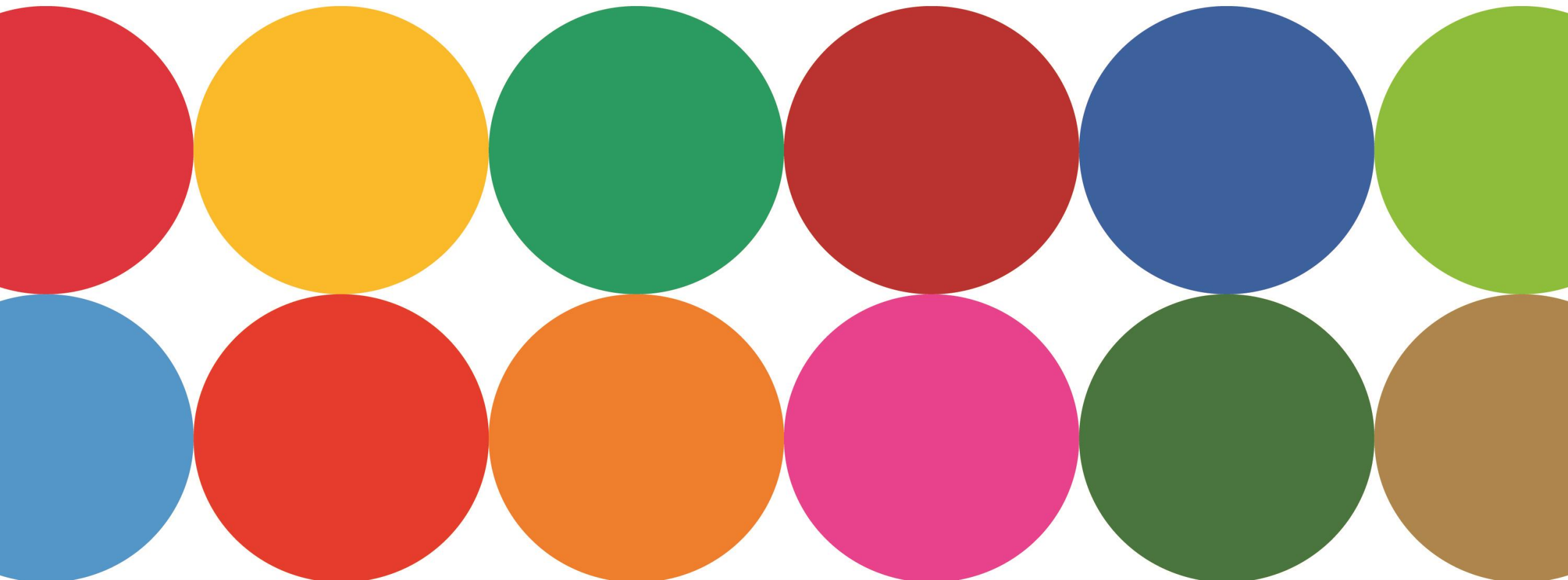

HIGH IMPACT COMMON SERVICES WITHIN BOS 2.0

Gender Responsive Procurement

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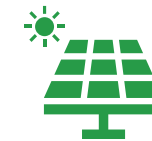
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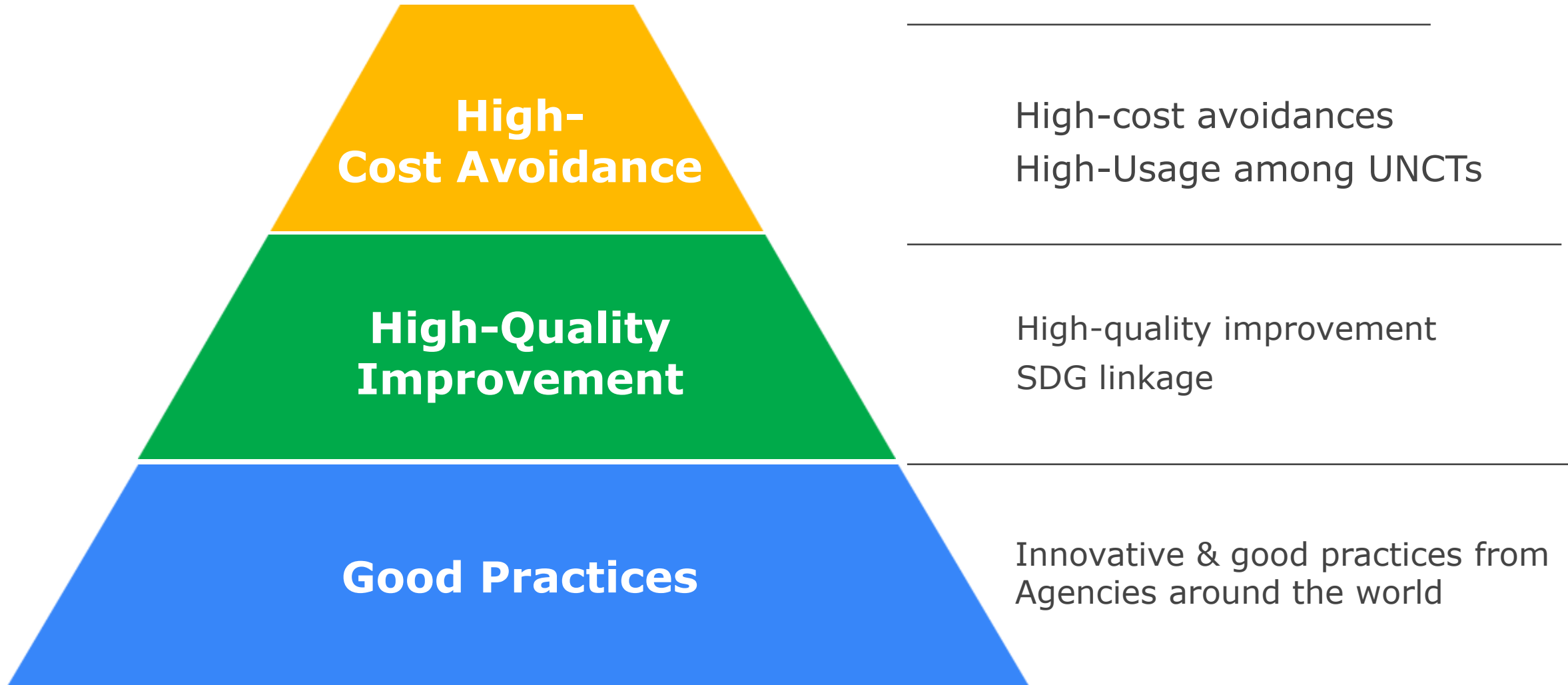
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Recommendations



What are High-Impact Common Services?



Objectives & Benefits of Scaling High-Impact Common Services



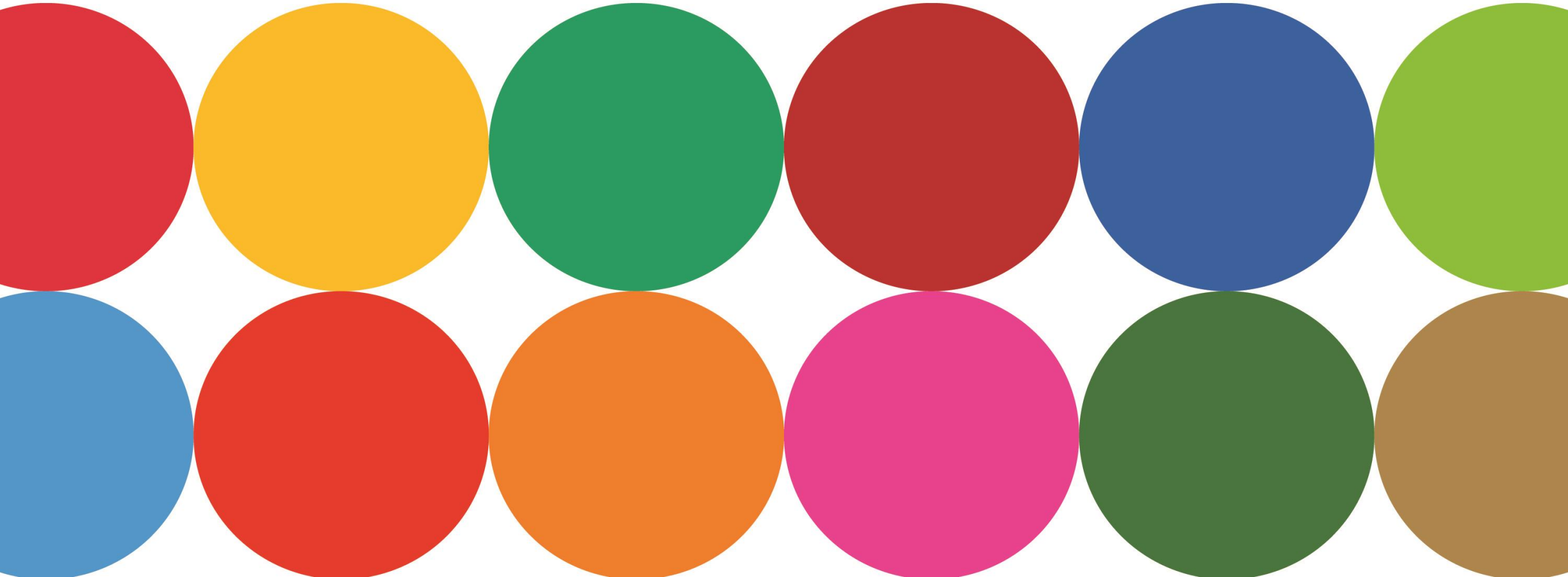
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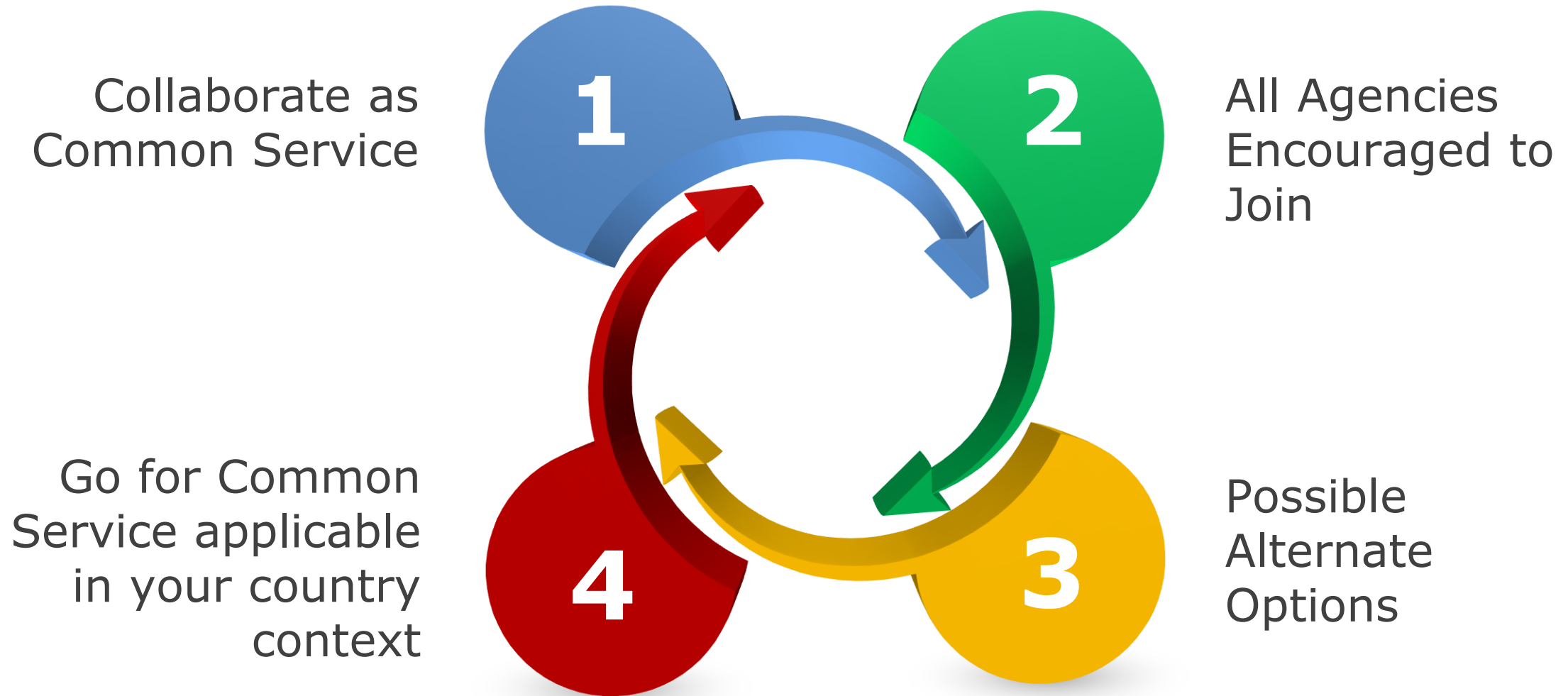
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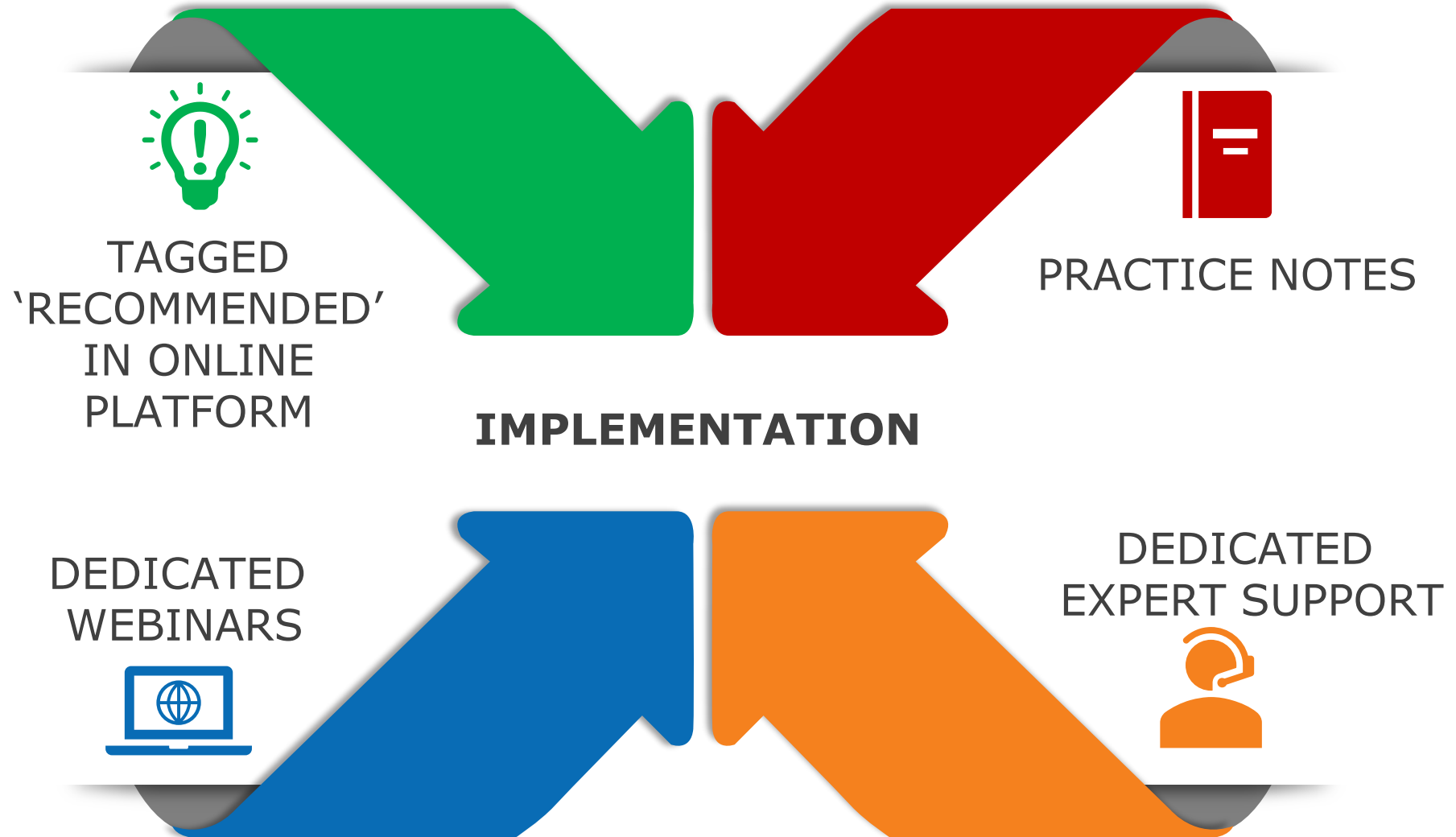
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WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR OMTs



HIGH-IMPACT SERVICES ROLLOUT



WAY FORWARD

**If BOS is in
Development**



**Include in
BOS Now**

**If BOS is
Completed**



**Include in
BOS Review**

Business Operations Strategy & SDG 5: Gender Equality

One of the important objectives of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is to achieve gender equality and empower women and girls. This objective is embodied in **SDG 5**.



UN represents a major market – in 2019 the UN system spent **USD 19.9 billion** worth of goods and services.



Key UN Concepts

Gender-Responsive Procurement (GRP) is the sustainable selection of services and goods that takes into account the impact on gender equality and women's empowerment.

Woman-Owned Business includes at least 51% independent ownership including unconditional control by one or more women and independence from non-women-owned businesses.

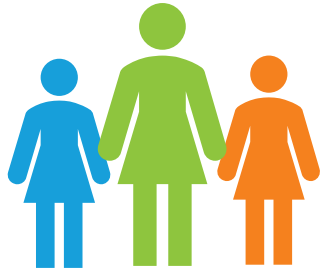
Gender-responsive vendor is a legal entity that promotes gender equality and meets local and international labour and human rights standards.



Gender-Responsive Procurement: Facts and Figures

35%¹

OF ALL SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (**SMES**) ARE **OWNED BY WOMEN**



31-38%²

OF FORMAL SMES IN **EMERGING MARKETS** ARE OWNED BY WOMEN (AROUND 8 - 10M)



around **20%**¹

OF **GDP** PRODUCED BY WOMEN-OWNED SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES



around **20%**³

OF GLOBAL GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT IS FROM **PUBLIC PROCUREMENT**



around **1%**⁴

OF PUBLIC PROCUREMENT SPEND GOES TO WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES

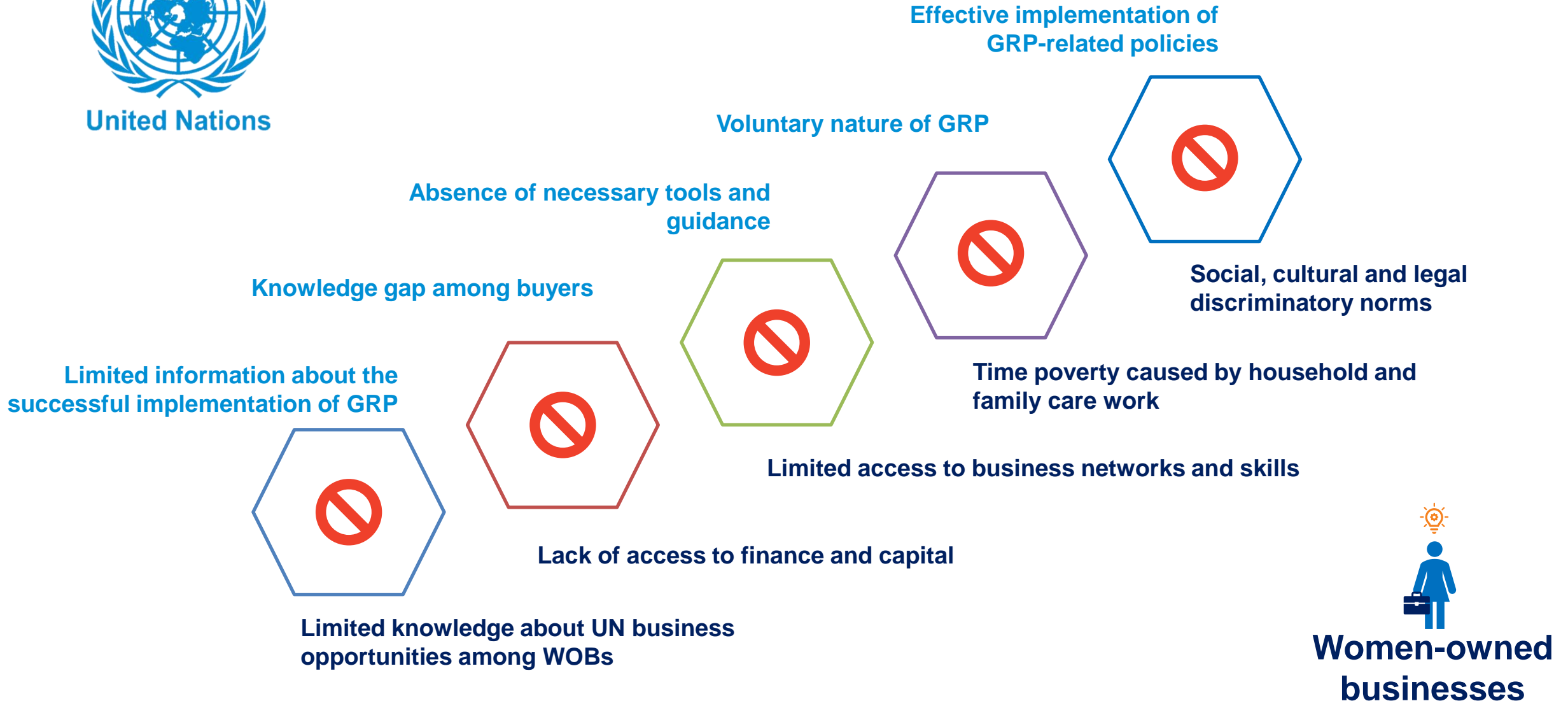


1. Source: World Bank, 2012
2. Source: IFC, 2011
3. Source: Chatham House, 2017
4. Source: ITC, 2014

Barriers to GRP



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Objectives and Benefits of GRP

The primary **objective** for application of GRP through UN/BOS is to promote gender equality and empowerment of women through **increased participation by women-owned businesses and gender-responsive vendors in UN supply chains.**



Some key **benefits** of the GRP application through BOS include, among others:

- a) Further harmonize our work with Organization's strategic objectives, in particular SDG (Goal-5)
- b) Achieve equality in our procurement spend
- c) Move beyond cost management and create economic and social value
- d) Support circular economy; women-owned SMEs to drive reinvestment into local communities
- e) Closure or at least narrowing of the social and economic gender gap, which was further widened by the on-going pandemic



Implementation and Approach to Gender-Responsive Procurement



One of the keys to the application of gender-responsive procurement is the fundamental procurement principle of **Best Value For Money (BVFM)**.

BVFM measures how well the goods or services allow the organization to meet its **social, environmental, and overall strategic objectives** in the context of the SDGs.

The approach envisions inclusion of GRP considerations through the following:

- **Supplier Database** – identification of WOBs and gender-responsive vendors;
- **Planning** – inclusion of gender equality and women's empowerment considerations at the planning stage;
- **Defining Requirements** – inclusion of gender-responsive requirements to products/services;
- **Eligibility and Evaluation Criteria** – establishing of gender-responsive evaluation criteria in solicitation documents.

GRP Evaluation Criteria and Approach to Solicitation



Use of gender-responsive criteria, such as:

- Implemented policies that promote gender equality
- Gender balance in project team
- Nature of subcontractors
- Signatory of Women's Empowerment Principles
- etc.

Use of women's ownership as a **tiebreaker**.

Invitation of the required number of suppliers from **WoBs community** for procurements with **limited competition**.

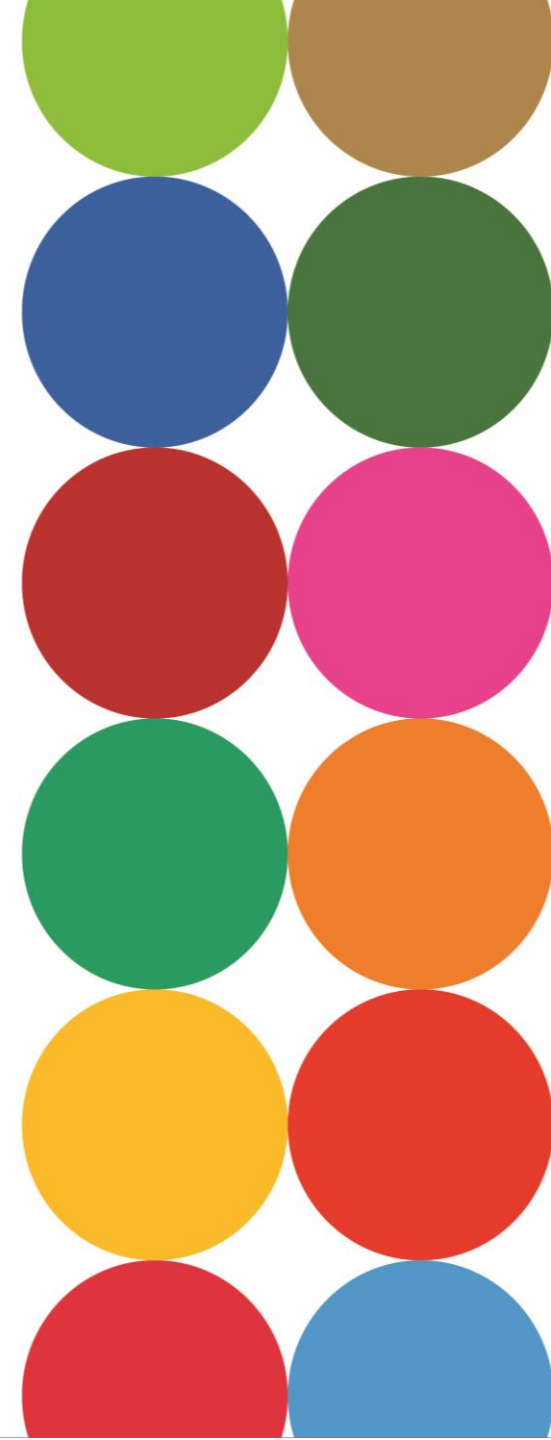
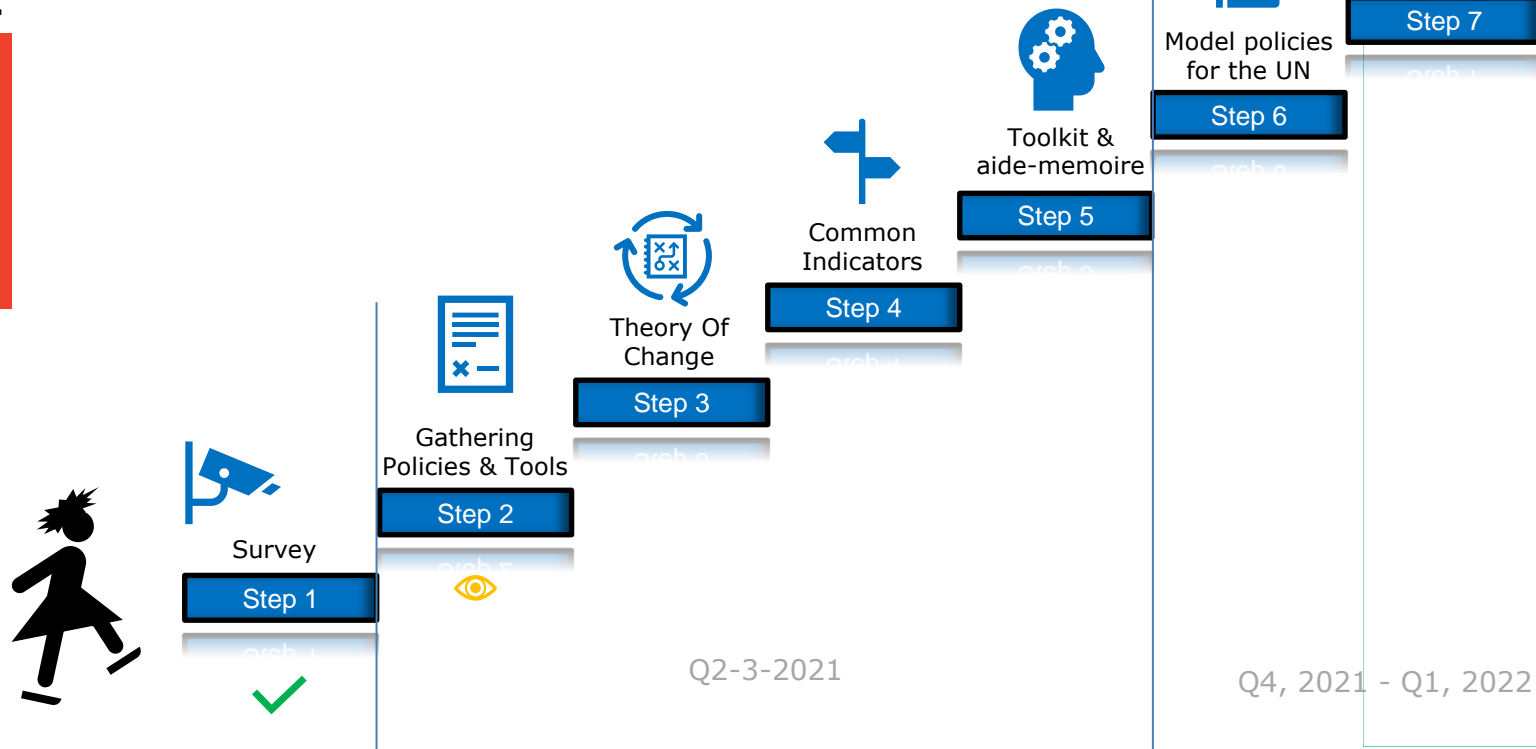
Best Practices



- **Stock-take** of **WoBs** at the country level
- Integrate GRP considerations at **Planning Stage**
- Make the procurement opportunities **available on different platforms**
- **Continuously look for WoBs** to enrich vendor lists
- Prepare **a list of pre-qualified women vendors** in the most common sectors
- Ensure **the technical requirements** are in proportion to the estimated size, scope and value of the contract
- Introduce **gender-responsive evaluation criteria** in joint LTA exercises and give priority to invite local women-owned businesses to participate in the solicitations
- Liaise with **programme** colleagues to come up with **strategies for targeting WoBs**
- Work at **OMT level, in conjunction with program – through programmatic intervention, on capacity building initiative for WoBs**
- Share **best practices** with your Country Operations Management Team (OMT), Procurement Harmonization working groups, and work through Delivering as One

Forward Looking GRP

- ✓ **Gender Responsive Procurement Task Force** (GRP TF) is chaired by UN Women and is comprised of dozens of UN agencies, as well as IFIs and other institutions such as WBG, IMF, OSCE and others.
- ✓ UN Agencies will be expected to **report on spend with Women vendors** (UNGM registration portal, as step one)
- ✓ UN Suppliers will **no longer be able to discriminate against women** (revised UN Suppliers Code of Conduct)
- ✓ UN personnel possesses **essential tools on GRP** (amended UN Procurement Practitioner Handbook)
- ✓ **Online GRP certification** for the UN, public and private sectors – *coming soon.*



Q&A



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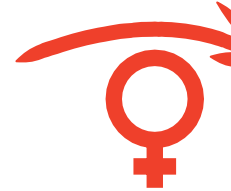
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Selection of High Cost-Avoidance & SDG related CS



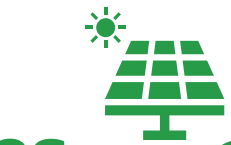
Innovative Digital Services for Fleet, Clinic, & UN Accommodations Management



Include gender sensitive criteria for procurement advancing SDG 5: Gender Equality



Disability Inclusive Services in 3 areas: Physical Premises, Inclusive HR, & Inclusive Digital Services



Solar & Renewable energy & Internet of Things solutions



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Thank you for your participation

