinder boys and girls' access to education	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Education Policy reviewed (1996) - Education is offered free in public schools - More schools have been built closer to communities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improved access and equity - Average distance to schools was reduced by 5km to primary schools and 10km for junior secondary schools to improve access
Measures to increase tertiary enrolment and retention of women and girls, especially in sciences, mathematics and technology-related disciplines	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Education Policy reviewed (1996) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enrolment of girls/women in science and mathematics-based subjects increased
Eliminate gender gap in basic functional literacy	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Efforts have been made to eliminate gender gap. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The ratio of girls and boys in educational institutions is showing improvement in terms of enrolling female students. - Teacher Training colleges are enrolling more females than males while the University of Botswana is balancing the number of males and females admitted. - Continuous revision of curricula and teaching materials to make them gender neutral
Support and develop gender studies and research	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establishment of the Gender Programme Planning Committee within the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Research and publications on different gender issues.

		University of Botswana	
Eliminate gender disparities in all areas of tertiary education by 2015	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	- Efforts have been made to attract women and the girl child to technical and science subjects	<i>More women enrol for tertiary education and also in science based courses</i>
Measure to eliminate barriers to schooling of pregnant adolescents	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	- Readmission policy - National Education Policy revised, 1996 - Young Women Christian Association Teen Mothers' Programme - Diphilana Project funded by UNICEF	<i>-Adolescent mother can now continue with school after delivery. - Government supports other partners with teenage mothers' programmes</i>

b) Addressing Cross Cutting and Emerging Issues for BPFA

2.2.2 For the critical area of Concern “*Education and training of women*”, please indicate if any of these issues were address in efforts to empower women and reduce poverty. (*Tick the appropriate response*)

Specific Measures/Actions Taken in the Following Areas	Response	Response
Effective policy development and implementation	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Monitoring and evaluation tools and mechanisms in place	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Availability of sex disaggregated data	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Capacity Building	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Gender and ICTs for women and education	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Addressed food security issues	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Financing gender equality education and training of women	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

If you have responded “yes” to the question above, please elaborate:

Section 3: Women and health

a) Measures taken by government for women and health

2.3.1 Indicate actions taken by your government to ensure quality health services for women (Tick the box for which the answer is 'Yes' or leave box unchecked if answer is 'No')

Specific Measures/Actions Taken in the Following Areas	Response	If Yes Indicate Specific Actions Undertaken at Country Level	Give Brief Description of Concrete Results Achieved and when (year)
Implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action and the Copenhagen Declaration	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National Health Policy, 1995 - Development of a National Population Policy, 1997 - Enactment of the Sexual and Reproductive Health Programme, 2001 - Male involvement is SRH Programme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All citizens assured equitable distribution of health resources - Improvement in sexual and reproductive health services. - Reproductive health has expanded to include men's responsibility for their own reproductive health as well as that of their partners. - Increasing participation of men in child welfare care
Design and implement and monitor gender-sensitive health programmes, including affordable sexual and reproductive health care services and education for women and girls, and increase resources for women's health	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Male involvement in SRH Programme - Adolescent sexual reproductive health programme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reproductive health education is infused in the school curriculum -
Reduce maternal morbidity and mortality, deal with health impacts of unsafe abortions, ensure that girls have continuing access to necessary health and nutrition information and services, and address harmful traditional practices that harm women and girls' health including female genital mutilation	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Safe motherhood Programme - Family planning programme - Institutionalization of deliveries - Maternal mortality audit done by the hospitals - 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proportion of deliveries at home are declining - Free provision of family planning products to reduce numbers of unplanned pregnancies as well as to prevent maternal mortality.
Support interventions to curb the spread of	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sexual and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prevention of cancer

malaria, cardiovascular diseases, STIs and cancer that affect women, including provision of free and subsidized reproductive health care services		Reproductive Health Programme - Malaria prevention programme	of the cervix services offered in hospitals. - Free distribution of male and female condoms - Distribution of mosquito nets and spraying at malaria endemic areas
Medical school curriculum include gender-sensitive mandatory courses.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		

b) Addressing Cross Cutting and Emerging Issues for BPFA

2.3.2 For the critical area of Concern “*Women and Health*”, please indicate if any of these issues were addressed in efforts to ensure quality health for women. (*Tick the appropriate response*)

Specific Measures/Actions Taken in the Following Areas	Response	Response
Monitoring and evaluation tools and mechanisms in place	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Involvement of men and boys	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Capacity Building	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Gender and ICTs for women and health	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Addressed food security issues	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Financing gender equality for women’s health	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Provision of support for elderly women	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Provision of support for HIV/AIDS affected girls	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

If you have responded “yes” to any of the questions above, please elaborate:

Section 4: HIV/AIDS and its Gender Implications

a) National Institutional and Policy Framework

2.4.1 Has the Government put in place the institutional framework to address HIV/AIDS or adopted any recent strategies or measures including changes in legislation to address HIV/AIDS concerns?

Yes

No

If yes, please indicate as follows:

- | | Yes | No |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Existence of an engendered national HIV/AIDS policy | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Engendered service delivery guidelines and standards | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Availability of adequate human resources | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Others (please specify): | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - National Strategic Framework for HIV & AIDS 2003- 2009 | | |
| - Mid-Term Review of the NSF 2002-2009 | | |
| - National Strategic Framework II for HIV & AIDS (to be launched in 2009) | | |
| - National Operational Plan for Scaling Up HIV Prevention in Botswana, 2008 - 2010 | | |

2.4.2 Has your government established, enforced and monitored strict legal frameworks to address the vulnerability of girls and women

Yes

No

If Yes give details:

- *Amendment of the Marital Act, 2001*
- *Enactment of the Abolition of Marital Power Act, 2004*
- *Enactment of the Domestic Violence Act, 2008*

b) HIV/AIDS Prevention and Treatment Strategy

2.4.3 Has the Government adopted any recent measures and strategies including changes in legislation as part of the country's HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment strategy?

HIV Prevention and Treatment Strategies	Response	If Yes Indicate Specific Actions Undertaken at Country Level	Brief Description of Concrete Results Achieved and when (year)
Counselling and voluntary testing	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	- Introduction of VCT centres like Tebelopele	- People are testing for HIV and this serves as an entry point for utilization of other national response programmes like the enrolment for the anti-retroviral therapy.
Male and female condom availability and use	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Female and Male condoms are made	- The HIV prevalence in the

		<p>available in Government and Non-government offices, health facilities and other public places</p>	<p>general community is stabilising at around 17.1%. - Increase in the uptake of female condoms</p>
Targeted intervention to women and other vulnerable groups	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establishment of the Women Sector - Establishment of the National Orphan Care Programmes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strengthened support systems for orphans including provision of food baskets, free schooling, psychosocial counselling for orphans and support with educational necessities. -
Prevention of mother to child transmission	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provision of anti-retroviral therapy for HIV positive pregnant mothers. - Provision of infant formula feeds for babies of HIV positive mothers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HIV positive mothers can give birth to HIV negative babies - Infant mortality due to HIV & AIDS has declined
Provision of antiretroviral therapy	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>- Government has put in place programmes to provide HIV infected people with free anti-retroviral therapy (2002)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More than 70% of people estimated to be in need of treatment in 2008 are currently being treated. - Reduction of deaths due to HIV & AIDS, resulting in prolonged healthier lives of those infected - HIV positive adults in the productive years are now able to live longer to take care of their families and contribute to the economy. - There is a change in the way people perceive their future as they are now

			<p><i>more hopeful and live positive lives.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Gains in life expectancy achieved as lives are prolonged through the ARV treatment.</i> - <i>Adult treatment</i>
Behaviour change communication	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Abstain, Be Faithful & Condomise (ABC) campaigns - Campaigns against Multiple-Concurrent Partnerships (MCP) - Campaigns to promote HIV testing and knowing your HIV status 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increase in the knowledge about HIV & AIDS. - Decline registered in new HIV infections. - Increase in number of people who have tested for HIV
Medical, psychological and social care to HIV/AIDS victims	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>IDCC</i> - <i>Routine HIV testing within government health facilities</i> - <i>Clinical level counselling</i> - <i>Introduction of routine VCTs like Tebelopele & Health facilities</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Food basket for orphans
Home based care	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Government supports HBCs with resources and support to community volunteers</i> 	<p><i>Reduced strain on families who are unable to cope with care of sick relatives</i></p>
Other (please specify)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Male circumcision campaign</i> 	<p><i>-Situational analysis on male circumcision indicated that over 90% of men in Botswana embrace circumcision</i></p>

Section 5: Violence Against Women

a) Measures taken by government for elimination of violence against women

2.5.1 Indicate actions taken by your government to ensure elimination of violence against women (*Tick the box for which the answer is 'Yes' or leave box unchecked if answer is 'No'*)

Specific Measures/Actions Taken in the Following Areas	Response	If Yes Indicate Specific Actions Undertaken at Country Level	Give Brief Description of Concrete Results Achieved and when (year)
Legal sanctions for violence against women	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amendment of the Penal Code - Enactment of the Domestic Violence Act, 2008 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stringent measures taken for rape cases - Mandatory HIV testing for persons convicted of rape - More perpetrators tried and convicted for crimes such as threats to kill.
Enacted or reinforced country legislation to punish offenders and support women subjected to violence with justice and legal services	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amendment of the Penal Code - Amendment of the Criminal Procedure and Evidence Act - Enactment of the Domestic Violence Act, 2008 - Public education on issues of violence against women 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Offence of rape is made gender neutral in the Penal Code. - Stringent measures taken for rape cases, e.g minimum sentence increased to 10 years for rape & 15 years for rape accompanied by violence. - Perpetrators of rape are denied bail - Mandatory hearing of sexual offences to be in camera. - There is a decline in the number of rape cases reported (1605 in 2007, 1209 in 2008) - Implementation of the Domestic Violence Act yet to be realised

Mainstreamed gender perspectives in all policies and laws related to VAW	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	- A review of all laws Affecting the status of Women in Botswana, 1998	- Ammendment of the following Acts: Marriage Act 2001, Criminal Procedure & Evidence Act 1997; Penal Code 2004; Public Service Act 2000 - Enactment of the Abolition of Marital Power Act 2004.
Women with disabilities have access to information on services for violence against women	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Provide well funded shelters and relief support for girl and women	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Government supports other partners (e.g Kagisano Women's Shelter and Women Against Rape) with funding	- Abused girls and women seek for refuge at the shelters. (This is not enough though as the shelters are only available in two areas in the country and they are overwhelmed)
Promote research, collect data and compile statistics on domestic violence	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The national gender machinery carries out studies with the help of other development partners (UNDP, UNIFEM etc).	- Study conducted on the socio-economic implications of violence against women (1999) - Study on handling of gender based violence cases by the Botswana Police Service - Study on the Intersection between Gender Based Violence and HIV & AIDS with a focus on service provision (2009)
Measures aimed at preventing sex tourism and trafficking	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Encourage the media to examine the impact of gender role stereotyping including those encouraged by commercial advertising.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Workshops and press briefings for the media houses on different gender issues and proper reporting of such.	Some media houses are now vigorously writing on Gender issues. Gender Focal Persons have been put in place in some media houses

b) Addressing Cross Cutting and Emerging Issues for BPFA

2.5.2 For the critical area of Concern “*Violence Against Women*”, please indicate if any of these issues were addressed in efforts to ensure elimination of violence against women. (Tick the appropriate response)

Specific Measures/Actions Taken in the Following Areas	Response	Response
Effective policy development and implementation	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Monitoring and evaluation tools and mechanisms in place	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Availability of sex disaggregated data	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Involvement of men and boys	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Capacity Building	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Financing gender equality for violence against women	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

If you have responded “yes” to any of the questions above, please elaborate:

The Domestic Violence Act was introduced in 2008 and its effects are yet to be realised. This act provides for protection orders for the safety of victims and survivors of domestic violence. There are efforts to involve community leaders in the fight against violence against women. Process of gender mainstreaming in programmes and policies of different government ministries like the ministry of health and the Police service has started. The Police records have sex disaggregated data and proper measures are being put in place to improve on compiling of this data.

Section 6: Women and Armed Conflict

a) Measures taken by government for protection of women in armed conflict situations: Emelang

2.6.1 Indicate actions taken by your government to ensure elimination of violence against women (Tick the box for which the answer is ‘Yes’ or leave box unchecked if answer is ‘No’)

Specific Measures/Actions Taken in the Following Areas	Response	If Yes Indicate Specific Actions Undertaken at Country Level	Give Brief Description of Concrete Results Achieved and when (year)
Women’s voices in conflict prevention are heard and they are meaningfully involved in peace processes, including in the planning, design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of refugee projects	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	N/A
Train women in conflict resolution, reconciliation and tolerance	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	N/A
Integration of a gender perspective in the resolution of armed and other forms of conflict	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	N/A
Investigate and punish policy, security and armed forces involved in acts of VAW	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	N/A
Protect the safety and integrity of women refugees	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	N/A
Train military officials on the human rights of women and measures to assist women refugees deal with the trauma of rape and rejection	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	N/A
Implement provisions of UNSC Resolution 1325	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	N/A

Implement provisions of the AU Protocol on Women's Rights	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	N/A
Ratified and domesticated international Conventions and Protocols	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	N/A

b) Addressing Cross Cutting and Emerging Issues for BPFA

2.6.2 For the critical area of Concern "*Women in armed conflict*", please indicate if any of these issues were address in efforts to protect women in armed conflict. (*Tick the appropriate response*)

Specific Measures/Actions Taken in the Following Areas	Response	Response
Monitoring and evaluation tools and mechanisms in place	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Availability of sex disaggregated data	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Involvement of men and boys	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Capacity Building	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Gender and ICTs for women in armed conflict situations	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Addressed food security issues	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Financing gender equality for women in armed conflict	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

If you have responded "yes" to any of the questions above, please elaborate:

N/A

Section 7: Women and the Economy

a) Measures taken by government for women and economy

2.7.1 Indicate actions taken by your government to ensure full participation of women in the economy. (Tick the box for which the answer is 'Yes' or leave box unchecked if answer is 'No')

Specific Measures/Actions Taken in the Following Areas	Response	If Yes Indicate Specific Actions Undertaken at Country Level	Give Brief Description of Concrete Results Achieved and when (year)
Adopt and enact laws that guarantee an equal access to employment opportunities and social protection benefits.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amendment of the Mines and Quarries Act - Amendment of the Public Service Act 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Women are allowed to work at the mines - Share of women in wage employment has slightly increased - Sexual harassment in the public service is recognized as punishable misconduct
Ensure equal access to capital and trade opportunities.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establishment of Financial Assistant Policy(FAP), Arable Land Development Economic Programmes & Women's Finance House - Amendment of the Deeds Registry Act, 1996 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reduction of limitation to women's income generating projects through affirmative action - Women, whether married in community of property or not, can execute deeds and other documents required or permitted to be registered in the deeds registry without their husband's consent
Build capacity in gender-sensitive economic analysis.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Carrying out the gender-audit of the National	

		<i>Monitoring and Evaluating System</i>	
Ratified and domesticated International Conventions that guarantee the participation of women in the economy		- CEDAW, 1996 - Commonwealth Plan of Action, 1995 - Optional Protocol on the CEDAW, 2006 - The Millennium Declaration, 2000	

b) Addressing Cross Cutting and Emerging Issues for BPFA

2.7.2 For the critical area of Concern “*Women and the Economy*”, please indicate if any of these issues were address in efforts to ensure equal participation of women in the economy. (Tick the appropriate response)

Specific Measures/Actions Taken in the Following Areas	Response	Response
Effective policy development and implementation	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Monitoring and evaluation tools and mechanisms in place	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Availability of sex disaggregated data	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Involvement of men and boys	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Capacity Building	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Gender and ICTs for women and the economy	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Addressed food security issues	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Financing gender equality for women and the economy	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

If you have responded “yes” to any of the questions above, please elaborate:

Establishment of the Women in Development Policy in 1996. Report on the gender disaggregated data on positions of power and decision making within public and private sectors, parastatals, parliament, cabinet, NGOs and different governing bodies available. Capacity building activities have been undertaken to empower women to participate in political issues and business initiatives.

Section 8: Women, governance, power and decision making

a) Measures taken by government on women governance, power and decision-making

2.8.1 Indicate actions taken by your government to ensure meaningful participation and involvement of women in power and decision-making. (Tick the box for which the answer is 'Yes' or leave box unchecked if answer is 'No')

Specific Measures/Actions Taken in the Following Areas	Response	If Yes Indicate Specific Actions Undertaken at Country Level	Give Brief Description of Concrete Results Achieved and when (year)
Encourage and promote stronger representation of women in political and diplomatic circles	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p><i>-Implementation of the 30% quarter as stipulated in the SADC Declaration on Gender and Development</i></p> <p><i>- Capacity building activities to empower women to ascend to positions of power and decision making in the political arena</i></p> <p><i>- Inter party caucus of women politicians mounted workshops throughout the country for women candidates for elections for parliamentarians and counsellors.</i></p>	<p><i>- Increased number of women in position of power and decision making within the public service.</i></p> <p><i>- Increased participation of women in politics.</i></p>
Encourage greater involvement of women, in particular indigenous women, in decision-making processes	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Support research to help identify adequate ways and means to politically empower women		<p><i>- Electoral reforms research by University of Botswana Democracy Unit</i></p> <p><i>- Voter apathy</i></p>	

		<i>studies by Independent Electoral Commission - Support to civil society organizations to conduct research on political issues.</i>	
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b) Addressing Cross Cutting and Emerging Issues for BPFA

2.8.2 For the critical area of Concern “*Women in power and decision making*”, please indicate if any of these issues were address in efforts to ensure equal participation of women in power and decision-making. *(Tick the appropriate response)*

Specific Measures/Actions Taken in the Following Areas	Response	Response
Institutional mechanisms in place	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Effective policy development and implementation	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Monitoring and evaluation tools and mechanisms in place	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Availability of sex disaggregated data	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Involvement of men and boys	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Capacity Building	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Gender and ICTs for women	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Food security issues	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Financing gender equality	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

If you have responded “yes” to any of the questions above, please elaborate:

Section 9: Human rights of women

a) Measures taken by government for human rights of women

2.9.1 Indicate actions taken by your government to protect human rights of women. (Tick the box for which the answer is 'Yes' or leave box unchecked if answer is 'No')

Specific Measures/Actions Taken in the Following Areas	Response	If Yes Indicate Specific Actions Undertaken at Country Level	Give Brief Description of Concrete Results Achieved and when (year)
Report on schedule to the Committee on CEDAW	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Publicise information on national, regional and international mechanisms for seeking redress of HR abuse	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	- Translation of national, regional and international instruments into the local language (Setswana)	
Embody the principle of the equality of men and women in country legislation and strengthen development of programmes to protect the human rights of women	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	- Enactment of legislation to address the unequal relation between men and women. - Development of a national gender framework detailing the critical areas of concern	-Abolition of the marital power act (2004) -Domestic Violence Act (2008) -The National gender Framework (1997) -Women in Development Policy (1996)
Translate to user friendly language information relating to the equal status of women including relevant protocols	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Translation of national, regional and international instruments into the local language (Setswana)	CEDAW translated in () The SADC Declaration on Gender and Development translated in ()
Ratified and domesticated International and African Conventions and Protocols that guarantee the human rights of women		-reviews and amendment of laws that discriminate women. -development of policies and programmes addressing critical concerns affecting women.	-The Citizen Act was amended to comply with the CEDAW (1995) -after the 1999 general elections the number of women in parliament increased to 18% in line with the 30% quota outlined by the SADCRegional Programme of Action on women in Politics and Decision-making

			<i>-the BNCW was established to advise the Minister responsible for gender issues on all matters relating to gender and development.(1999)</i>
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b) Addressing Cross Cutting and Emerging Issues for BPFA

2.9.2 For the critical area of Concern “*Human rights of women*”, please indicate if any of these issues were address in efforts to protect human rights of women in decision-making. *Tick the appropriate response)*

Specific Measures/Actions Taken in the Following Areas	Response	Response
Monitoring and evaluation tools and mechanisms in place	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Availability of sex disaggregated data	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Involvement of men and boys	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Capacity Building	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Gender and ICTs	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Food security issues	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Financing gender equality	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

If you have responded “yes” to any of the questions above, please elaborate:

Section 10: Women in media

a) Measures taken by government for human rights of women

2.10.1 Indicate actions taken by your government to ensure effective participation of women in media (*Tick the box for which the answer is ‘Yes’ or leave box unchecked if answer is ‘No’*)

Specific Measures/Actions Taken in the Following Areas	Response	If Yes Indicate Specific Actions Undertaken at Country Level	Give Brief Description of Concrete Results Achieved and when (year)
Measures that support research on women and media and ensure women’s access to and participation in media	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Promote gender-aware media policies and gender balance in appointments at all levels of the media	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Encourage and recognise women’s media networks	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Encourage the participation of women in the development of professional guidelines and codes of conduct for media	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Promote gender sensitive research and implementation of a strategy of information, education and communication and support research on women and the media	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Enforcement of provisions of the World Summit on the Information Society			

b) Addressing Cross Cutting and Emerging Issues for BPFA

2.10.2 For the critical area of Concern “Women in media”, please indicate if any of these issues were address in efforts to promote equal participation of women in media (*Tick the appropriate response*)

Specific Measures/Actions Taken in the Following Areas	Response	Response
Institutional mechanisms in place	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Effective policy development and implementation	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Monitoring and evaluation tools and mechanisms in place	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Availability of sex disaggregated data	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Involvement of men and boys	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Capacity Building	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Food security issues	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Financing gender equality	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

If you have responded “yes” to any of the questions above, please elaborate:

Section 11: Women and the environment

a) Measures taken by government on women and the environment

2.11.1 Indicate actions taken by your government to ensure beneficial participation of women in the environment. (Tick the box for which the answer is 'Yes' or leave box unchecked if answer is 'No')

Specific Measures/Actions Taken in the Following Areas	Response	If Yes Indicate Specific Actions Undertaken at Country Level	Give Brief Description of Concrete Results Achieved and when (year)
Measures integrating gender in the design and implementation of environmental sound resource management, especially in rural areas	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	-Development of the National energy policy	The policy not yet implemented.
Measures to engender MDG 7, empower women as producers and consumers to ensure effective environmental actions	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	-Development of the National energy policy	
Provide technical assistance to women in sectors such as agriculture, fisheries, small enterprises, trade and industry	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	-Fund for women entrepreneurs set aside by the government. -National Women Exposition	-More women have benefited from the fund by coming up with income generating projects -women entrepreneurs have been exposed to the global market
Evaluate policies and programmes in terms of environmental impact and women's equal access to and use of natural resources	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Drafting of the national Policy on energy	

b) Addressing Cross Cutting and Emerging Issues for BPFA

2.11.2 For the critical area of Concern "Women and the environment", please indicate if any of these issues were address in efforts to promote equal participation and benefit in the environment. (Tick the appropriate response)

Specific Measures/Actions Taken in the Following Areas	Response	Response
Effective policy development and implementation	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Monitoring and evaluation tools and mechanisms in place	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Availability of sex disaggregated data	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Involvement of men and boys	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Capacity Building	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Gender and ICTs	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Food security issues	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

Financing gender equality	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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If you have responded “yes” to any of the questions above, please elaborate:

Section 12: The girl child

a) Measures taken by government on the girl child

2.12.1 Indicate actions taken by your government to ensure beneficial participation of women in the environment. (Tick the box for which the answer is 'Yes' or leave box unchecked if answer is 'No')

Specific Measures/Actions Taken in the Following Areas	Response	If Yes Indicate Specific Actions Undertaken at Country Level	Give Brief Description of Concrete Results Achieved and when (year)
Eliminate injustice and obstacles related to inheritance by girl children	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Enact and enforce legislation protecting girls from all forms of VAW and ensure marriage is by young women's consent	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	-review of existing legislation	-the Children's Act
Implement policies, plans and programmes for the survival, protection, development and advancement of the girl child	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	-development of the National Policy on Orphans and Vulnerable Children -national Plan of Action for Children (2006-2016)	
Ongoing research on the situation of the girls and realignment of policies and programmes	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Develop and adopt curricula, teaching materials and textbooks to improve the self image, lives and work opportunities of girls	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Facilitate the equal provision of appropriate services and devices to girls with disabilities	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		

2.12.2 For the critical area of Concern "The girl child", please indicate if any of these issues were addressed in efforts to promote the rights of the girl child. (Tick the appropriate response)

Specific Measures/Actions Taken in the Following Areas	Response	Response
Effective policy development and implementation	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Monitoring and evaluation tools and mechanisms in place	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Availability of sex disaggregated data	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Involvement of men and boys	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Capacity Building	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Gender and ICTs	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Food security issues	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Financing gender equality	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

b) Ratification or domestication of relevant global protocols

2.12.2 Has your country ratified and domesticated the Convention on the Rights of the child?

Ratified
Yes

Domesticated
Yes

If you have responded “yes” to the question above, please elaborate:

PART 3: Review on key Achievement, Challenges and Lessons Learnt

Overall, what do you view as your key achievement, challenges and lessons learnt in your efforts to implement the BPFA at country level. For each of the three items highlight 4 priority.

Key Achievement in implementing the BPFA

- 1. _____

- 2. _____

- 3. _____

- 4. _____

Key Challenges in implementing the BPFA

- 1. _____

- 2. _____

- 3. _____

- 4. _____

Key Lessons Learnt in Implementing the BPFA

- 1. _____

- 2. _____

- 3. _____

- 4. _____

Final Note:

Are there any relevant issues that were not covered in the questionnaire? If yes, what are your views, comments and observations on these issues?

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!