

UN Women

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Recently, the UN Women celebrated its 15th anniversary.

About UN Women

- It is the United Nations (UN) entity dedicated to **gender equality and the empowerment of women**.
- It was **created in July 2010** by the UN General Assembly.
- The creation of UN Women came about as part of the UN reform agenda, bringing together resources and mandates for greater impact.
- **The main roles of UN Women are:**
 - To support inter-governmental bodies, such as the Commission on the Status of Women, in their formulation of policies, global standards, and norms.
 - To help member states implement these standards, standing ready to provide suitable technical and financial support to those countries that request it, and to forge effective partnerships with civil society.

- To lead and coordinate the UN system's work on gender equality as well as promote accountability, including through regular monitoring of system-wide progress.
- It works globally to make the vision of the **Sustainable Development Goals** (SDG's) a reality for women and girls and stands behind women's equal participation in all aspects of life.
- Within countries that request its assistance, **UN Women works with government and non-governmental partners** to help them put in place the policies, laws, services, and resources that women require to move towards equality.
- **Grant-making Funds: UN Women provides grants** to fuel innovative, high-impact programmes by government agencies and civil society groups through two funds—the Fund for Gender Equality and the UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women.
- **Commission on the Status of Women (CSW):** A global policy-making body, the CSW is a functional commission of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), dedicated exclusively to **gender equality and the advancement of women**.
- Aside from the CSW, UN Women offers regular information on women's rights issues to the General Assembly, the ECOSOC, and the Security Council.
- It **maintains the UN Secretary-General's database on violence against women**, which tracks measures to end violence taken by UN Member States and UN organizations.

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