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Gender-Responsive Budgeting Training with UPMA

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Putting an end to violence in the domestic sphere, as well as gender-based violence (GBV), is a key priority for the Women, Peace and Security Commission. The Council of Ministers approved a national budget funding framework, the Roadmap for Programme and Budgeting (RBP), in February 2017: 2021 NAP (2017–2021) – Gender, Violence Against Women (VAW), and Gender Analysis. As part of the work of reaching donors against women (DAW) and Gender Analysis, a call for proposals that could enhance UN Women’s budgeting process, to Maximize its contribution to gender equality, and support gender-responsive budgeting in Timor-Leste.

As a result of the NTR, UN Women will focus on programming around two main areas: Women, Peace, & Security and Women, Peace, & Development. Each area will have impact areas, in line with the UN Women’s strategic plan, and will support women and girls to advance their meaningful participation in gender-responsive budgeting in Timor-Leste.

More information on the NTR will be forth coming in the forthcoming training.

**What’s New on Gender Equality in Timor-Leste?**

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