

Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)

What is the name of your organization

ESCWA

Does your organization have any field presence?

No

Please give the names of the units of your entity that contribute to the implementation of the Action Plan. (Max 300 words)

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Area of Action A. Conflict prevention and early warning

Progress and results At Headquarters

Progress and results In the Field

Lessons learned and good practices At Headquarters

Lessons learned and good practices In the Field

Gaps and challenges At Headquarters

Gaps and challenges In the Field

Please describe any activities not included in the Action Plan

Area of Action B. Peacemaking and peacebuilding

Progress and results At Headquarters

Progress and results In the Field

Lessons learned and good practices At Headquarters

Lessons learned and good practices In the Field

Gaps and challenges At Headquarters

Gaps and challenges In the Field

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Area of Action C. Peacekeeping operations

Progress and results At Headquarters

Progress and results In the Field

Lessons learned and good practices At Headquarters

Lessons learned and good practices In the Field

Gaps and challenges At Headquarters

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Area of Action D. Humanitarian response

Progress and results At Headquarters

Progress and results In the Field

Lessons learned and good practices At Headquarters

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Gaps and challenges At Headquarters

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Area of Action E. Post-conflict Reconstruction and Rehabilitation

Progress and results At Headquarters

- advisory services to the ministries for women in Iraq and Palestine, 2005 - unit for emerging and conflict related issues (ECRI) set up in 2005 - new programme on gender-disaggregated statistics in Iraq (involving capacity building) has secured funding in 2006 - workshop/capacity building with Iraqi municipalities and ministries - workshops held for Iraqi women (in collaboration with the Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars) on: 1. post conflict reconstruction and conflict resolution (07 & 12/2004 and 05/2005) 2. the role of Iraqi women in the elections (07 and 10/2005 and 01/2006) 3. Iraqi women MPs: how to draft the new constitution?

Progress and results In the Field

- micro-credit programme for Iraqi widows project proposal submitted for funding, - computer training courses held in South Lebanon (development centres) - E-Caravan started teaching IT skills in South Lebanon (going from village to village)

Lessons learned and good practices At Headquarters

- cooperate with other donors and organisations, within the UN and outside (e.g. Woodrow Wilson/USIP) - focus on process (empowerment) as vital as the outcome. - send out female staff as role models

Lessons learned and good practices In the Field

- visible "peace dividends" needed: projects should produce quick results before implementing long-term strategies in order to motivate participants - use the local media to amplify the message - be flexible (conflict situation) yet keep in mind the overall strategy - visible outcomes from women's projects send a message (re importance of women's roles) to the wider community

Gaps and challenges At Headquarters

- steering projects from a distance (Iraq) is problematic - what is the right mix between structural interventions and capacity building? - how to insure wider reach and sustainability? - how to insure that projects lead to the training of new leaders and are not captured by existing elites in order to sustain their power?

Gaps and challenges In the Field

- how to insure "authentic participation" by local women (going beyond the sisters and wives of male political leaders?) - gaining access and trust, especially with younger and more traditional women - insuring security for local staff - how to overcome the isolation of women in conflict situations? (need for sharing of experiences with women from other parts of the world)

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Area of Action F. Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration

Progress and results At Headquarters

Progress and results In the Field

Lessons learned and good practices At Headquarters

Lessons learned and good practices In the Field

Gaps and challenges At Headquarters

Gaps and challenges In the Field

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Area of Action G. Preventing and Responding to Gender-based Violence in Armed Conflict

Progress and results At Headquarters

Progress and results In the Field

Lessons learned and good practices At Headquarters

Lessons learned and good practices In the Field

Gaps and challenges At Headquarters

Gaps and challenges In the Field

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Area of Action H. Preventing and Responding to Sexual Exploitation and Abuse by United Nations Staff, Related Personnel and Partners

Progress and results At Headquarters

Progress and results In the Field

Lessons learned and good practices At Headquarters

Lessons learned and good practices In the Field

Gaps and challenges At Headquarters

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Coherence and Coordination

Policy Guidance: Do you have any internal policy documents providing guidance on implementation of SCR 1325?

No

If yes, please describe:

If not, please explain:

no circular has so far addressed this issue; there is need for future action

Programme Coordination: Is implementation of SCR 1325 reflected in substantive policy/project/funding design and management?

No

If yes, please describe:

If not, please explain:

SCR 1325 is not among the priority working areas of ESCWA at present

Common-System Partners: Does your entity at Headquarters collaborate and coordinate with different UN entities?

Yes

If yes, please describe:

UNIFEM, UNDP, UNAMI (micro-credit programme) UNDP, UNIFIL (computer training in South Lebanon) UNDP, HABITAT (capacity building: Iraqi municipalities and ministries)

Have any specific challenges been encountered?

Common-System Partners: Does your entity in the field collaborate and coordinate with different UN entities?

Yes

If yes, please describe:

UNIFEM, UNDP, UNAMI (micro-credit programme) UNDP, UNIFIL (computer training in South Lebanon) UNDP, HABITAT (capacity building: Iraqi municipalities and ministries)

Have any specific challenges been encountered?

Collaboration and coordination with national and regional partners: Does your entity collaborate and coordinate with national and regional partners, including government actors and civil society?

Yes

If yes, please describe:

Ministries for Women's Affairs

Have any specific challenges been encountered?

access to conflict-countries

System-wide Coherence and Coordination: Do you feel your work is part of a coordinated and coherent strategy for the UN system to implement SCR 1325?

No

If yes, please describe:

If not, please explain:

lack of coordination in-house and lack of clear mandate for

Accountability of managers and staff

Does your entity have mechanisms in place to ensure accountability for implementation of SCR 1325 among staff, in particular for senior managers?

No

If yes, please describe:

Have any specific challenges been encountered?

- work in conflict situations is not part of ESCWA's mandate - gender mainstreaming in general is insufficiently implemented - accountability insured through Planning Division (PPTCD)

Results-Based Management (RBM)

RBM Framework: Have provisions of SCR 1325 been integrated within Results-based Management Frameworks?

No

If yes, please describe:

If not, please explain:

- SCR 1325 has not been explicitly mentioned in the previous work programmes, it is included in the 2008/2009 document

Indicators: Have indicators to measure progress in implementing commitments under the action plan been established?

No

If yes, please describe what indicators:

Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting

Monitoring: Has any monitoring mechanism for implementation of SCR 1325 been established within your entity at Headquarters?

No

If yes, please describe:

If not, please explain:

Monitoring: Has any monitoring mechanism for implementation of SCR 1325 been established within your entity in the field?

No

If yes, please describe:

If not, please explain:

Sex and age disaggregated data: Is sex and age disaggregated data collected on a routine basis?

Yes

If yes, please describe:

In principal, yes. But due to inaccessible situations on the ground in Palestine and especially Iraq, country-level data is sometimes unavailable and can therefore not be collected on a routine basis.

If not, please explain:

Reporting: Is information on gender issues and implementation of SCR1325 routinely included in official reporting?

No

If yes, please describe:

If not, please explain:

not routinely

Capacity-Building

Training: Have any specific training programmes/modules/courses on SCR 1325 been developed as a special course/regular staff training/management/leadership or technical training?

No

If yes, please describe:

If not, please explain:

the relevant documents have been disseminated but there is a need for further training

What categories of staff are being trained? [Senior Management]

No

What categories of staff are being trained? [Professional Staff]

No

What categories of staff are being trained? [Technical Staff]

No

What categories of staff are being trained? [Uniformed personnel]

No

What categories of staff are being trained? [Support staff]

No

What categories of staff are being trained? [Other]

Tools and guidelines for implementation of SCR1325 Have specific tools, such as guidelines, checklists and/or instructions been developed to assist staff in implementing SCR 1325?

No

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No

What categories of staff? [Professional Staff]

No

What categories of staff? [Technical Staff]

No

What categories of staff? [Uniformed personnel]

No

What categories of staff? [Support staff]

No

What categories of staff? [Other]

How are these tools used by staff at Headquarters? Describe briefly:

Have any specific challenges been encountered?

How are these tools used by staff in the field? Describe briefly:

Have any specific challenges been encountered?

Knowledge-management: Is there a system in place within your entity to collect and disseminate data and information on the implementation of SC1325, including good practice examples and lessons learned?

No

If yes, please describe how information technology is used in that process.

If yes, please describe how such data and information are used to improve the work of your entity on the implementation of SCR 1325.

information is passed on on a project-basis upon request

Resource Allocation

Financial Resources: Have adequate financial resources been allocated towards your entity's implementation of commitments under the action plan?

No

If yes, please describe [differentiate between RB and XB]:

If not, please explain:

several of the above-described initiatives have been made possible through XB-funding (e.g. political participation of women in Iraq: USIP)

Human resources: Has a gender unit/focal point/or focal points for follow-up been designated for Headquarters?

No

Human resources: Has a gender unit/focal point/or focal points for follow-up been designated for the field?

No

If yes, please describe and specify level/s of staff:

If not, please explain:

neither the Centre for Women nor ECRI have resources/staff to do so

How many other staff members are directly involved in implementation? Please indicate professional level.

Gender Balance: Have any specific initiatives been taken at Headquarters to achieve gender balance at all levels and all categories of staff?

Yes

If yes, please describe:

general gender mainstreaming

Have any specific challenges been encountered?

qualified females are not nominated by member states

Gender Balance: Have any specific initiatives been taken in the field to achieve gender balance at all levels and all categories of staff?

No

If yes, please describe:

Have any specific challenges been encountered?

sensitivity for gender-issues seems to be low

What suggestions do you have for improving implementation of the system-wide action plan during 2006-2007? You may choose to provide information in the following categories, or other information according to your priorities. Please be brief.

Coherence and Coordination, including interagency coordination

implement a focal point with a staff member who has SCR 1325-follow up as a percentage of his/her allotted time (ToR)

Accountability

UN should nominate a "special representative for peacekeeping" or similar for Iraq and Palestine to whom ESCWA would be accountable and with whom ESCWA could coordinate

Results-based Management

should be integrated into programme-budget

Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting

Capacity-Building

is key: regular meetings with larger groups of people (multipliers)

Human and Financial Resource Allocation

additional funds and personnel are needed to implement and follow-up on SCR 1325

Gender Balance

men should be included in programming

Other:

If your entity could do only two things to improve its own implementation of the Action Plan, what do you think would be most useful?

(1) there should be one responsible person (within ECRI or the Centre for Women), equipped with adequate funding (both human resources and project funding)

(2) the mandate for regional commissions regarding SCR 1325 should be clearer

Are there any other comments you would like to make?

Do you have any suggestions for improving this questionnaire for use in subsequent years?

- the questionnaire should be shorter, in addition: personal dialogue with DAW would be advantageous - technical problem: when saving the questionnaire, all ticked boxes (yes/no/don't know) are automatically reset to "don't know"