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Page 2: Part 1: Country information

Q1

Please enter the name of the country on behalf of which you are submitting a national report:

جمهورية العراق

Q2

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Page 3: Part 2: Priorities, achievements, challenges and setbacks

Q4

Over the past five years, which of the following have been the top five priorities for accelerating progress for women and girls in your country through laws, policies and/or programmes? (Please check a maximum of five boxes)

Poverty eradication, agricultural productivity and food security**Eliminating violence against women and girls,****Access to health care, including sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights****Political participation and representation,****Gender-responsive social protection (e.g. universal health coverage, cash transfers, pensions)**

Q5

Over the past five years, have you taken specific measures to prevent discrimination and promote the rights of marginalized groups of women and girls? (please check relevant categories)

Women and girls living in remote and rural areas,
Religious minority women and girls,
Women and girls with disabilities,
Refugee and internally displaced women and girls,
Women and girls in humanitarian settings

Q6

Over the past five years, which of the following crises have affected the implementation of the BPfA in your country? (please check relevant categories)

COVID-19 and other pandemics,
Climate crisis

Q7

Over the next five years, which of the following does your country consider to be the top five priorities for accelerating progress for women and girls in your country through laws, policies and programmes? (Please check a maximum of five boxes)

Poverty eradication, agricultural productivity and food security

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Eliminating violence against women and girls,

Political participation and representation,

Gender-responsive social protection (e.g. universal health coverage, cash transfers, pensions)

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Other (please specify):

1. تفعيل ادوار المرأة في جهود النزاهة ومكافحة الفساد الاداري.
والمالي. 2. اعداد منصة وطنية لبيانات المرأة 3. انشاء شبكة
وسيطات السلام الوطنية.

Q8

Over the past five years, what actions has your country taken to advance gender equality in relation to women's role in paid work and employment? (please check relevant categories)

Strengthened / enforced laws and workplace policies and practices that prohibit discrimination in the recruitment, retention and promotion of women in the public and private sectors, and equal pay legislation

Improved financial inclusion and access to credit, including for self-employed women

Supported the transition from informal to formal work, including legal and policy measures that benefit women in informal employment

Devised mechanisms for women's equal participation in economic decision-making bodies (e.g. in ministries of trade and finance, central banks, national economic commissions)

Other (please specify):

1. تعزيز مشاركة المرأة في مجال القطاع الخاص والعمل غير المنظم.

Q9

In the past five years, what actions has your country taken to recognize, reduce and/or redistribute unpaid care and domestic work and promote work-life and family conciliation? (please check relevant categories)

Expanded support for older persons, persons with disabilities and others needing intense forms of care

Introduced or strengthened maternity/paternity/parental leave or other types of family leave

Other (please specify):

1. تعزيز دور المرأة في خدمات الرعاية مدفوعة الاجر من خلال قانون رعاية ذوي الاحتياجات الخاصة رقم (38) لسنة 2013 المعدل.

Q10

In the past five years, what actions has your country taken to reduce the gender digital divide? (please check relevant categories)

Mainstreamed gender perspectives in national digital policies

Taken measures to support the creation and expansion of safe, affordable, accessible, relevant and inclusive public and private digital tools and services

Applied gender-responsive and human rights-based standards for data collection, use, sharing, archiving and deletion

Q11

No

Over the past five years, has your country introduced austerity/fiscal consolidation measures, such as cuts in public expenditure or public sector downsizing?

Q12

Not applicable

Have assessments on the impact of such austerity/fiscal consolidation measures on women and men, respectively, been conducted?

Page 5: Poverty eradication, social protection and social services

Q13

Over the past five years, what actions has your country taken to reduce/eradicate poverty among women and girls? (please check relevant categories)

Promoted poor women's access to decent work through active labour market policies (e.g. job training, skills, employment subsidies, etc.) and targeted measures

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Introduced or strengthened social protection programmes for women and girls (e.g. cash transfers for women with children, public works/employment guarantee schemes for women of working-age, pensions for older women)

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Other (please specify):

بناء مؤسسات تنموية متكاملة تستهدف التمكين الاقتصادي للمرأة الى جانب تخصيصات مالية في الموازنات العامة المتمثلة بالصندوق الاجتماعي للتنمية.

Q14

Over the past five years, what actions has your country taken to improve access to social protection for women and girls?

Introduced or strengthened cash transfers for families with children that prioritize women as recipients (e.g. child benefits, family allowances, conditional or unconditional cash transfers)

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Introduced or strengthened social protection for women of working age (e.g. unemployment benefits, public works programmes, social assistance)

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Introduced or strengthened social protection for older women (e.g. expansion of social pensions, moratoriums, inflation adjustment, introduction of pension credits for caregivers)

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Extended social protection to women in informal employment (e.g. subsidies for participation in contributory schemes; inclusion in non-contributory schemes)

Q15

The COVID-19 pandemic spurred significant social protection innovations. From a gender perspective, which of the following statements applies best to the COVID-19 response in your country?

The social protection response to the pandemic spurred gender-responsive innovations, but measures were mainly short-term.

Q16

Over the past five years, what actions has your country taken to improve health outcomes for women and girls in your country?

Promoted women's access to health services through expansion of universal health coverage or public health services

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Expanded specific health services for women and girls, including sexual and reproductive health services, maternal health and HIV services

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Developed gender-sensitive approaches to the prevention and treatment of chronic and non-communicable diseases (e.g. cardiovascular disease, cancer, chronic respiratory disease, and diabetes)

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Undertaken gender-specific public awareness/health promotion campaigns

,

Taken action to expand access to health services for marginalized groups of women and girls (see list in Part Two: Priorities, achievements, challenges, and setbacks)

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Other (please specify):

اعتماد عدد من الاستراتيجيات والخطط الوطنية مثل (الاستراتيجية الوطنية متعددة القطاعات لتنظيم الاسرة، تحديث الاستراتيجية الوطنية للصحة الانجابية، الاستراتيجية الوطنية للكشف المبكر عن سرطان الثدي .. وغيرها من الاستراتيجيات) الى جانب تشريعات ، قانونية مثل قانون الضمان الصحي رقم (22) لسنة 2020

Q17

Over the past five years, what actions has your country taken to improve education outcomes and skills for women and girls?

Taken measures to increase girls' access to, retention in and completion of education, technical and vocational education and training (TVET) and skills development programmes

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Strengthened educational curricula to increase gender-responsiveness and eliminate bias, at all levels of education

,

Provided gender equality and human rights training for teachers and other education professionals

Q18

Over the past five years, which forms of gender-based violence, and in which specific contexts or settings, has your country prioritized for action?

- Domestic violence committed by other family or household members**
- ,
- Sexual harassment and violence in public places, educational settings and workplaces**
- ,
- Violence against women and girls facilitated by technology (e.g. online sexual harassment, online stalking, non-consensual sharing of intimate images)**
- ,
- Gender-based violence against women in politics, including women's human rights defenders**
- ,
- Gender-based violence in the media,**
- Gender-based violence in conflict-affected settings,**
- Child, early and forced marriages,**
- Trafficking in women and girls**

Q19

Over the past five years, what actions has your country prioritized to address gender-based violence?

- Introduced or strengthened violence against women laws, and their enforcement and implementation**
- ,
- Introduced, updated or expanded national action plans on ending violence against women and girls**
- ,
- Introduced or strengthened measures to increase women's access to justice (e.g. establishment of specialist courts, training for the judiciary and police, protection orders, redress and reparations, including for femicide cases)**
- ,
- Introduced or strengthened services for survivors of violence (e.g. shelters, help lines, dedicated health services, legal, justice service, counselling, housing, socioeconomic rehabilitation)**
- ,
- Introduced or strengthened strategies and interventions to prevent violence against women and girls (e.g. in the education sector, in the media, community mobilization, work with men and boys)**
- ,
- Monitoring and evaluation of impact, including evidence generation and data collection**

Q20

In the past five years, what strategies has your country used to prevent gender-based violence?

- Empowering women and girls to promote their economic independence and access to resources, and promote equitable relations within households, communities and society**
- ,
- Alleviating poverty through interventions targeted at women or the household**
- ,
- Create safe environments including schools, workplaces, and public spaces**
- ,
- Promoting positive gender-equitable attitudes, beliefs, values and norms, especially among men and boys**
- ,
- Mobilizing community/faith/traditional leaders, politicians, opinion influencers, journalists, or media influencers (such as sport athletes or celebrities) to influence positive norms**
- ,
- Raising public awareness to change attitudes and behaviours**
- ,
- Promoting gender-egalitarian values in primary and secondary education, including through comprehensive sexuality education**

Q21

In the past five years, what actions has your country taken to prevent and respond to technology-facilitated gender-based violence (e.g. online sexual harassment, online stalking, non-consensual sharing of intimate images)?

- Introduced or strengthened legislation and regulatory provisions**
- ,
- Implemented awareness raising initiatives targeting the general public and education settings to sensitize young people, caregivers and educators to ethical and responsible online behaviour**
- ,
- Strengthen the capacity of government actors for the development of policy and legislation, and their enforcement and implementation**

Q22

In the past five years, what actions has your country taken to address the portrayal of women and girls, discrimination and/or gender bias in the media, including social media?

Introduced binding regulation for the media, including for advertising

,

Supported the media industry to develop voluntary codes of conduct

,

Promoted the participation and leadership of women in the media

Q23

In the past five years, has your country taken any action specifically tailored to address violence against marginalized groups of women and girls? (please check relevant categories)

Women living in remote and rural areas,

Religious minority women,

Women with disabilities,

Refugee and internally displaced women,

Women in humanitarian settings

Q24

In the past five years, what actions and measures has your country taken to promote women's participation in public life and decision-making?

Introduced temporary special measures, such as quotas, reserved seats, benchmarks and targets that promote women's participation in politics, especially at decision-making level

Introduced or increased targets and benchmarks of legislative temporary special measures, such as quotas or reserved seats, to promote gender balance or gender parity in legislatures (aiming for 40 per cent or more of seats being occupied by women)

Provided opportunities for capacity building and skills development, such as mentorship, training in leadership, decision-making, public speaking, self-assertion, political campaigning for women candidates, elected or appointed politicians, parliamentary caucuses, and/or gender equality advocates

Taken measures to prevent, investigate, prosecute and punish violence against women in politics and public life (both online and offline)

Encouraged the equal political participation of all women, including young women and underrepresented groups like indigenous women, through capacity building, skills development, sensitization and mentorship programmes

Collected and analyzed data on women's political participation, including in appointed and elected positions

Q25

In the past five years, what actions has your country taken to increase women's access to expression and participation in decision-making in the media, including through information and communication technologies (ICT)?

Other (please specify):

1. اعتماد لائحة سلوك، 2. العمل على زيادة التحاق المرأة بالدراسة والعمل في مجالات ذات صلة بتكنولوجيا المعلومات، 3. تطوير قابليات المرأة في مجالات العلوم الصرفة كافة، 4. تحقيق التوازن بين الجنسين في قطاع تكنولوجيا المعلومات والاتصالات . على المستويات جميعها

Q26

What is the name of your country's current national machinery for gender equality and the empowerment of women?

الدائرة الوطنية للمرأة العراقية

Q27

What is the national women's machinery's current location within government? (please select one of the following options)

Entity ascribed directly to the Head of the Executive or Mechanism whose head directly reports to the head of the Executive (e.g. offices ascribed to the presidential office, secretaries, national institutes, among others)

Q28

Does the national women's machinery have adequate financial resources and staff capacity to fulfil its mandate?

Yes

Q29

Over the past five years, which of the following statements best describes the evolution of the budget of your country's national women's machinery? (please select one of the following options)

The budget of the national women's machinery has remained stable (as a proportion of overall government spending)

Q30

How many programmes is the national women's machinery directly responsible for implementing? Please provide the total number and full name of programmes, as well as links to any supporting documentation.

Total number of programmes:

خمسة برامج

Full name of programmes:

1. الاستراتيجية الوطنية للمرأة العراقية (2030-2023). 2. استراتيجية مناهضة العنف تجاه المرأة والفتيات (2030-2018). 3. اجندة المرأة والامن والسلام. 4. التمكين الاقتصادي للمرأة. 5. التمكين السياسي للمرأة.

Link(s) to supporting documentation:

1. Women Empowerment Strategy ENWomen Empowerment Strategy AR 2. The national strategy to combat violence against women and girls (2018-2030)-AR. 3. Iraq NAP AR Iraq Nap EN 4. https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ITyIqy_gm2tjulqIgxFLqM3ceWNUmZc/view?usp=sharing

Q31

What is the guiding vision that best describes the current national women's machinery's mandate? (please select one of the following options)

Ensuring gender equality is realised for all

Q32

Is there a national human rights institution in your country?

Yes

Q33

Yes

Does the national human rights institution have a specific mandate to focus on gender equality or discrimination based on sex/gender?

Page 8: Peaceful and inclusive societies

Q34

In the past five years, what actions has your country taken to build and sustain peace, promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development and implement the women, peace and security agenda?

Adopted and/or implemented a National Action Plan on women, peace and security

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Integrated women, peace and security commitments into key national and inter-ministerial policy, planning and monitoring frameworks

,

Increased budgetary allocations for the implementation of the women, peace and security agenda

,

Supported inclusive and gender-sensitive conflict analysis, early warning and prevention mechanisms

Q35

In the past five years, what actions has your country taken to increase the leadership, representation and participation of women in conflict prevention, resolution, peacebuilding, humanitarian action and crisis response, at decision-making levels in situations of armed and other conflicts, and in fragile or crisis settings?

Promoted and supported women's meaningful participation in peace processes and the implementation of peace agreements at all levels

,

Protected civil society spaces and women's human rights defenders

,

Developed, adopted and / or implemented a high impact National Action Plan on 1325

Q36

In the past five years, what actions has your country taken to enhance judicial and non-judicial accountability for violations of international humanitarian law and violations of the human rights of women and girls in situations of armed and other conflicts, and in fragile or crisis settings?

- Implemented legal and policy reform to redress and prevent violations of the rights of women and girls
- ,
- Strengthened institutional capacities, including of the justice system and transitional justice mechanisms as applicable, during conflict and crisis response
- ,
- Strengthened capacity of security sector institutions on human rights and prevention of sexual and gender-based violence and sexual exploitation and abuse
- ,
- Increased access of conflict-affected, refugee or displaced women to violence prevention and protection services
- ,
- Taken measures to combat trafficking in women and children

Q37

In the past five years, what actions has your country taken to eliminate discrimination against and violations of the rights of the girl child, including adolescent girls?

- Taken measures to combat discriminatory social norms and practices and increased awareness of the needs and potential of girl children
- ,
- Strengthened girls' access to quality education, skills development and training
- ,
- Implemented policies and programmes to eliminate violence against girls, including physical and sexual violence and harmful practices such as child, early and forced marriage and female genital mutilation
- ,
- Implemented policies and programmes to eradicate child labour and to recognize, reduce and redistribute unpaid care and domestic work undertaken by girl children
- ,
- Promoted girls' awareness of and participation in social, economic and political life

Q38

In the past five years, what actions has your country taken to integrate gender perspectives and concerns into environmental policies, including biodiversity conservation, climate change adaptation and mitigation, and reduction of land degradation?

Strengthened evidence and/or raised awareness about gender-specific environmental and health hazards (e.g. consumer products, technologies, industrial pollution)

Promoted the education of women and girls in science, engineering, technology and other disciplines relating to the natural environment

Monitored and evaluated the impact of environmental policies and sustainable infrastructure projects on women and girls

Q39

In the past five years, what actions has your country taken to integrate gender perspectives into policies and programmes for disaster risk reduction and building environmental and climate resilience?

Supported women's participation and leadership, including those affected by disasters, in disaster risk reduction, climate and environmental resilience policies, programmes and projects

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Q40

Yes

Does your country have a valid national strategy or action plan for gender equality?

Q41

Yes

Has the national gender equality strategy or action plan been costed and have sufficient resources been allocated to its achievement in the current budget?

Q42

Yes

Do you track the proportion of the national budget that is invested in the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women (gender-responsive budgeting)?

Q43

Not applicable

As a donor country, do you track the proportion of official development assistance (ODA) that is invested in the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women (gender-responsive budgeting)?

Q44

Yes

Is gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls included as a key priority in the national plan/strategy for SDG implementation?

Q45

Yes

Are there formal mechanisms in place for different stakeholders to participate in the implementation and monitoring of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action?

Q46

**Academia and think tanks,
Parliaments/parliamentary committees,
United Nations system**

Which of the following stakeholders participate formally in national coordination mechanisms established to contribute to the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action?

Q47

Yes

Are there formal mechanisms in place for different stakeholders to participate in the implementation and monitoring of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development?

Q48

**Academia and think tanks,
United Nations system,
Other actors (please specify):
المؤسسات الحكومية المعنية بتنفيذ بنود خطة التنمية المستدامة**

Which of the following stakeholders participate formally in national coordination mechanisms established to contribute to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development?

Q49

**Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women
,
Universal Periodic Review,
Other United Nations Human Rights mechanisms that address gender inequality/discrimination against women**

For which of the following does your country have an action plan and timeline in place to follow-up on recommendations?

Q50

Over the past five years, what are the top three areas in which your country has made most progress when it comes to gender statistics at the national level? (Please check a maximum of three boxes)

Established an inter-agency coordination mechanism on gender statistics (e.g., technical working group, inter-agency committee)

Used more gender-sensitive data in the formulation of policy and implementation of programmes and projects

Conducted new surveys to produce national baseline information on specialized topics (e.g., time use, gender-based violence, asset ownership, poverty, disability)

Q51

Over the next five years, which are your country's top three priorities for strengthening national gender statistics, out of the following? (Please check a maximum of three boxes)

Conduct of new surveys to produce national baseline information on specialized topics (e.g., time use, gender-based violence, asset ownership, poverty, disability)

Development of a centralized web-based database and/or dashboard on gender statistics

Statistical capacity building of users to increase statistical appreciation on and use of gender statistics (e.g., trainings, statistical appreciation seminars)

Q52

Have you defined a national set of indicators for monitoring progress on the SDGs?

Yes

Q53

How many indicators does it include and how many of those are gender-specific?

Number of indicators	158
Number of gender-specific indicators	53

Q54

Has data collection and compilation on gender-specific indicators begun?

Yes

Q55

Which of the following disaggregations is routinely provided by major surveys in your country?

Geographic location,

Income,

Sex/gender,

Age,

Education,

Marital status

Page 12: Part Six: Upload of National Report

Q56

Please upload your national report and any supporting documentation here:

Beijing.pdf (2.1MB)
