

Feminism in Action for Structural Transformation

Global Programme for implementing the BMZ's Feminist Development Policy in practice

The Context

Gender-specific discrimination is prevalent all over the world. Today, there are still serious disparities between the different gender groups which are manifested in disadvantages in all areas of life. Yet, gender equality is one of the essential factors for achieving all the 2030 Agenda Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The challenges for implementing international and national requirements in gender equality include the fact that to date, the causes of gender inequality and discrimination were frequently not taken into consideration when measures were designed. Furthermore, systemic change processes in the field of gender norms will require a structural approach that considers both top-down and bottom-up policy-making processes at national level in the partner countries.

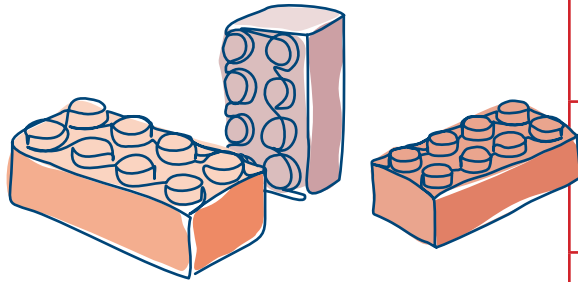
The BMZ's strategy paper Feminist Development Policy (2023), with its key elements of gender-transformative, intersectional, inclusive and human rights-based orientation, forms the main frame for German development policy. It aims to overcome the structural causes of inequality by transforming patriarchal and racist power structures, discriminatory social norms and gender roles.

Project name	Global Programme „Feminism in Action for Structural Transformation“ (FAST)
Commissioned by	Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
Project countries	Armenia, Colombia, Tunisia, Rwanda
Budget	8 Mio.
Duration	10/2023 - 09/2026

The Objective

The global programme FAST seeks to implement the BMZ's Feminist Development Policy in practice. Governmental and civil society stakeholders will structurally apply feminist core principles in the four partner countries. The project will develop specific concepts of collaboration for each partner country, address interaction between stakeholders and promote dialogue and knowledge about effective methods and good practices for applying feminist principles that are innovative and evidence-based. The project will assist in addressing the structural barriers to gender equality by promoting feminist approaches in processes and instruments at structural leverage points in the partner countries.

**Empower civil society and state actors
in the four partner countries to
structurally apply feminist core principles.**



Our Approach

The project will work on structural processes, and on preparing and scaling up good practices based on feminist approaches, aiming at improving the efficacy of German development cooperation measures in cooperation with the partners and target groups. The project will provide new impetus and forge connections between various sectors for generating new knowledge and developing innovations designed alongside feminist core principles. Specifically, the project will pilot the application of gender-transformative, intersectional and human rights-based approaches, develop criteria for good practices, and introduce identified good practices into the global dialogue.

Finally, the project will provide support and advice on gender data and data feminism, focusing on how to leverage the respective data, formulate substantive policies and develop suitable and innovative methods. The results from the four countries will be processed by comparative analysis and made available for the exchange at global level. By doing so, the project will contribute to making effective measures visible and scalable, trying out pioneering approaches, and globally promoting a dialogue on gender justice and effective feminist approaches.

Partner Countries

Within the four partner countries of Armenia, Colombia, Tunisia and Rwanda, specific sectors have been selected as core areas of intervention. Those areas are based on existing good practices and their scaling potential and constitute the foundation of the advisory services.

Partner Country	Country Core Areas of Intervention
Armenia	Peace and social cohesion, training and sustainable growth for good jobs, responsibility for our planet - climate and energy
Colombia	Climate protection and adaptation to climate change, good governance, and peace development and crisis prevention
Tunisia	Renewable energy and energy efficiency, and good governance
Rwanda	Good Governance and Gender Data Outputs & Activities

Outputs & Activities

“Feminism in Action” will be translated into the support of civil society organisations in implementing feminist principles and of state actors in strengthening their professional and methodological capabilities to apply feminist core elements in political decision making. Existing strategies and expertise of partners will be listened to, built on and complemented by a demand-oriented methodological support. A consultation process between state and non-state actors will facilitate cooperation resulting in a joint learning process on innovative (feminist) approaches and methods. Eventually, this exchange will be scaled up within the global dialogue, developing a digital Community of Learning.

FAST in Rwanda

In Rwanda, FAST will emphasize innovative methods for promoting good governance by using gender data and digital tools to advance gender equality and prevent gender-based violence (GBV).

FAST Rwanda aims to support feminist movements, civil society groups, and government institutions in collaborating on policies that consider gender-specific impacts. This includes establishing partnerships and networks to share best practices, enhancing skills in feminist data usage, and applying transformative approaches to achieve gender equality by considering aspects of intersectionality.