Women in Peace and Security – Strengthening the gender equality perspective in actions for the control of SALW and the prevention and reduction of SALW related violence

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VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

Violence against women – particularly intimate partner violence and sexual violence – are major public health problems as well as violations of women’s human rights. WHO estimated that, worldwide, about 1 woman in every 3 has experienced either physical or sexual intimate partner violence or non-partner sexual violence in her lifetime. A quarter of all children experience physical violence, and 20% of girls and 7% of boys are affected by sexual abuse. Most of this violence is hidden, stigmatized and largely unrecognized, including by the health sector, although it can have profound effects on women’s and girls’ physical, mental, sexual and reproductive health, and may increase vulnerability to HIV.
1 in 3 women worldwide have experienced physical and/or sexual violence, mostly by an intimate partner.
WHERE IS IT MOST DANGEROUS TO HAVE A BABY?

IN FRAGILE SETTINGS

Countries experiencing crisis and conflict - where over 1/2 of all maternal deaths take place.

Lifetime risk of dying in pregnancy and childbirth:

Fragile settings: 1 in 54

Developed countries: 1 in 4900

NO WOMAN SHOULD DIE IN PREGNANCY AND CHILDBIRTH
Currently, there exist over 59.5 million forcibly displaced people worldwide, as a result of more than 130 armed conflicts, of which an estimated 26 million are adolescent girls and women of reproductive age.
The Arab region has the lowest participation of women in political life globally, and is ranked the lowest in political participation on the gender gap index. At only 15.2%, the region is far behind the global average of 22.1% of women represented in parliament.

Source: http://arabstates.unwomen.org
According to World Bank data, the representation of Arab women in the labor market did not exceed 27 per cent.

Source: European Journal of Business and Management
To build future economies that are both dynamic and inclusive, we must ensure that everyone has equal opportunity. When women and girls are not integrated—as both beneficiary and shaper—the global community loses out on skills, ideas and perspectives that are critical for addressing global challenges and harnessing new opportunities.

Founder and Executive Chairman, World Economic Forum
Global performance, 2017

- Global Gender Gap Index: 68%
- Economic Participation and Opportunity subindex: 58%
- Educational Attainment subindex: 95%
- Health and Survival subindex: 96%
- Political Empowerment subindex: 23%

Source: Global Gender Gap Index 2017.
Note: Covers all 144 countries featured in the 2017 index.
## Distance from Gender Parity 2017, by Region

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Thank you!