

WOMEN, PEACE & SECURITY BY THE NUMBERS



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Women's status in a country is a predictor of peace. Where women have few rights or opportunities to participate in decision-making, there are higher levels of violence and conflict. Changes in the treatment of women are among the first indications of instability.¹

More equal societies are associated with lower levels of intra-state armed conflict.²

States with higher levels of gender equality exhibit less violent behavior domestically and internationally.³

Women bridge political, economic, social and cultural divides. Women show an aptitude for building peace coalitions and for creating dialogues and compromises among parties to conflict.⁴

Women are advocates for preventing conflict before it breaks out. In numerous countries, women are on the forefront of campaigns to curb escalating violence and defuse tensions between groups.⁵

Women's participation in post-conflict structures expands the public policy debate. Women press for consideration of political, economic, and social issues that are fundamental for democracy and long-term peace, such as human rights and education.⁶

Statistical evidence indicates that higher numbers of women in the workforce and politics directly correlate with lower levels of corruption.⁷

Women have in-depth knowledge of local context and community needs. This is critical to humanitarian assistance, peace operations, and sustainable peace agreements.⁸

A GROWING BODY OF EVIDENCE SHOWS THAT THE PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN ALL ASPECTS OF PEACEBUILDING HAS A TANGIBLE POSITIVE IMPACT ON HUMAN SECURITY.⁹



STATES WITH A **LARGER GENDER GAP*** & FEWER RIGHTS FOR WOMEN TEND TO HAVE:¹²

HIGHER LEVELS OF PERCEIVED & ACTUAL CORRUPTION

GREATER LIKELIHOOD FOR INTER- & INTRA-STATE VIOLENCE

HIGHER RATE OF DISEASE

LOWER LIFE EXPECTANCY

STATES WITH A **SMALLER GENDER GAP** TEND TO HAVE:¹³

DURABLE PEACE AGREEMENTS

LOWER LEVELS OF CHILD MORTALITY

GREATER FOCUS ON SOCIAL WELFARE

HIGHER TRUST IN THEIR GOVERNMENT

EXISTING GAPS IN WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY

SINCE 1992, WOMEN ONLY ACCOUNT FOR

2.4% OF CHIEF MEDIATORS ON PEACE AGREEMENTS.¹⁴

2% FUNDING FOR WPS IS LOW ACROSS ALL AREAS, COMPRISING ONLY 6% OF TOTAL AID & 2% OF AID FOR PEACE & SECURITY.¹⁵

ONLY **2** STATES HAVE EXISTING WPS LEGISLATION, YET OVER **70** STATES HAVE NATIONAL ACTION PLANS¹⁷

75 COUNTRIES UNDERTOOK CONSTITUTION REFORM FROM 1990-2015, BUT

ONLY ONE IN FIVE DRAFTERS WAS A WOMEN¹⁶

*Defined by the Global Gender Gap Index, the gender gap refers to the relative gaps between women and men across the areas of: health, education, economy, and politics

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