



**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 **YES** No

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

Institutional Arrangement	Year of Establishment	Function(s)
Ministry of Women and Social Action	2000	Ensure the promotion, dignity and respect for women's human rights. Promote the equality of rights and opportunities between men and women, for the enhancement of women's status.
National Commission for Advancement of Women	2004	Oversee, promote and follow up the implementation of policies and programmes approved by the government for the area of women and gender.

- 1.2** What are the major constraints that prevent the National Gender Machineries from being effective?)

They needed more specific guidelines, on-the-job training, mentoring, and more power decisions on the sector that are performing their activities.

b) Commitment to CEDAW

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

The Ministry of Woman and Social Affairs has provided support and formulated the National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women,. A network of gender actors from government, civil society and donors, have been created, as one of the working groups of the PRSP II formulation process. This group was crucial in terms of networking, lobbying and advocacy. Gender Working Group has been active in putting gender issues more prominently on the country agenda.

1.4 Has the Government ratified the Additional Protocol to CEDAW?

a. Ratified? **Yes** Year of ratification [2008] 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:

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|--|--|--|
| | Year | |
| 1. <i>AU Solemn Declaration on Gender Equality in Africa</i> [<u>2004</u>] | | |
| 1.1. Frequency of reporting: | Always <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Sometimes <input type="checkbox"/> Never <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. <i>The African Women's Protocol</i> [_____] | | |
| 2.1. Frequency of reporting: | Always <input type="checkbox"/> | Sometimes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Never <input type="checkbox"/> |

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 Protocol on Gender and Development	Enforce legislative and other measures to ensure equal access to justice and protection before the law
	Enshrine gender equality and equity in the Constitution

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 BPFA+10 Recommendations?

(a) Developed **Yes** Year of adoption [2007]
 No

f) Emerging Issues for Africa

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

Yes Year of adoption [2007] No

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

There are efforts to integrate a gender dimension in the plans and strategies at sectoral level, as well as the data collection at the level of some of the sectoral Management Information Systems, such as health and education. There are gradually also more systematic efforts to integrate a gender dimension in the conventional data collection instruments, such as household surveys, Demographic and Health Surveys, QUIBBs (Questionnaire on Basic Indicators of Well-Being) undertaken by the National Statistic Institute. However in-depth analysis of the data remains largely unexplored. Sex-disaggregated data is not a practice for all sectors and in those cases where there is collection and analysis, there is hardly any feedback of this information into subsequent planning and activities implementation.

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

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

NDS:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Year [_____]	No <input type="checkbox"/>
PRSP:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Year [__2006__]	No <input type="checkbox"/>

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')

BPFA 12 Critical Areas of Concern	<i>Gender Issues Articulated In the NDS/ PRSP</i>	<i>Gender Issues Budgeted for in the NDP</i>
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>
1. Women and Poverty	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Women in the Economy	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Women in the media	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Women and the environment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. The Girl Child	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. HIV/AIDS		
Emerging Issues for Africa		
13. Financing for Gender Equality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. Other (Specify)		

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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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sex disaggregate data on environmental issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sex disaggregate data on Time-Use	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Statistics on GBV/Violence Against Women	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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: _____ There are efforts to integrate a gender dimension in the data collection at the level of some of the sectoral Management Information Systems, such as health and education as we said. However the dissemination strategy of gender statistic does not exist.

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 BPPA 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 BPPA 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Food subsidy programme that aims to support the	A support fund has been allocated to the marketing of agricultural products

		most disadvantage households	that, in addition to economic agents, has also benefiting about 14 thousand peasant farmers and created employment for both women and men since 2004.
Design social protection tools (gender-sensitive safety nets in favour of women and girls)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Provision of services (training, legal services, credit) to women to enable them to start up businesses.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rural Plan of Action (PRA), which includes the following components: micro-finance, micro-projects, community-based management of the natural resources and support to local organizations and rural communication. The main objective of this plan is the development of the rural areas and the promotion of the agricultural sector in the country where the women are the majority.	

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 checked="" 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 poverty	Yes <input 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:

An Education Sector Integrated Strategic Programme was formulated and implemented with the aim to enhance the education levels throughout the country and increase the access and quality of education;

In spite of the fact that key actors in various arenas are convinced of the value added of financing gender equality to reduce poverty, there is currently not yet a critical mass or the involvement of actors with the necessary power in order to realise an effective institutionalisation of this. However, in the health sector the activities related to ‘maternal health’ receive a additional resources.

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"/>	Definition of annual enrolment targets for girls in all districts where there is gender disparity according to the local situation.	Increase in the proportion of girls enrolled in primary education at the national level. As from 1997, it has increased from 41.7% to 43.3% in 2000, 46.8 in 2008;
Measures to increase tertiary enrolment and retention of women and girls, especially in sciences, mathematics and technology-related disciplines	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Eliminate gender gap in basic functional literacy	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Promotion of literacy for pregnant teenagers, single mothers and adult women. An important activity that is carried out here is the sensitization of the girls’ families and relatives regarding cultural taboos.	Existence, in 2003 of a national strategy on literacy and non-formal education and improvement in the level of the sector’s organization.

Support and develop gender studies and research	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Studies for the adoption of a new Basic Education Curriculum integrating the issue of human rights and civic education in schools and in development programmes.	
Eliminate gender disparities in all areas of tertiary education by 2015	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Measure to eliminate barriers to schooling of pregnant adolescents	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		

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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

If you have responded “yes” to the question above, please elaborate:
Capacity building and sensitization of teachers and other technicians at the various levels on the education of girls and equitable participation at school.

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"/>	Policies and Strategies on Sexual and Reproductive Health for Adolescents and Youths have been formulated.	
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"/>	Formulation of a Health Sector Strategic Plan, covering the period 2001-2010, aims to reduce maternal mortality through the increase and use of essential and complete basic obstetric care and through preventive actions, including family planning, prenatal, childbirth and postnatal care	
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"/>	Strategies for the reduction of maternal deaths have been formulated	
Support interventions to curb the spread of malaria, cardiovascular diseases, STIs and cancer that affect women, including provision of free and subsidized reproductive	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Free Adolescent and Youth Friendly Health Services. Some health units	

health care services		had begun providing specialized services for some kinds of cancer, such as breast cancer and cervical cancer.	
Medical school curriculum include gender-sensitive mandatory courses.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Teachers from Health Training Institutes and Centres are also being trained on gender issues, so as to mainstream gender in the curricula of all health-related courses.	

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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

Day care hospitals for following up HIV/AIDS cases, free anti-retroviral treatment, as well as treatment of opportunistic infections and HIV-related diseases

Within the framework of capacity building process, researches is being undertaken to diagnose the dynamics between gender and health as well as the institutional gender patterns, so as to feed into the reform process and gender mainstreaming in policies and programmes.

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:

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|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| | | Yes |
| No | | |
| 1. Existence of an engendered national HIV/AIDS policy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Engendered service delivery guidelines and standards | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Availability of adequate human resources | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Others (please specify): | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HIV mother-child vertical transmission prevention services provided. | | |
| _____ | | |
| _____ | | |
| _____ | | |

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

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"/>	HIV Counselling and Voluntary Testing Centres have been created.	
Male and female condom availability and use	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Condom mainly for men are distributed free of charges in clinics and services.	
Targeted intervention to	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		

women and other vulnerable groups			
Prevention of mother to child transmission	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Provision of antiretroviral therapy	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	free anti-retroviral treatment, as well as treatment of opportunistic infections and HIV-related diseases have been provided.	
Behaviour change communication	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Medical, psychological and social care to HIV/AIDS victims	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Home based care	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Other (please specify)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		

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 type="checkbox"/>		
Enacted or reinforced country legislation to punish offenders and support women subjected to violence with justice and legal services	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special services were created to cater for cases of violence against women and children, at police stations. At these assistance centres, the beneficiaries receive procedural assistance, information on their rights, initial counseling and referral to other special services for legal, medial and psycho-social assistance according to the cases.	
Mainstreamed gender perspectives in all policies and laws related to VAW	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
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 type="checkbox"/>		
Promote research, collect data and compile statistics on domestic violence	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Government institutions, research centres as well as NGOs are involved in the fight against violence. The activities they	

		carry out include counseling, research, and collect data and statistics	
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 type="checkbox"/>		

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Capacity Building	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Financing gender equality for violence against women	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

If you have responded “yes” to any of the questions above, please elaborate:
A National Plan for Prevention and Fight of Violence Against Woman have been formulated and approved by the Council of Ministers in 2008. A Law to Fight the Domestic Violence have been submitted to the Parliament.

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"/>		
Train women in conflict resolution,	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		

reconciliation and tolerance			
Integration of a gender perspective in the resolution of armed and other forms of conflict	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Investigate and punish policy, security and armed forces involved in acts of VAW	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Protect the safety and integrity of women refugees	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
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"/>		
Implement provisions of UNSC Resolution 1325	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Implement provisions of the AU Protocol on Women's Rights	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Ratified and domesticated international Conventions and Protocols	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The international conventions ratified, particularly, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.	

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:

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"/>	A programme, Social Benefit for Work (Beneficio Social pelo Trabalho) has been developed by the National Institute of Social Action– INAS targeting women.	Women, mainly head of household, could access to money and goods for their survive.
Ensure equal access to capital and trade opportunities.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A micro-credit programme was launched in some province, with a view to assisting disadvantaged women	Women develop income generating projects.
Build capacity in gender-sensitive economic analysis.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	gender budget analysis in the health sector on the revenue side, and more particularly at the level of the user fees.	
Ratified and domesticated International Conventions that guarantee the participation of women in the economy			

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 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 type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Involvement of men and boys	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Capacity Building	Yes <input 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:

The Ministry of Planning and Development is principally involved in monitoring and evaluation. The progress on the execution of the Economic and Social Plan (PES) and State Budget are monitored in the PES implementation report (Balanco do PES, BdPES) and the Quarterly Budget Execution Report (Relatório de Execução Orçamental, REO) respectively. The Joint Review prepare reviews for their respective areas, including a working group on gender.

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"/>	In the fulfilment of one of the commitments undertaken by the Government in the 1997 SADC women have been elected to parliament and occupy high levels in the public office	The representation of women in the legislative body in Mozambique is one of the highest not only in Southern Africa but also in the world
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			

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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 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:

Establishment of more efficient mechanisms of articulation and partnership between the different players working in the area “*Women in power and decision making*, namely: Government, Parliament, Justice, NGOs and other civil society entities.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Publicise information on national, regional and international mechanisms for seeking redress of HR abuse	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
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"/>	Articles 35 e 36 of National Constitution refers to the principle of the equality of men and women	
Translate to user friendly language information relating to the equal status of women including relevant protocols	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Ratified and domesticated International and African Conventions and Protocols that guarantee the human rights of women	Yes X	Mozambique has ratified the CEDAW and its	

		Optional Protocol Protocol and Protocol to the African Charter on the Human and Peoples Rights in Africa related to women's rights	
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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 checked="" 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	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Food security issues	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Financing gender equality	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

The special services were expanded to cater for cases of violence against women and children, at police stations, covering the Maputo city, the provinces of Maputo, Sofala, Gaza, Manica, Tete, Niassa, Cabo Delgado and Zambézia. At these assistance centres, the beneficiaries receive procedural assistance, information on their rights, initial counseling and referral to other special services for legal, medial and psycho-social assistance according to the cases.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Establishment of Community Radios	Majority of employees in Community Radios are women
Promote gender-aware media policies and gender balance in appointments at all levels of the media	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Increase the number of women being admitted for posts in public media	There an increasing number of women in public media
Encourage and recognise women's media networks	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Its was created the Women's Association in the Social Communication	There is a greater knowledge, visibility and awareness about women's contribution challenges and constraints in the media
Encourage the participation of women in the development of professional guidelines and codes of conduct for media	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Through the Union of Journalists Women participate in decision processes that affect their lives	There is greater engagement of women in the media
Promote gender sensitive research and implementation of a strategy of information, education and communication and support research on women and the media	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Publication of Who is Who: Women in the media in Mozambique	- Greater visibility and knowledge about the contribution of women in the media - Gender stereotypes in media are being gradually reduced
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Availability of sex disaggregated data	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Involvement of men and boys	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Capacity Building	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Food security issues	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Financing gender equality	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

Admissions mechanisms that encourage women’s participation were put in place combined with tracking the development of women’s careers in the media. Besides that training actions are being organized and those include gender issues.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Measures to engender MDG 7, empower women as producers and consumers to ensure effective environmental actions	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Provide technical assistance to women in sectors such as agriculture, fisheries, small enterprises, trade and industry	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Formulation of programmes whose objective is to support farmers through extensive investment, agricultural produce marketing and agricultural extension .	
Evaluate policies and programmes in terms of environmental impact and women's equal access to and use of natural resources	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Monitoring and evaluation tools and mechanisms in place	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Availability of sex disaggregated data	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Involvement of men and boys	Yes <input checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	It was approved the Law for promotion and protection of rights of the children It was approved the Law against the traffic of human beings with particular emphasis to women and children	
Implement policies, plans and programmes for the survival, protection, development and advancement of the girl child	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Ongoing research on the situation of the girls and realignment of policies and programmes	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

Develop and adopt curricula, teaching materials and textbooks to improve the self image, lives and work opportunities of girls	Yes <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Monitoring and evaluation tools and mechanisms in place	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Availability of sex disaggregated data	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Involvement of men and boys	Yes <input checked="" 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 checked="" 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:

Mozambique has ratified the Conventions on the rights of children through resolution 19/90 as well as the African Charter on Well Being of the children and other instruments related to children’s rights. Those tools are being implemented at various levels, where actions are being incorporated in national plans for children.

Some of the actions are following:

- In 1998 Mozambique has approved the law for promotion and protection of the rights of children.
- The rights are being disseminated at national level with participation of children.
- There were created organs who are responsible for ensuring the fulfilment of the rights of the children. eg. National Council of Children and multi-sectoral nucleus to assist children in difficult situations.
- It has been elaborated the second report on the implementation of children’s rights.

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 priorities.

Key Achievement in implementing the BPFA

1. Education Sector Integrated Strategic Programme with the aim to enhance the education levels throughout the country and increase the access and quality of education
2. Definition of annual enrolment targets for girls in all districts where there is gender disparity according to the local situation.
3. Promotion of alternative systems of provision of education to girls, such as the promotion of non-formal education.
4. National Integrated Programme for Social Action, Employment and Youth, whose main objective is to provide employment opportunities and alternative forms of income generation

Key Challenges in implementing the BPFA

1. Strategies for the reduction of maternal deaths
2. Policies and Strategies on Sexual and Reproductive Health for Adolescents and Youths
3. HIV mother-child vertical transmission prevention services
4. Formulation of the National Plan for Prevention and Combat of Violence Against Woman

Key Lessons Learnt in Implementing the BPFA

1. Existence of a gender-sensitivity of PRS (PARPA) both in content and in process.
 2. The Defence of The CEDAW Report in 2007
 3. Strengthening of joint planning and monitoring, Government, Parliament and civil society organisations, in activities geared towards the advancement of women and gender equity.
 4. The creation of the National Council for the Advancement of Women (CNAM). This step gave a new dynamics given that it now enjoys a legal status.
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What are your views, comments and observations on these issues?

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!