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1. Participation [WggPar]

This variable takes the value of 1 if the peace agreement mentions any form of women’s participation, as detailed in the subcategories that follow. Otherwise, the value on the variable is 0.

Gender Quotas in electoral or other bodies [WggGenQuot]

This variable refers to agreement provisions which are outlining a specific quota commitment, or specifying particular numbers of women that are to participate. When such provisions are present, the value on the variable is equal to 1, otherwise takes the value of 0.

Effective participation [WggEffPart]

This category concerns more general language of effective participation for women in governance. These are not precise quotas but rather the inclusion of non-numeric commitments to have women’s representation, requirements to address gender participation or equality in political institutions, commitments to adequate representation, effective/equal participation etc. When such provisions are present, the value on the variable is equal to 1, otherwise takes the value of 0.

Citizenship [WggCitizen]

Any reference to women and citizenship that appears in the peace agreement is coded in this category, taking the value of 1 when such references are present, and 0 otherwise.

Other [WggParOth]

Any other types of participation which do not fit in the above categories are coded in this category, taking the value of 1 when such references are present, and 0 otherwise.

2. Equality

Equality (general) [WggEqGen]

This category accounts for general political or legal equality provisions or provisions concerning non-discrimination on grounds of gender or sex. When such provisions are present, the value on the variable is equal to 1, otherwise takes the value of 0.

Social Equality [WggSocEq]
This category accounts for any mention of social equality, property rights, health, financial or worker’s rights with reference to women. When such provisions are present, the value on the variable is equal to 1, otherwise takes the value of 0.

Other

Here, any other provision for equality which is specific to a particular distinctive peace process is coded, with the value of 1 in the dataset if such provisions are present, and 0 otherwise.

3. Particular groups of women [WggGrp]

If the agreement mentions any particular groups of women, as listed below, the value on the variable is equal to 1, and otherwise takes the value of 0.

Indigenous/nomadic women [WggIndNom]

The value on this variable is 1 if the peace agreement mentions any specific protection/mention of indigenous or nomadic women. When no such provisions are present in the agreement, the value on this variable is 0.

Refugee / Displaced women [WggRefDisp]

The value on this variable is 1 if the peace agreement mentions any specific protection/mention of refugee or displaced women. When no such provisions are present in the agreement, the value on this variable is 0.

Pregnancy/Maternity [WggPreg]

The value on this variable is 1 if the peace agreement mentions any specific protection/mention of pregnancy, maternity, lactating women etc. When no such provisions are present in the agreement, the value on this variable is 0.

Other [WggGrpOth]

The value on this variable is 1 if the peace agreement mentions any special provision/protection for other specific groups of women when addressed as groups (e.g. ‘widows’ or ‘elderly women’). When no such provisions are present in the agreement, the value on this variable is 0.

4. International law [WggIntLaw]

If the agreement mentions any reference to international law with regard to women, as listed below, the value on the variable is equal to 1, and otherwise takes the value of 0.
General mentions of international human rights law, international humanitarian law, or international law [WggHR]

This variable accounts for any reference in the agreement to general respect or concern for human rights or humanitarian law or international law rights of women, and specific reference to specific human rights where women are clearly mentioned. When such provisions are present, the value on the variable is equal to 1, otherwise takes the value of 0.

International human rights standards [WggHRSta]

If the agreement mentions any reference to specific incorporation or mention of international human rights standards relating to women, this variable takes the value of 1; otherwise, 0.

References to UNSCR 1325 [WggUnsc]

This variable accounts for any references to UNSCR 1325. When such references are present in an agreement, the value on the variable is equal to 1, otherwise takes the value of 0.

Other [WggIntLawOth]

Any other reference to women and international law, which does not fit in the above categories, is accounted for here. When such references are present in an agreement, the value on the variable is equal to 1, otherwise takes the value of 0.

5. New Institutions [WggNewInst]

If the agreement mentions any reference to new institutions, with regard to women, as listed below, the value on the variable is equal to 1, and otherwise takes the value of 0.

Institutions for women [WggInstWom]

This variable accounts for any mention of specific institutions for women established by the agreement (e.g. women’s ministries, commissions, or other forums). When such institutions are present, the value on this variable is 1, otherwise 0.

Infrastructure (general) [WggInf]

This variable concerns any mention of promotion of women’s organisations and women’s infrastructure more generally (that is, something that promotes a ‘women’s infrastructure’ rather than gender references in infrastructure provision more generally). When such mentions are present, the value on this variable is 1, otherwise 0.
Reconciliation and Peace [WggRecon]

If the agreement mentions/discusses women’s role in reconciliation and promoting the peace process, the value on this variable is 1; otherwise 0.

Other [WggNewInstOth]

If the agreement contains any other reference to women/gender and institutions which does not fit in the above categories, the value on this variable is 1; otherwise 0.

6. Violence Against women [WggVio]

If the agreement mentions any reference to violence against women, as listed below, the value on the variable is equal to 1, and otherwise takes the value of 0.

Sexual violence [WggVioSex]

This category refers to any specific prohibition or mention of sexual violence, rape, sexual harassment etc. in a peace agreement. When such mentions are present, the value on this variable is 1, otherwise 0.

Gender-based violence / VAW (general) [WggVioGen]

If an agreement contains a specific prohibition or mention of other forms of gender-based violence, the value on this variable is 1, otherwise 0.

Protection (general) [WGGVioProt]

If any protection measures for women which are general in nature are present in the agreement, the value on this variable is 1, otherwise 0.

Other [WggVioOth]

If the agreement contains any other types of mention of violence against women which do not fit in the above categories, the value on this variable is 1, otherwise 0.

7. Transitional Justice [WggTraJus]

If the agreement mentions any reference to transitional justice, with regard to women and as listed below, the value on the variable is equal to 1, and otherwise takes the value of 0.

Past and gender [WggPast]
Any past focused mechanism or transitional justice mechanism, or International criminal court reference relating to women is accounted for in this variable, taking the value of 1 if such mechanism is mentioned, and 0 otherwise.

Prisons, prisoner release [WggPri]

If the agreement includes any mention of women with relation to prisoners, prisons, or prisoner release, this variable takes the value of 1; otherwise 0.

Other [WggTraJusOth]

Any other references to gender and transitional justice which do not fit in the above categories are accounted for in this variable. This includes any very general provisions which talk about the past and its legacy as something that needs to be dealt with. If such provisions are present, the value on this variable is 1; otherwise 0.

8. Institutional Reform [WggInstRef]

If the agreement mentions any reference to institutional reform, with regard to women and as listed below, the value on the variable is equal to 1, and otherwise takes the value of 0.

Constitution-making/reform

This variable accounts for any mention of women in connection with constitution-making and constitutional reform. When such mentions are present, the value on this variable is 1, otherwise 0.

Emergency/criminal law/corruption reform [WggLawRef]

This variable accounts for any mention of women with relation to emergency provisions, domestic criminal law and justice sector reforms, or measures to combat corruption. When such mentions are present, the value on this variable is 1, otherwise 0.

Judiciary, judicial reform [WggJud]

Accounting for any mention of women with relation to judiciary or judicial reform. When such mentions are present, the value on this variable is 1, otherwise 0.

Police [WggPol]

Accounting for any reference to representation or mention of women with relation to police or other forces, or women-centred police reform. When such mentions are present, the value on this variable is 1, otherwise 0.
DDR, Army, Parastatal or rebel forces [WggDdr]

Accounting for representation or mention of women with relation to DDR, and armies, parastatal or rebel forces. When such mentions are present, the value on this variable is 1, otherwise 0.

Public administration [WggPubAdm]

If the agreement contains any provisions concerning gender-based reform or gender sensitivity of public administration/civil service, the value on this variable is 1; otherwise 0.

Other [WggInstRefOth]

This variable accounts for any other references to gender and institutional reform which do not fit in the above categories (e.g. ‘women’s sport’). When such mentions are present, the value on this variable is 1, otherwise 0.


If the agreement mentions any reference to development, with regard to women and as listed below, the value on the variable is equal to 1; otherwise takes the value of 0.

General [WggDevGen]

If the agreement contains any general provisions concerning women and development, this variable takes the value of 1; otherwise, 0.

Rehabilitation and reconstruction [WggRehab]

This variable concerns the rehabilitation and reconstruction programmes with special provision for women, including for example, comprehensive programmes for social and/or economic reconstruction. When provisions on these issues are present in the agreement, the value on this variable is 1, otherwise 0.

Education [WggEdu]

If the agreement mentions women (or girls), with reference to education, including provision of education or special measures for education, including all forms of formal and informal training and education, the value on this variable is 1; otherwise 0.

Health (general) [WggHea]

When a peace agreement contains references to women’s health (including responding to malnutrition), this variable takes the value of 1; otherwise 0.
Reproductive rights [WggRepro]

When the agreement contains any references to reproductive rights and restrictions, this variable takes the value of 1; otherwise 0.

Other [WggDevOth]

This variable accounts for any other references to gender and development which do not fit in the above categories. When such references are present in the agreement, the value on this variable is 1, otherwise 0.

10. Implementation [WggImpl]

If the agreement mentions any reference to the manner of implementation, with regard to women and as listed below, the value on the variable is equal to 1; otherwise takes the value of 0.

Women’s role and consideration in implementation of the agreement [WggImplRole]

Accounting for any references to women being given a specific role in implementing the agreement or gender sensitive implementation mechanisms, this variable takes the value of 1 when such references are present, and 0 otherwise.

Signing or Witnessing agreement [WggImplSign]

The situation of signing or witnessing of agreement ‘as women’ – but NOT including any signature by a woman or women - rather just women signing as part of a specific women’s group, or women’s delegation is accounted for in this variable. The value is 1 if such signing or witnessing occurred, and 0 otherwise.

Other [WggImplOth]

Any other implementation role for women not dealt with above is accounted for here, with the variable taking the value of 1 if such an implementation role for women is mentioned, and 0 otherwise.

11. Other [WggOth]

Any reference to women or gender which does not fit in the categories above is accounted for by this variable, taking the value of 1 if such provisions are present, and 0 otherwise.