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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:

الجمهورية العربية السورية

**Q2**

Please enter the name and institution of the national focal point who is submitting the report:

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**Q3**

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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)

- Quality education, training and life-long learning for women and girls
- 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
- Women's entrepreneurship and women's enterprises

**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,**
- Women and girls with disabilities,**
- Older women,**
- 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,**
- Other crises (please specify):  
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**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)

- Equality and non-discrimination under the law and access to justice**
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- Eliminating violence against women and girls,**
- Access to affordable quality health care, including sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights**
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- Right to work and rights at work (e.g. gender pay gap, occupational segregation, career progression, job creation)**
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- Women's entrepreneurship and women's enterprises**

Page 4: Part Three: Progress across the 12 critical areas of concern

**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**
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- Improved financial inclusion and access to credit, including for self-employed women**
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- Supported the transition from informal to formal work, including legal and policy measures that benefit women in informal employment**

**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 childcare services or made existing services more affordable**

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

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

**Q10**

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

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

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

**Q11**

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

**No**

**Q12**

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

**Not applicable**

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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**Supported women's entrepreneurship, access to markets, and business development activities**

**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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Improved access to social protection for other groups of marginalized women (please refer to groups listed in Part Two: Priorities, achievements, challenges, and setbacks)

**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 was significant but did not spur any gender-responsive innovations.

**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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Taken measures to support women's mental health, including access to specialized services and counselling

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Provided gender-responsiveness training for health service providers

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Strengthened comprehensive sexuality education in schools or through community programmes

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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)

**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**

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

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**Promoted safe, harassment-free and inclusive educational environments for women and girls**

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Page 6: Freedom from violence, stigma and stereotypes

**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**

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**Violence against women and girls facilitated by technology (e.g. online sexual harassment, online stalking, non-consensual sharing of intimate images)**

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**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**

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**Introduced, updated or expanded national action plans on ending violence against women and girls**

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**Introduced or strengthened services for survivors of violence (e.g. shelters, help lines, dedicated health services, legal, justice service, counselling, housing, socioeconomic rehabilitation)**

**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**

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**Create safe environments including schools, workplaces, and public spaces**

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**Promoting positive gender-equitable attitudes, beliefs, values and norms, especially among men and boys**

**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**

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**Collected data to better understand the magnitude of technology-facilitated violence, drivers and consequences**

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**Implemented awareness raising initiatives targeting the general public and education settings to sensitize young people, caregivers and educators to ethical and responsible online behaviour**

**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**

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**Supported the media industry to develop voluntary codes of conduct**

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**Provided training to media professionals to encourage the creation and use of non-stereotypical, balanced and diverse images of women and girls in the media, including social media**

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**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,**

**Women with disabilities,**

**Older women**

## Page 7: Participation, accountability and gender-responsive institutions

**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?

**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**

**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)?

**Strengthened the provision of formal and technical vocational education and training (TVET) in media and ICTs, including in areas of management and leadership**

**Q26**

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

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**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 increased (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:

6

Full name of programmes:

دعم وتمكين الأسرة، تمكين المرأة، الشباب، بيئة حمائية للأطفال، السكان والتنمية، حماية الاسرة

**Q31**

**Ensuring gender equality is realised for all**

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

**Q32**

Yes

Is there a national human rights institution in your country?

**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**

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

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?

**Q35**

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

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?

**Adopted gender-responsive approaches to the prevention and resolution of armed or other conflict**

**Adopted gender-responsive approaches to humanitarian action and crisis response**



**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**

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**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**

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**Strengthened girls' access to quality education, skills development and training**

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**Tackled disadvantages in health outcomes due to malnutrition, early childbearing (e.g. anemia) and exposure to HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases**

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**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**

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**Implemented policies and programmes to eradicate child labour and to recognize, reduce and redistribute unpaid care and domestic work undertaken by girl children**

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**Promoted girls' awareness of and participation in social, economic and political life**

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Page 9: Environmental conservation, protection and rehabilitation

**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?

**Supported women's participation and leadership in environmental and natural resource management and governance**

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**Increased women's access to and control over land, water, energy, and other natural resources**

**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**

**Strengthened the evidence base and raised awareness about the disproportionate vulnerability of women and girls to the impact of climate change, environmental degradation and disasters**

Page 10: Part Four: National institutions and processes

**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**

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?

**Civil society organizations,**  
**Women's rights organizations,**  
**Youth-led organizations,**  
**Academia and think tanks,**  
**Faith-based organizations,**  
**Parliaments/parliamentary committees,**  
**Private sector**

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**Q47**

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

**Yes**

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**Q48**

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

**Civil society organizations,**  
**Women's rights organizations,**  
**Youth-led organizations,**  
**Academia and think tanks,**  
**Faith-based organizations,**  
**Parliaments/parliamentary committees,**  
**Private sector,**  
**United Nations system**

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**Q49**

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

**Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women**  
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**Universal Periodic Review**

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**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)

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

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**Re-processed existing data (e.g., censuses and surveys) to produce more disaggregated and/or new gender statistics**

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**Engaged in capacity building to strengthen the use of gender statistics (e.g., trainings, statistical appreciation seminars)**

**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)

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

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**Institutionalization of users-producers' dialogues mechanisms**

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**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	<b>160</b>
Number of gender-specific indicators	<b>48</b>

**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,**

**Sex/gender,**

**Age,**

**Education,**

**Marital status,**

**Migratory status,**

**Disability,**

Other characteristics relevant in national context (please specify):

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Page 12: Part Six: Upload of National Report

**Q56**

Please upload your national report and any supporting documentation here:

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