



EU GENDER ACTION PLAN III

Country Level Implementation Plan for Cameroon (CLIP)

2021-2025

The European Union and its Member States are vigorously promoting **gender equality and women empowerment** in their relations with partner countries through the **EU Gender Action Plan (GAP) III - An Ambitious Agenda for Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment in EU External Action (2021-2025)**

VISION

The Country Level Implementation Plan (CLIP) for the Republic of Cameroon:

- Ensures that **85% of EU's new external actions by 2025** contribute to gender equality and empowerment of women and girls
- Translates the **EU Gender Action Plan III** into priorities and actions for Cameroon, using a transformative and rights based approach.
- Promotes a **"Team Europe" approach**, so that both EU and its Member States target or mainstream gender equality and women's empowerment in all their actions.



PRIORITIES

- I. **Combating violence, harmful practices and gender-based discrimination** and promoting and protecting the right of every person to exercise full control and to take free and responsible decisions on matters related to his or her **sexual and reproductive health and rights**, without discrimination, coercion or violence.
- II. **Promoting economic and social rights** and ensuring the **empowerment of girls and women**, including in the green and circular economy.
- III. **Promoting civic participation and women's leadership** in particular for conflict prevention and resolution.

The CLIP areas of engagement are based on:

- **Cameroon's National Development Plan (SND30)** and sector strategies, consultations with national authorities including the Ministry for the Promotion of Women and Family.
- **Consultations with almost 400 civil society organisations** in the 10 regions of Cameroon, with a dedicated attention to women's rights defenders and women's civil society associations.
- **Consultations with private sector organisations**, including associations of women entrepreneurs and start ups.
- **Consultations, gender assessments and analyses provided by EU Member States, UN and other agencies.**

Gender mainstreaming and targeted actions

We will mainstream gender across all our actions, with each thematic programme defining at least a specific objective to promote gender equality.

In addition, the EU will launch dedicated actions to promote gender equality and women's empowerment aiming at bringing transformative impact in the society, the laws and the economy.

We will continue supporting civil society (CSO) projects on the CLIP's three priorities. Dedicated support will be envisaged for women's rights organisations and CSO projects aiming at women's empowerment.

Engagement in dialogue for gender equality and women empowerment

The EU and its Member States will pursue political dialogue with the Government of Cameroon and other relevant authorities to promote gender equality.

Gender equality aspects will also be integrated in the discussions with other donors and international partners, including UN agencies in line with the SDGs.

Periodic consultations with civil society will be held on gender equality and women's rights.

Public Diplomacy

The EU and its Member States in Cameroon will carry out communication and public diplomacy activities in particular with women's groups to raise awareness on non-discrimination, gender equality, and women's rights.

