



**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)
<i>Women's Bureau</i>	<i>1988</i>	<i>To Coordinate Women's programmes</i>
<i>Ministry of Gender and Children's Affairs</i>	<i>1998</i>	<i>To promote the advancement of women</i>

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

The lack of resources including human resources; financial and material logistics; the National Machinery which is the Gender and children's affairs ministry has over the years received below 3% of budget allocation annually in spite of its wide mandate.

b) Commitment to CEDAW

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

Sensitization and awareness- raising on the Convention and the preparation and submission of the initial, 2nd to the 5th periodic report on CEDAW. The Domestication of the Convention has also begun with the enactment of the three Gender Acts of 2007 namely: the Registration of Customary Marriage and Divorce Act; the Domestic Violence Act; and the Devolution of Estate Act.

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

a. Ratified? Yes Year of ratification [_____] No Sierra Leone has only signed the document (8th September 2000) but has not ratified it.

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* [2005]
- 1.1. Frequency of reporting: Always Sometimes Never
2. *The African Women's Protocol* [2003]
- 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

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 BPF+10 Recommendations?

- (a) Developed Yes Year of adoption [2000] 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?
There is now a Commission and a gender budgeting Committee – organised writers workshop and a retreat to finalize the Draft of the National Gender Strategic Plan 2009-2012

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 [2000] No
 PRSP: Yes Year [2005] 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')

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

Costing for gender equality and the empowerment of women has not yet been given attention

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

Very effective	Good	Average	Poor	Ineffective
1	2	<u>3</u>	4	5

Availability of gender statistics in following areas	Response				
	1	2	3	4	5
Sex disaggregate data on social issues (education, health)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sex disaggregate data on economic issues (production, income, trade, employment, etc.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 checked="" 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 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:

Through the dissemination of statistical report, but only few literate Sierra Leoneans can access it.

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"/>	The Devolution of Estate Act 2007 seeks to protect the rights of women and children including girls to Intestate successions and other inheritance related matters.	<i>now rolled out; women sensitized on their rights</i>
Provision of services (training, legal services, credit) to women to enable them to start up businesses.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Micro Credit loan scheme</i>	<i>not successful due to lack of business management small start off kit</i>

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Involvement of men and boys (<i>above 18 years</i>)	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 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:
Capacity building training of trainers organized for local staff, Councillors, Ministries and departments and agencies on gender budgeting and financing gender equality to reduce poverty*

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"/>	<i>children given equal opportunity</i>	<i>now more girls in school than formerly</i>
Measures to increase tertiary enrolment and retention of women and girls, especially in sciences, mathematics and technology-related disciplines	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>more women and girls returned in school/tertiary</i>	<i>more women graduate from university & secondary schools</i>
Eliminate gender gap in basic functional literacy	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>women are encouraged in Tech/Voc</i>	<i>women now attend Adult literacy in Rural/Urban Area</i>
Support and develop gender studies and research	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	UNIVERSITY GRADOC	<i>Gender Research & Documentary Centre – (GRADOC) offers degree</i>
Eliminate gender disparities in all areas of tertiary education by 2015	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Female graduates are doctors, engineers</i>	<i>Equal opportunity in form of education</i>
Measure to eliminate barriers to schooling of pregnant adolescents	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Girls return to school after giving birth</i>	<i>Girls returned in some schools with pregnancy</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 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"/>
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 checked="" 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:

There is a structure in place by promoting girls education with educational policies, effective school inspectorate – food provided in schools for children by World Food Programme

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"/>	<i>Sexual Reproductive Health Education</i>	<i>National policy on....developed</i>
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"/>	<i>An Archive MCH/...programme. A Directorate on Sexual Reproductive Health Education</i>	<i>- Reduction of IMR, MRR support to the Health sector - Provision of drugs and vehicles/bikes</i>
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"/>	<i>Effective Sexual Reproductive Health Education in school, clinics, clubs etc</i>	<i>Reduction of IMR, MMR sensitization and awareness raising Human Rights Commission established</i>
Support interventions to curb the spread of malaria, cardiovascular diseases, STIs and cancer that affect women, including provision of free and subsidized reproductive health care services	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>programme to kick-out malaria treatment of STI & HIV/AIDS for all</i>	<i>sensitization programme under – taken at national level</i>
Medical school curriculum includes gender-sensitive mandatory courses.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Establishment of free medical for under five children</i>	<i>Family Life education strengthened in school for all children</i>

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 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"/>
Gender and ICTs for women and health	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Addressed food security issues	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Financing gender equality for women’s health	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Provision of support for elderly women	Yes <input checked="" 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:

Section 4: HIV/AIDS and its Gender Implications

Establishment of national HIV/AIDS Council to which the President in the chairperson with a national HIV/AIDS Secretariat serving as a component reaching the populace

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:

- | | | |
|---|---|-----------------------------|
| 1. Existence of an engendered national HIV/AIDS policy | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

National HIV/AIDS Secretariat provides ARVs and care for positive cases and WFP provides food

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

The Government has developed policies on the Advancement of women and girls, three Gender Acts, ratified CEDAW, promote All Protocol and UN resolution 1325

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	Brief Description of Concrete Results Achieved at

		Country Level	(year
Counselling and voluntary testing	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>VCCT effective</i>	<i>More %</i>
Male and female condom availability and use	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Supply available</i>	<i>Increase %</i>
Targeted intervention to women and other vulnerable groups	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Food and care provided</i>	<i>Increase Gro</i>
Prevention of mother to child transmission	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Clinics available</i>	<i>More cases s</i>
Provision of antiretroviral therapy	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>provided free</i>	<i>Available</i>
Behaviour change communication	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Provision of care</i>	<i>Available</i>
Medical, psychological and social care to HIV/AIDS victims	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Care and support</i>	<i>Available</i>
Home based care	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Adoption of positive children</i>	<i>Not too.....</i>
Other (please specify)	Yes <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Acts/ Policies passed</i>	
Enacted or reinforced country legislation to punish offenders and support women subjected to violence with justice and legal services	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Gender passed Act and enforced</i>	<i>Awareness raised on women</i>
Mainstreamed gender perspectives in all policies and laws related to VAW	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>But not all</i>	<i>An active GBV</i>
Women with disabilities have access to information on services for violence against women	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Available Bill and Acts</i>	<i>Very active Union for women/children</i>
Provide well funded shelters and relief support for girl and women	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Rainbow Home available</i>	<i>women do know her rights</i>
Promote research, collect data and compile statistics on domestic violence	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Her just taken off</i>	
Measures aimed at preventing sex tourism and trafficking	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>But still not effective</i>	<i>no laws against it as yet</i>
Encourage the media to examine the impact of gender role stereotyping including those encouraged by commercial advertising.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>women in the media and Government effective</i>	<i>Formulation of media, clubs women take part in radio/TV</i>

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

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

There is an effective policy development and implementation by all

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Not yet</i>	
Train women in conflict resolution, reconciliation and tolerance	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Now with Resolution 1325</i>	<i>Formation different groups</i>
Integration of a gender perspective in the resolution of armed and other forms of conflict	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Investigate and punish policy, security and armed forces involved in acts of VAW	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Protect the safety and integrity of women refugees	Yes <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Implement provisions of UNSC Resolution 1325	Yes <input checked="" 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"/>	<i>CEDAW others</i>	

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Capacity Building	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Gender and ICTs for women in armed conflict situations	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Addressed food security issues	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Financing gender equality for women in armed conflict	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

Capacity building on women in armed conflicts information and strengthening of women's groups

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 type="checkbox"/>		
Ensure equal access to capital and trade opportunities.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	policy on equal opportunity for trade	a woman heads the Sierra Leone indigenous business association
Build capacity in gender-sensitive economic analysis.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	sensitization of communities on small business enterprise	more women involved in marketing and entrepreneurial skills
Ratified and domesticated International Conventions that guarantee the participation of women in the economy	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CEDAW, Human Rights etc	

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Capacity Building	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Gender and ICTs for women and the economy	Yes <input checked="" 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:

Training to empower women entrepreneur but no funds provided to enable large scale business

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"/>	<i>More women in Parliament than previous</i>	<i>16% MR 34% Local Council</i>
Encourage greater involvement of women, in particular indigenous women, in decision-making processes	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>More rural women in the Local Council. The Local Government Act 2004 made provision for a gender balance of at least 50% of women as ward development committee members</i>	<i>About 34% in Local Council</i>
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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Capacity Building	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Gender and ICTs for women	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:

Capacity building to empower and encourage women to participate in politics as aspirants

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"/>	<i>Ratified 2-5 report submitted</i>	<i>6th report on the way for 2009</i>
Publicise information on national, regional and international mechanisms for seeking redress of HR abuse	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Achieve GBV Committee at all level</i>	<i>Establishment of.....support& ministry</i>
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"/>	<i>women now Chief Justice, Female Brigadier etc</i>	<i>Women in position of trust</i>
Translate to user friendly language information relating to the equal status of women including relevant protocols	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>there is an abridge version of CEDAW</i>	
Ratified and domesticated International and African Conventions and Protocols that guarantee the human rights of women	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Popularization and community sensitization on the AU Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples’ Rights</i>	

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Capacity Building	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Gender and ICTs	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:

Men and boys promoting the rights of women and girls

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 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 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 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:

An active organization of female journalist in private electronic audio, etc, University education now available in Sierra Leone

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"/>	<i>A whole section in Ministry of Agriculture</i>	<i>women highly involved in agriculture</i>
Measures to engender MDG 7, empower women as producers and consumers to ensure effective environmental actions	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>women more aware about MDG</i>	<i>formation of clubs to protect the environment</i>
Provide technical assistance to women in sectors such as agriculture, fisheries, small enterprises, trade and industry	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Law key but they are involved</i>	<i>women own fishing boats, farms etc</i>
Evaluate policies and programmes in terms of environmental impact and women's equal access to and use of natural resources	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>very low%</i>	

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Capacity Building	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Gender and ICTs	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:

Provision of fishing gears to capable women – women highly involved in fishing and crop agriculture

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Equal benefit now</i>	<i>Child Rights Act enforced</i>
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"/>	<i>Effective GBV task force</i>	<i>Child Rights Act is now rolled out</i>
Implement policies, plans and programmes for the survival, protection, development and advancement of the girl child	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Acts referred on the issue</i>	<i>Act enforced effective Parent Teachers Association</i>
Ongoing research on the situation of the girls and realignment of policies and programmes	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>The Ministry of Education and UNICEF have undertaken series of research and still carrying out further research</i>	<i>ongoing research</i>
Develop and adopt curricula, teaching materials and textbooks to improve the self image, lives and work opportunities of girls	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Equal opportunity in schools</i>	<i>Laws enforced for girls retention in schools</i>
Facilitate the equal provision of appropriate services and devices to girls with disabilities	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Provision available</i>	<i>Schools for the disabled available</i>

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Capacity Building	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Gender and ICTs	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"/>

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

Domesticated

Yes

Yes

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

The condition of the girl-child is now different with the enactment of the Child Rights Act, powerful National committee on child protection

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. Two policies on Gender Mainstreaming & Advancement of women
2. Policies on trafficking in persons, the aged and other marriage & Divorce, Gender
3. Formation of Division for Gender and Children’s Affairs
Rights Acts
4. Formulation of a women Parliamentary Caucus more women in Parliament & local Council

Key Challenges in implementing the BPFA

1. Poor logistics-to all roll-out the Acts and the policies
2. Gender and Children’s Affairs lacks capacity to some extent
3. Focal Points in MDAs not too committed in the promotion of Gender concern
4. Training for exchange programmes not available

Key Lessons Learnt in Implementing the BPFA

1. It is very effective and meaningful
2. Pressurized for the way forward on women’s issues
3. Served as an eye opener on women’s empowerment
4. Created awareness on both men and women

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!