

Moving forward on Women, Peace and Security: next steps for the UK government



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In June 2014 the UK government will launch a new UK National Action Plan on Women, Peace & Security (NAP), laying out how it will reduce the impact of conflict on women and support women's participation in peace processes. This important framework is a vital step to ensuring the UK government carries out its commitments under [United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325](#) (UNSCR 1325) and [subsequent Resolutions](#) on women, peace and security.

Today, Womankind is launching a policy briefing to assist the UK government in developing an ambitious and far-reaching NAP which will ensure women's rights are fully integrated into UK conflict and peacebuilding policy and activity.

The briefing, entitled "[Moving forward: Recommendations for the UK National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security](#)", is based on the responses provided during a recent consultation of our partner organisations in fragile and conflict-affected countries. It delivers guidance, condensed case studies and recommendations in four areas:

- Supporting women's meaningful participation in peacebuilding
- Preventing violence against women and girls
- Working with local women's rights organisations in the design and delivery of the NAP
- Developing effective and impact-focused funding mechanisms

Building on past success

In 2006 the UK became one of the first countries in the world to launch a NAP. Following this, the government's implementation of UNSCR 1325 progressed significantly throughout the second NAP (2010-2013).

Currently leading on Women, Peace and Security in the UN Security Council, the UK has been instrumental in building international consensus on women's central role in preventing and resolving conflict and ensuring sustainable peace. This has recently been shown through the [Call to Action on protecting women and girls in emergencies](#).

Womankind welcomes the strong international leadership shown by the UK government on Women, Peace and Security, and sees the new NAP as a renewed opportunity for the UK government to build upon this progress.

However, there is still a long way to go. By taking into account our recommendations, the UK government can ensure that women's rights are truly at the centre of its work in fragile and conflict-affected countries.

You can download the briefing [here](#).