

FINANCING UN WOMEN'S GENDER EQUALITY MANDATE

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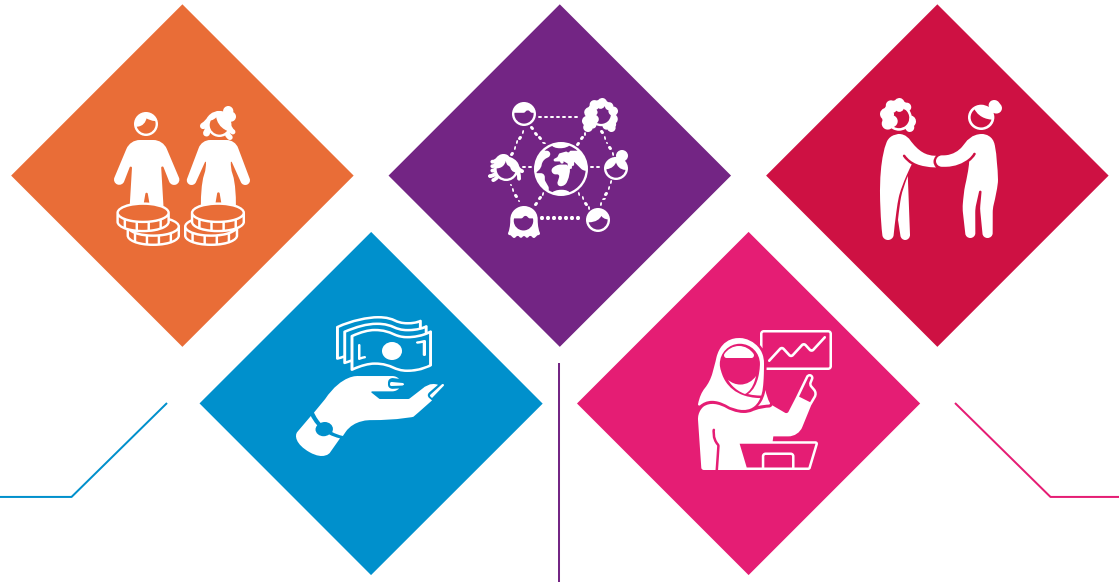
Financing Context

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FINANCING CONTEXT

UNDS Funding

- Total UNDS funding in 2023 down 9B
- RR accounted for 12.7% of voluntary funding in 2023



UN Women Response

- Cost-savings & containment
- Cost recovery for OR projects
- Divestment measures

GEWE Funding

- Funding for GEWE as principal objective equal to 3.9% of total ODA in 2023
- 3% of UNDS SDG spending in 2022 was on SDG 5

Development Financing

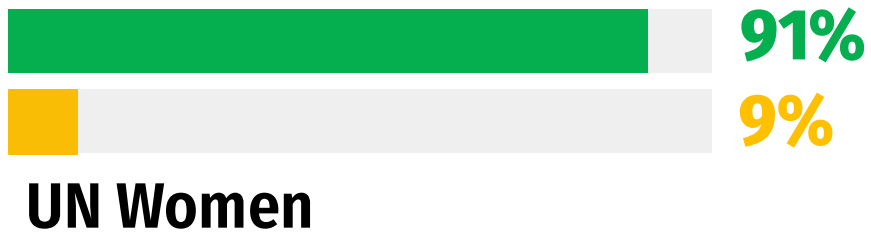
- ODA from DAC down by 7% in real terms in 2024
- ODA trend impacted by inflation, increased defense spending, multilateral retrenchment

UN Women Priorities

- Align RR/OR ratio with UN Women's mandate
- Increase multi-year funding
- Increase flexible OR and pooled funding

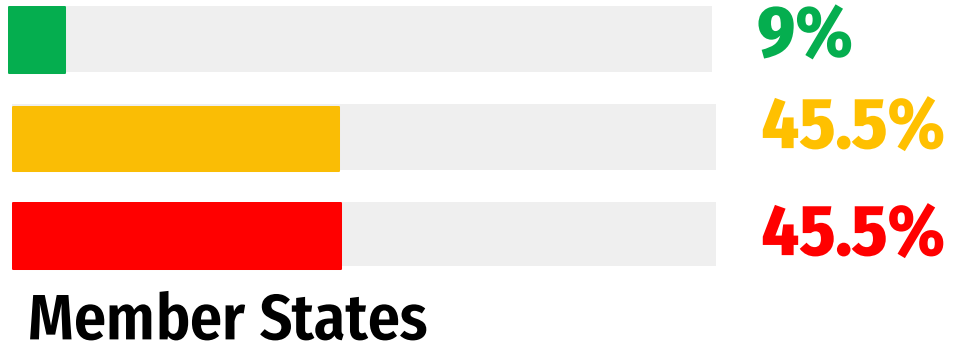
PROGRESS ON FUNDING COMPACT COMMITMENTS 2024

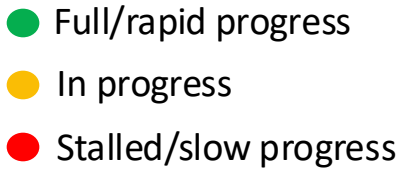
UN Women **met or exceeded** 10 of 11 indicator targets across six funding compact commitments in its entity-specific reporting, with the indicator on "% of OR from non-MS" rated **in progress**.



Member State **stalled/slow** or **in progress** on 10 of 11 indicators, including:

- % of multi-year RR
- # of MS giving 10+ in RR
- MS flexible OR as a % of total MS OR
- % of OR through pooled funds





Investing in Results

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TOP 10 GOVERNMENT* FUNDING PARTNERS 2024

Funding partner	Total contributions	Regular resources (core)	Other resources (non-core)	Assessed con	Regular vs other resources (%)
Sweden OECD-DAC donor	$41,430,395	$5,086,183	$36,344,212	–	
Germany OECD-DAC donor	$39,845,874	$21,853,234	$17,992,640	–	
European Commission OECD-DAC donor	$30,897,239	–	$30,897,239	–	
Canada OECD-DAC donor	$29,966,828	$4,510,418	$25,456,409	–	
Finland OECD-DAC donor	$29,607,069	$21,252,796	$8,354,273	–	
Norway OECD-DAC donor	$29,227,534	$9,602,681	$19,624,853	–	
United States of America OECD-DAC donor	$27,390,112	$12,000,000	$15,390,112	–	
Switzerland OECD-DAC donor	$25,802,068	$18,181,818	$7,620,250	–	
Japan OECD-DAC donor	$23,396,522	$4,148,877	$19,247,645	–	
Denmark OECD-DAC donor	$20,179,729	$10,892,499	$9,287,230	–	

*The European Commission is a Government member organization. This amount includes funding for the Spotlight Initiative.

UN WOMEN 2024 RESULTS SNAPSHOT

2.9 billion
women and girls in 83 countries have better legal protections of their human rights

16,600
organizations in 95 countries improved capacities to serve women

USD 219.6 million
invested in women's civil society organizations fighting for gender equality

104
countries expanded civil society participation in policy design and decision-making

49
countries improved services for survivors of violence against women

265.7 million
more women and girls covered by peace and security plans (since 2021)

2.3 million
Women and girls in crises gained life-saving assistance

30%
Increase in gender data production to measure the SDGs (since 2016)

90%
increase in UN country teams reporting performance on gender equality

Source: UN Women 2024 Annual Report of the Executive Director

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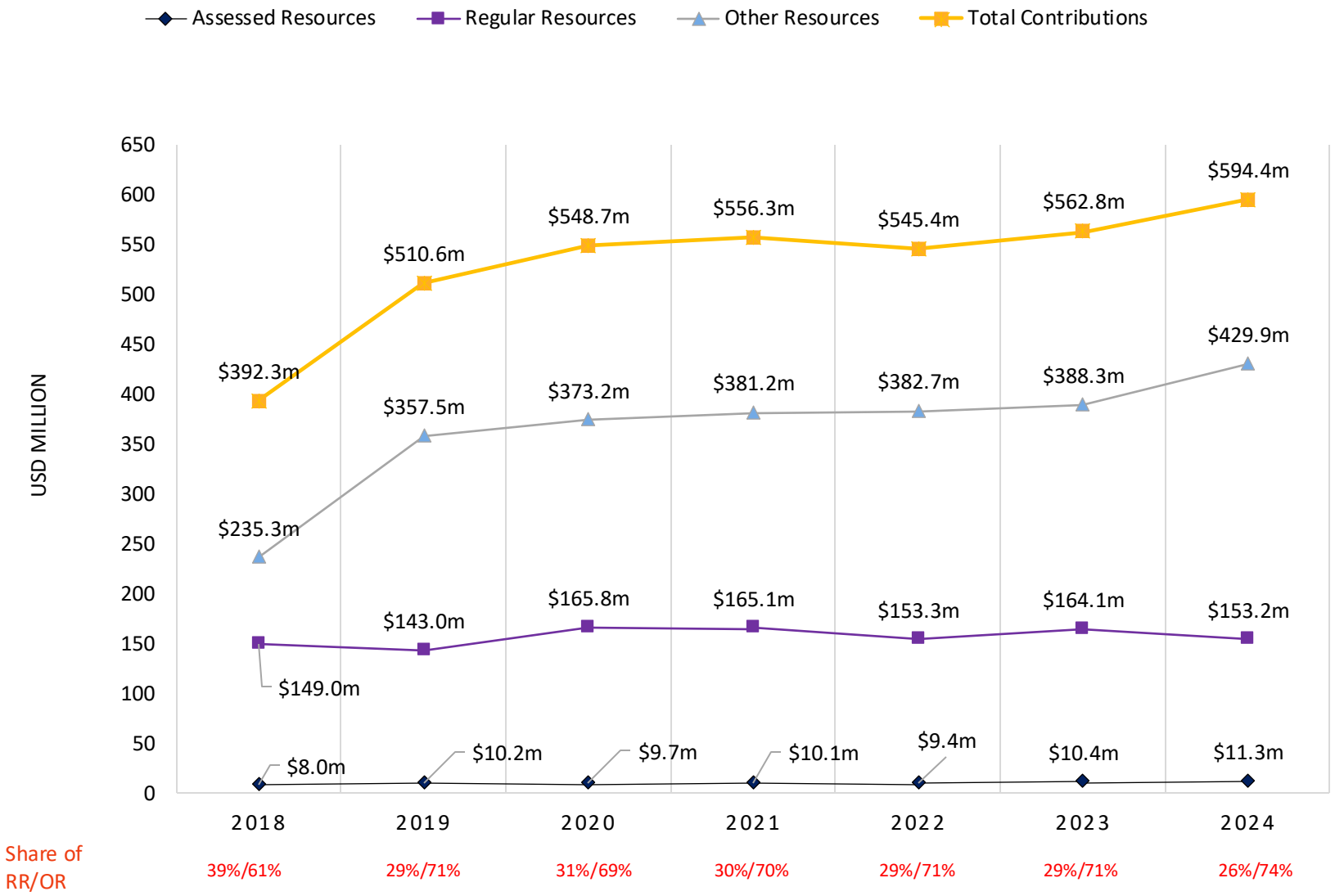
Contributions, Expenditures & Funding Gaps

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2024 CONTRIBUTIONS

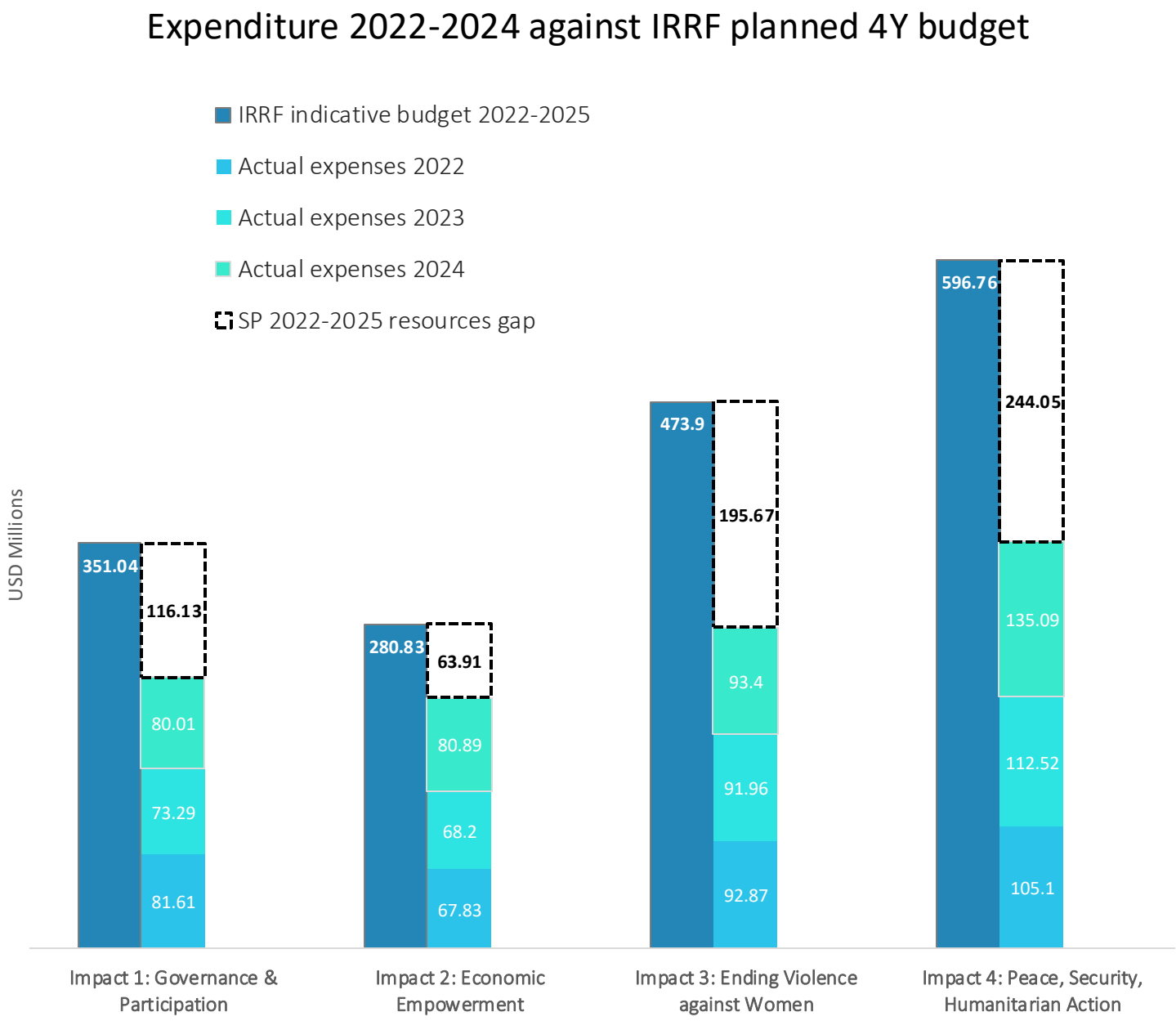
- Total contributions of **$596.4 M,** up by 5.6% from 2023
- RR down **6.6%** and OR up by **10.7%** over 2023 with year-over-year OR increases since 2013
- **39% of RR** and **79% of OR** received through multi-year commitments, up from 34% and 61% respectively in 2023

Contributions by type, 2018-2024



2024 EXPENDITURES

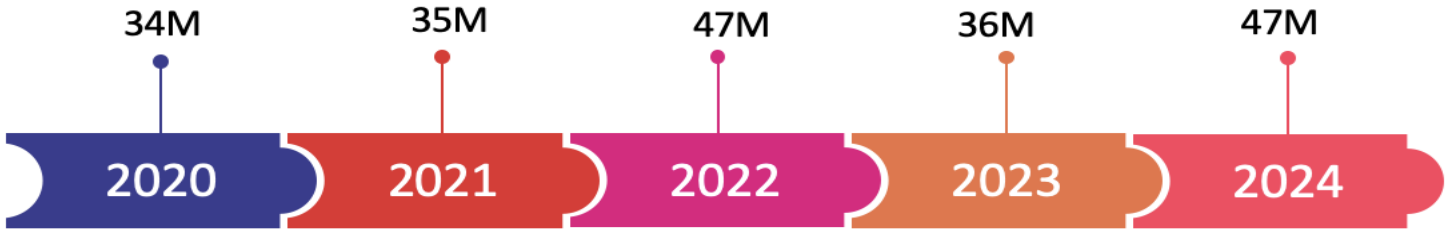
- Total programme expenses reached a record high of **$532.6 464 M** or **86%** of all expenses ($464.0 M/84% in 2023)
- Country and regional programme expenses reached a new high of **$395.6 M** or **74%** of overall programme expenses ($360.8 M/77.8% in 2023)
- A **$619.8 M** resource gap remains to be mobilized in 2025 against IRRF targets
- Highest investment in **SP Impact 4** (WPS, HA) followed by **SP Impact 3** (EVAW), but investment levels lower than IRRF 4Y target (41% to be mobilized).
- Expenses on **SP Impact 1** and **2** on track reaching 67% and 77% of 4Y target.



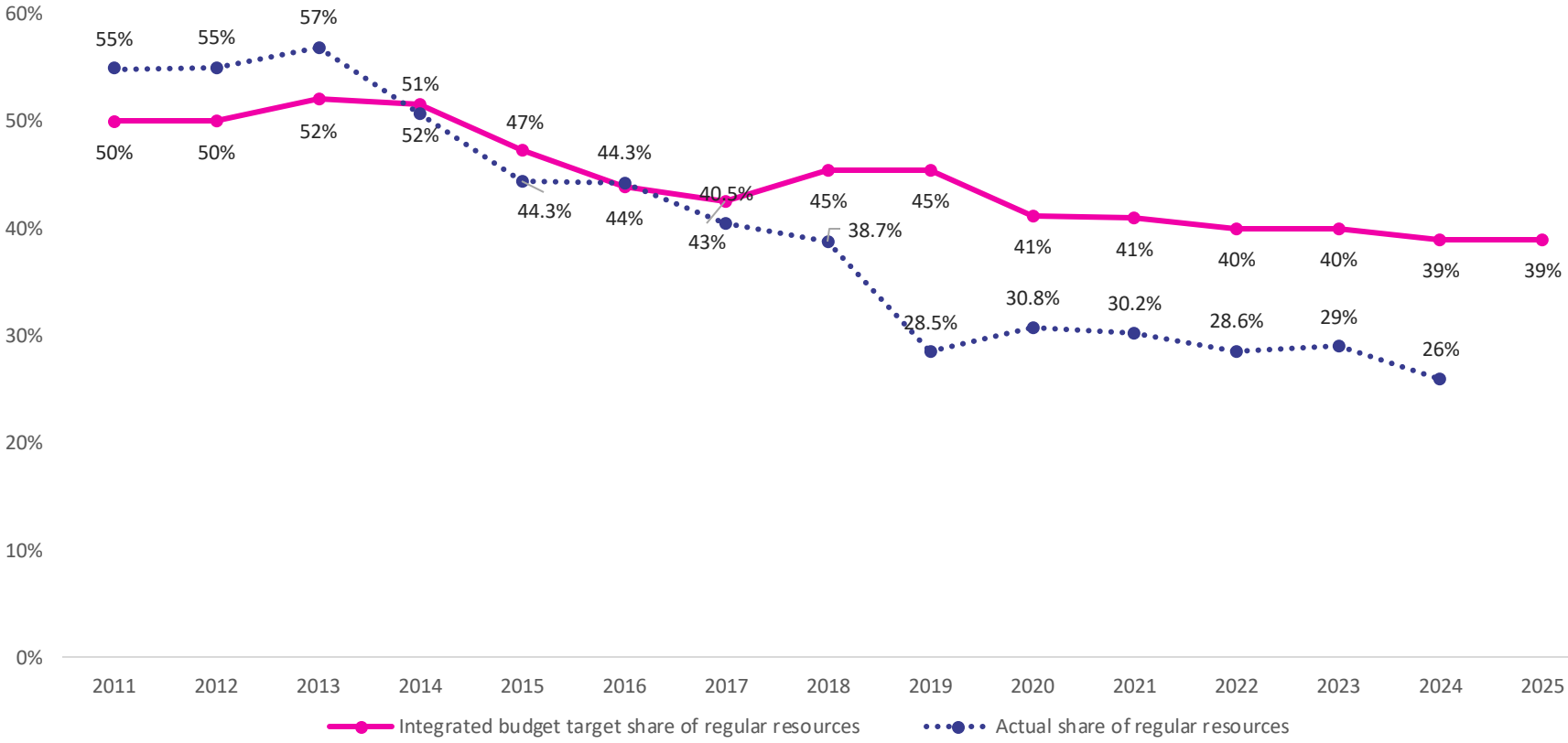
2024 RR FUNDING GAPS

- 2024 **RR funding gap of $47M** against IB 200M target ($36 M in 2023)
- No OR funding gap in 2024; **OR funding gap closed** in 2019
- **RR to OR ratio was 26%** in 2024, below the 30% funding compact target (29% in 2023); was 55% at inception in 2011

Ongoing funding gap against IB 200M target, 2018-2024



Actual RR vs. IB target RR proportion, 2011-2025



Funding Priorities

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TOP 25 RR PARTNERS 2024



1. Germany
$21.85 M



2. Finland
$21.25 M



3. Switzerland
$18.18 M



4. United States of America
$12.00 M



5. Denmark
$10.89 M



6. Norway
$9.60 M



7. Republic of Korea (the)
$5.84 M



8. Sweden
$5.09 M



9. Australia
$5.05 M



10. Canada
$4.51 M



11. Netherlands (the)
$4.33 M



12. Belgium
$4.29 M



13. United Kingdom
$4.21 M



14. Japan
$4.15 M



15. Luxembourg
$3.29 M



16. Spain
$2.77 M



17. France
$2.68 M



18. National Committees
$2.57 M



19. Ireland
$2.14 M



20. China
$2.00 M



21. New Zealand
$1.53 M



22. Iceland
$1.29 M



23. Qatar
$500.00 K



24. Austria
$321.54 K



25. India
$300.00 K

RR DRIVE GLOBAL GEWE IMPACT

Triple Mandate

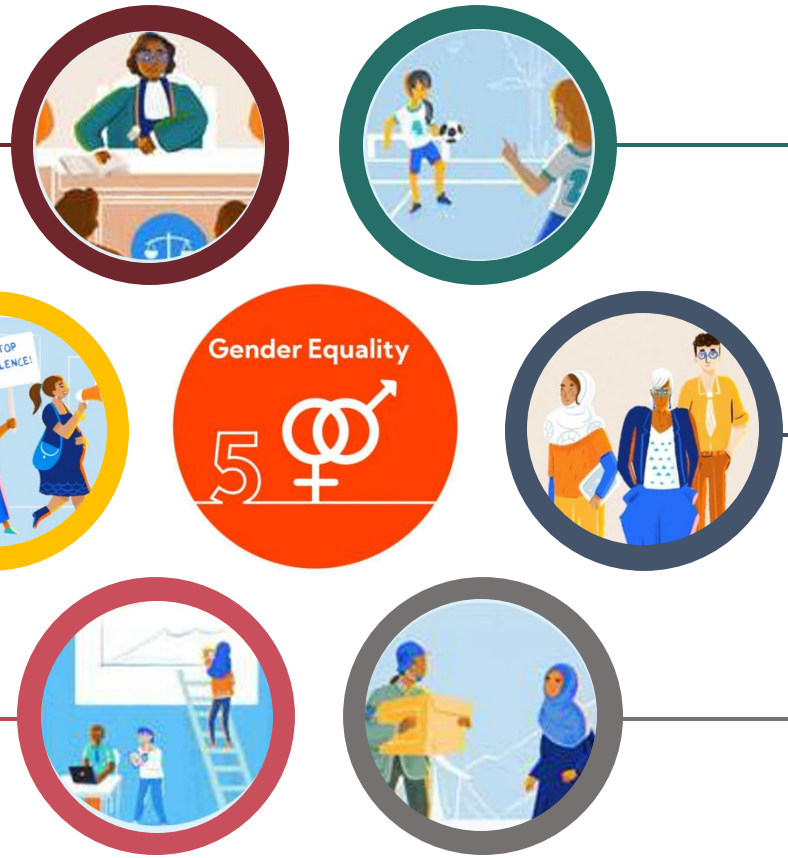
Results acheived accross the mandate

Global Presence

A well-functioning institution with global reach

GEWE Leadership

Strategic leaders that build commitment to GEWE



Agility

GEWE policy engagement and advocacy in emergencies

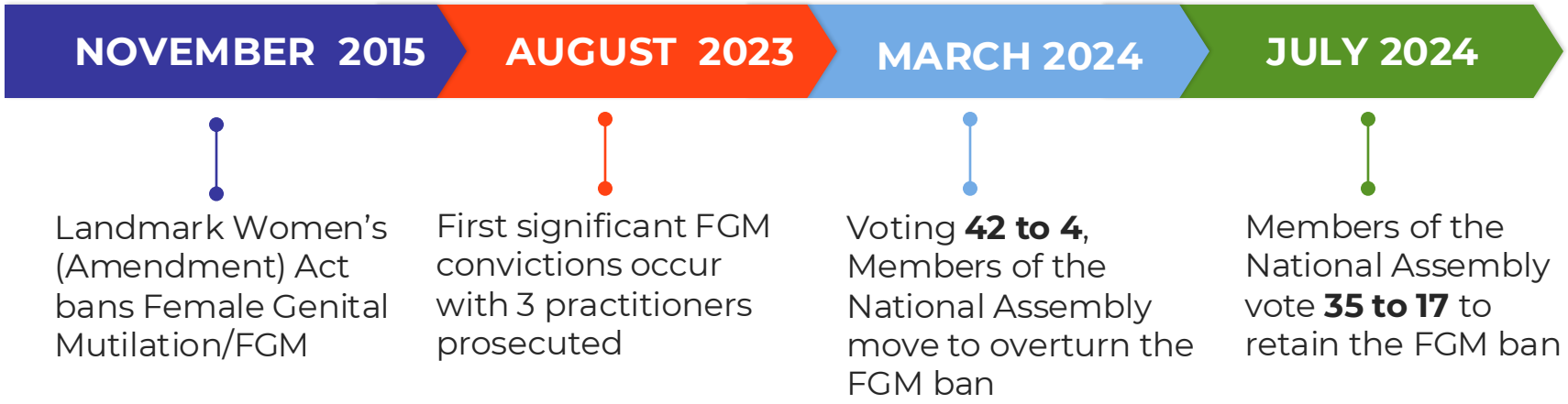
GEWE Expertise

Specialized knowledge and skills to solve problems

Catalytic Pogramming

Able to pilot, innovate and develop programmes that leverage other resources

RR RESULT HIGHLIGHT 2024



Rapid Deployment of Regular Resources Defends the FGM Ban

Mobilized Civil Society

For the first time, WHROs and CSOs from across the country united to advocate for a common cause, preventing repeal of the FGM ban.

Awareness Campaigns

Supported an intensive campaigns, including one-to-one meetings with Members of the National Assembly, to raise awareness on the impacts of reversing the FGM law.

Engaged Regional Bodies

Strengthened advocacy and coordination with regional human rights mechanisms like the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights.

Influenced Leaders

31 National Assembly Leaders & CSOs directly reached through study visit to Egypt on medical and theological challenges to FGM practices.

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RR RESULT HIGHLIGHT 2024



Regular Resources Backed Technical Assistance Boosts Women Employment and Representation

- **Technical advice** to JNCW to develop criteria for a WEPs-aligned national gender seal for the private sector.
- **Analysis** of Jordan's labour market identified sections with potential for job creation for women.
- **Capacity development** for implementation of GEWE policies among WEPs signatories, representing 90K employees.

Among WEPs signatories in Jordan in 2024:

65%

Reported an increase in female workforce

3%

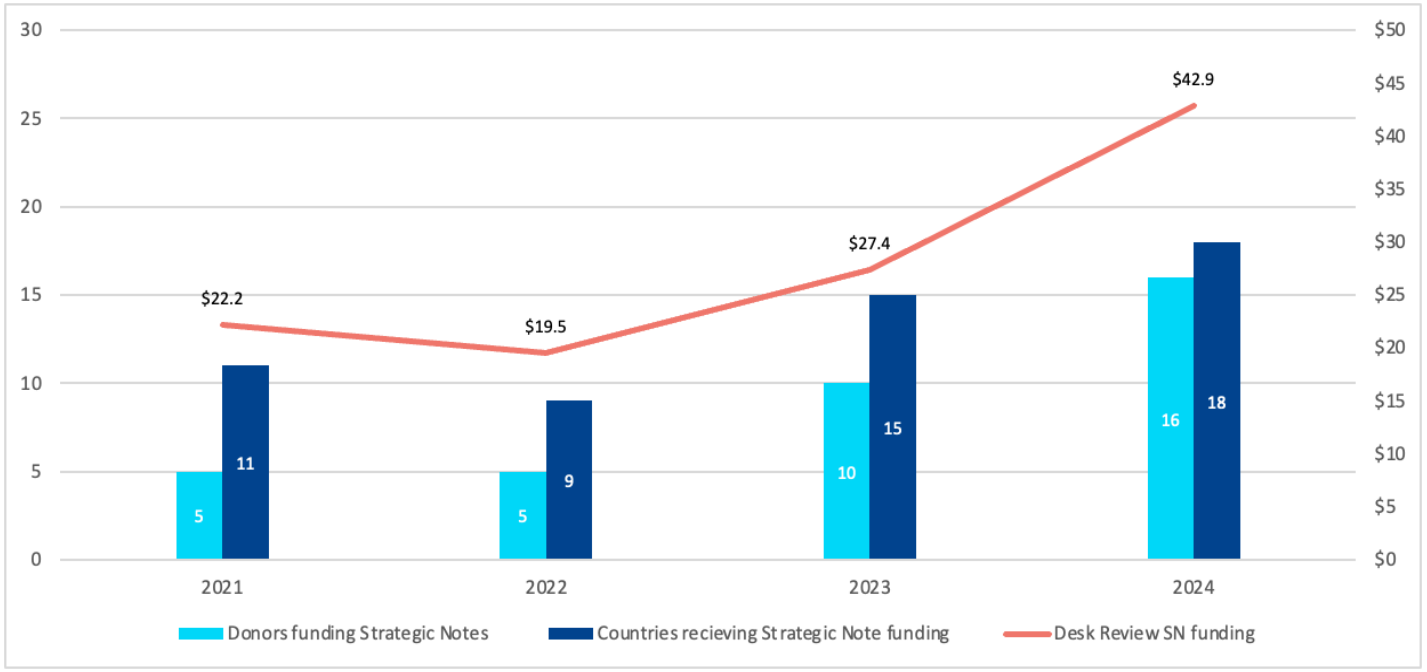
Increase in # of women employees

9%

Increase in women on company boards

STRATEGIC NOTES

Strategic Note funding 2021-2024



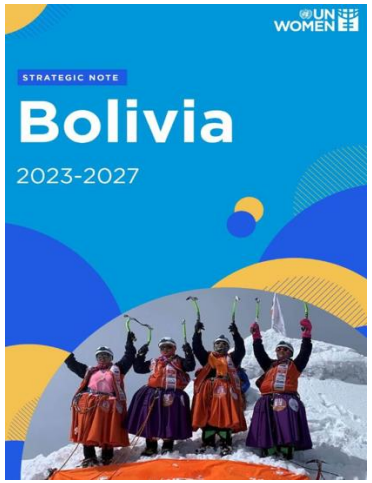
**Source: Desk Review per SP_O_5A*

HOW ARE WE DOING?

- Strategic Notes are the **preferred OR flexible funding tool**
- Currently **underfunded**
- **Increasing trend** 2021-2024; SNDF up **56% in 2024** compared to 2023

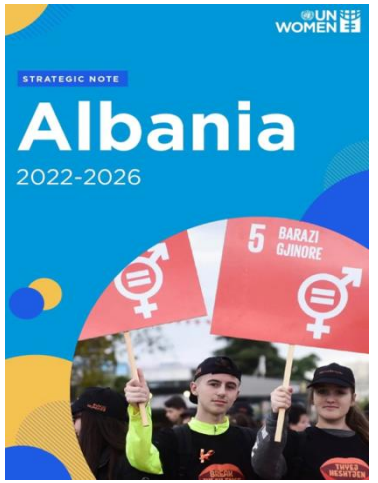
WHAT ARE WE DOING?

- **Strategic Note brochures** to communicate country-level priorities
- **Engage partners** on the benefits of Strategic Note direct funding

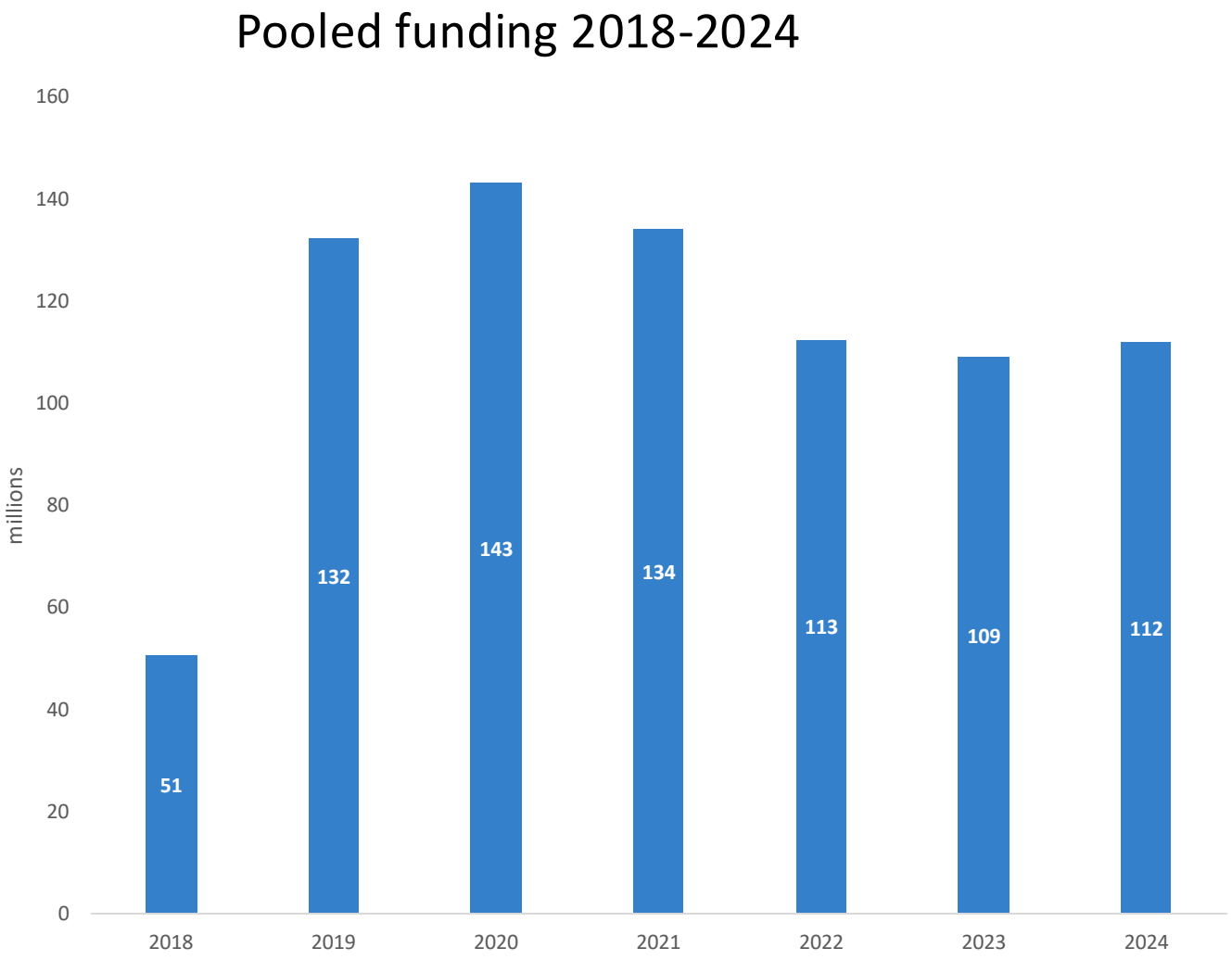








INTERAGENCY POOLED FUNDING



120%

Growth since 2018

26%

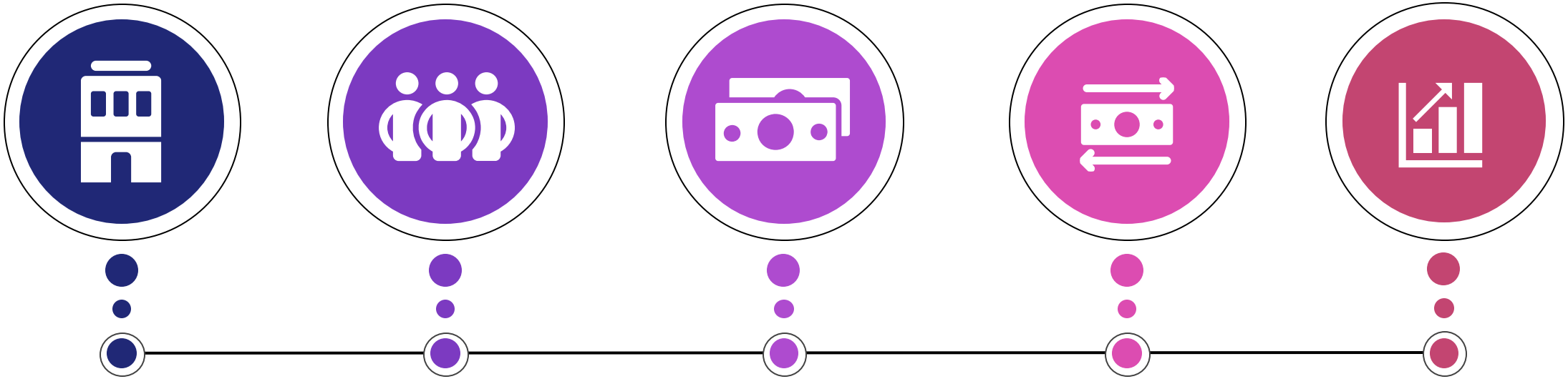
OR is interagency pooled funds

20%

Programme expenses on JPs

* *Includes multilateral Spotlight Initiative funding*

NATIONAL COMMITTEES & INDIVIDUAL GIVING 2024



13
UN Women National Committees active in 2024

19,210
Number of monthly individual givers in 2024

$6.1M
Contributions with $2.6M in RR in 2024

$45.8M
Contributed by National Committees since 2017

+6.5%
Increase in volume of IG contributions in 2024

The dividends of financing gender equality are **immeasurable**. When we prioritize the needs and rights of women and girls, we unlock the potential for transformative change across all sectors of society.

– Sima Bahous,
UN Women Executive Director



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