

UN Women is determined in its commitment to ensuring that its operations, including procurement processes, strengthen its mandate to foster gender equality and women empowerment. One of the Important avenues for this is through the endorsement and application of Gender-Responsive Procurement (GRP), a tool that mainstreams gender equality and women's empowerment in the procurement processes.

GRP is a procurement strategy that incorporates consideration for women and gender-related aspects at every stage of the procurement cycle. This approach is not just about fairness—it is a powerful instrument in building equitable, just societies and contributes to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

At IFAD, we proudly support UN Women's innovative work advocating for Gender-Responsive Procurement (GRP) practices. UN Women is at the forefront of optimizing the gender-responsiveness of procurement processes within the UN system, International Financial Institutions, and other global entities. We applaud their dedicated efforts to integrate gender equality and women's empowerment throughout procurement processes across different levels of the supply chain.

In 2019, UN Women was instrumental in establishing the Task Force on Gender-Responsive Procurement (GRP-TF) under the sustainability umbrella of the High-Level Committee on Management – Procurement Network (HLCM-PN). Led by UN Women, the GRP-TF has formulated a comprehensive 6-step action plan, along with a collaborative roadmap of joint activities. The GRP-TF has also instituted effective work modalities, such as a shared workspace and a regular meeting mechanism, to facilitate seamless communication and collaboration.

We are proud to align with UN Women's GRP work in their pursuit of gender equality and women's empowerment. Furthermore, we are excited about the joint initiatives between UN Women and IFAD underway.

More information about the GRP work is available on the United Nations Global Marketplace (UNGM) [Knowledge Center](#).

SIX STEPS ACTION PLAN

