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The Gender Resource Facility provides expert advice, technical assistance and knowledge services on gender equality and women's rights to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, its embassies and partners.

WHAT IS THE GENDER RESOURCE FACILITY?

The Gender Resource Facility (GRF) consists of a secretariat and a pool of experts to undertake particular assignments that contribute to gender equality and women's rights. At the request of embassies and Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) departments, the secretariat assists in clarifying Terms of Reference, identifies and recruits required expertise and safeguards the quality of assignments. The pool of experts consists of local and international gender specialists with expertise in the priorities of Dutch development cooperation as well as energy, climate change, private sector development and partnership arrangements. Where relevant, the GRF collaborates with other MFA support units and knowledge platforms.

The GRF operates under contract with MFA and is implemented by a consortium of the Royal Tropical Institute (KIT) and Femconsult.

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WHAT KIND OF SUPPORT DOES THE GRF PROVIDE?

GRF support to MFA and its embassies is two-fold:

1) Advisory services

- assistance in implementing MFA gender equality and women's rights policy
- timely and good quality advice
- demand-driven and client-focused

2) Knowledge services to support MFA to further its gender equality and women's rights agenda. For this purpose, the GRF generates overall learnings from assignments and contributes to strengthening MFA's gender knowledge base.

Examples of support include:

- gender-specific context analysis, gender review of portfolios and gender impact assessments
- incorporation of women's rights and gender equality such as in multi-annual strategic plans, BEMOs, tender documents and inception reports, results frameworks and project and evaluation design
- review of thematic and cross-cutting elements of policy or programme in cooperation with other support units and Platforms
- participation in Quality@Entry meetings
- gender-specific monitoring and evaluation tools
- gender capacity strengthening and institutionalization



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HOW DOES THE GRF WORK?

Our services are available to all MFA divisions, embassies and their partners and come with minimal administrative requirements. Upon receipt of a request for gender advisory services, we start by helping our clients to specify objectives and expected output, resulting in a Terms of Reference (ToR). The GRF then promptly identifies, contracts and manages the required expertise. It coordinates between the client and experts, supports alignment with the ToR and coherence with MFA's policies and practices and ensures relevance of the output to the client's needs.

Requests for advisory services, training and other forms of assistance can be submitted directly to the GRF secretariat. The GRF is subject to regular consultation with and is financially supported by the MFA's Task Force Women's Rights and Gender Equality.

HOW TO CONTACT THE GRF

If you are interested in the services provided by the GRF or would like to receive more information, please contact the GRF secretariat:

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