



GENDER IN RULE OF LAW

EXAMPLES FROM IDLO'S JUSTICE SECTOR PROGRAMMING



Briefly about IDLO:

- **The only intergovernmental organization exclusively devoted to promoting the rule of law.**
- **Enables governments and empowers people to reform laws and strengthen institutions to promote peace, justice, sustainable development, and economic opportunity.**
- **Has worked with over 20,000 legal professionals around the world.**
- **Engaged in Justice Sector Reform in Ukraine since 2015**

Values & guiding principles

People focused



Legal pluralism



Justice oriented



Context specific



Gender sensitive



Empowerment



Local Ownership



Transparency and accountability



How is Gender relevant to Security?

US State Dept. policy:

- **To comply with the Law:**
 - Integrating women is required by national legislation.
- **To increase operational effectiveness**
 - Research shows that women officers rely more on communication than on physical force, and are more likely to de-escalate potentially violent situations
- **To increase access to justice**
 - Survivors are more likely to report crimes to women officers. Thus integrating women into law enforcement increases access to justice for those women who might not enter the criminal justice system.

Key Gender Equality Issues in Law, Justice and Development

- **Discriminatory and unresponsive legal, policy and institutional frameworks**
- **Limited access to justice for women**
- **Gender-related exclusion in sustainable development and economic opportunities**

IDLO Gender Strategy



Impact goals

G2

People and groups are empowered to realize their rights



Stakeholders

What we must achieve for our stakeholders

S1

Empower women, poor & marginalized groups to fight discrimination & access justice



Capacities

Where we must excel to achieve

C1

Enhance program innovation and quality

Substantive areas:

- 1. Combatting Discriminatory laws and ensuring emergence of gender-responsive legal and institutional frameworks**
- 2. Enhancing women's access to justice in formal and informal institutions**
- 3. Increasing women's empowerment in sustainable development and economic opportunities**

HOW? Programming Focus and Design

Focus levels:

1. Legislative
2. Institutional
3. Operational

Program Design

- **Gender analysis**
- **Gender integration**
- **Gender mainstreaming**

Examples from the field

1. **Combatting Discriminatory Laws**

- **Kenya**
- **Liberia**
- **Tunisia**
- **Mongolia**

2. **Enhancing women's access to justice**

- **Afghanistan**
- **Honduras**

3. **Increasing women's empowerment**

- **Uganda**
- **Tanzania**
- **Burundi**

Ukraine

- **IDLO is collaborating with the Ministry of Interior's Project Monitoring Office**



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