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Spotlight Monitoring Scorecard [Year]

[Name of CS-RG]

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The *Advocacy Scorecard Template* is the final tool in the Spotlight Monitoring process and can be used to develop your own monitoring report for advocacy purposes. It is not a required format, as Spotlight Civil Society Reference Groups (CS-RGs) can develop a report in a format that works best for them. *Advocacy Scorecard Template* was developed as a supporting tool for CS-RGs should they wish to use it.

The template contains space for reporting against each indicator in the monitoring framework - using either a chart/graph, or sentence. After you have completed the *Data Compilation and Analysis Template*, the graphs created there can be copied and pasted into this Scorecard where indicated; blanks filled; and explanations added. Any extra fields (indicators that a CS-RG is not reporting on) can simply be deleted. The indicator numbers provided in parentheses may also be deleted, as they may not create a continuous sequence (depending on which indicators a CS-RG is reporting on).

In 2017, the European Union (EU) and the United Nations (UN) announced the Spotlight Initiative (hereinafter "Spotlight"), a €500 million investment to eliminate violence against women and girls (VAWG). In response to recommendations from feminist and women's rights movements, and in line with its principle of meaningful engagement, Spotlight established Civil Society Reference Groups (CS-RGs) at the national, regional and global levels to advise, monitor and hold Spotlight accountable to women, girls and intersectional feminist movements.

This scorecard is a result of the independent efforts of CS-RGs to monitor Spotlight processes and systems, with a focus on participation, funding mechanisms, disbursement and implementation, taking into account Spotlight's response to activists' integrated protection. It is a way to take stock of what is working well, and where Spotlight can do better in its efforts to be a model fund for eliminating violence against women, girls and LBTQI+[1] communities.

Participation

Participation is a key principle of feminist funding and human rights-based programming. This section of the *Scorecard* examines how well Spotlight ensures meaningful participation of civil society, feminist activists and intersectional movements, as well as those structurally marginalized, such as LBTQI+ people, sex workers, women with disabilities, and young feminists among others, in its governance, decision making and programming.

(Indicator #1) _[Number]_ *Percent of Global Governing Body members are representatives from independent civil society organizations, particularly women's rights, feminist and intersectional feminist movements.*

[copy and paste chart here]   [optional: explanatory text about the chart]

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[1] LBTQI+ refers to lesbian, bisexual, trans, queer, intersex and other ways in which people self-identify in relation to non-normative sexuality and gender identities, expressions and realities.

(Indicator #2) _[Number]_ *Percent of members of Spotlight's national steering committee/ regional steering committee/ operational steering committee are self-identified women's rights and intersectional feminist movement leaders.*

[copy and paste chart here; example:]   [optional: explanatory text about the chart; example: The Steering Committee in Country X has nine members, of which two are civil society representatives.]

EXAMPLE: 22 Percent of Steering Committee members are women's rights and feminist movements leaders

22%

78%

▪ Feminist SC members   ▪ Other SC members

(Indicator #3b) _[Number]_ *Percent of members of the country/regional/global CS-RG are self-identified women's rights, intersectional and feminist movement leaders.*

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[GLOBAL RG]

(Indicator #3a) _[Number]_ *CS-RGs at country, regional and global levels out of a total of __ examined are made up of a majority of leaders from constituency-led women's rights/feminist/intersectional organizations and movements.*

(Indicator #6a) _[Number]_ *CS-RGs at country, regional, and global levels out of a total of __ examined have the resources needed to function effectively.*

(Indicator #6b) _[Number]_ *CS-RGs at country, regional, and global levels out of a total of __ examined have an adequate budget to implement their work plans.*

[REGIONAL RGs]

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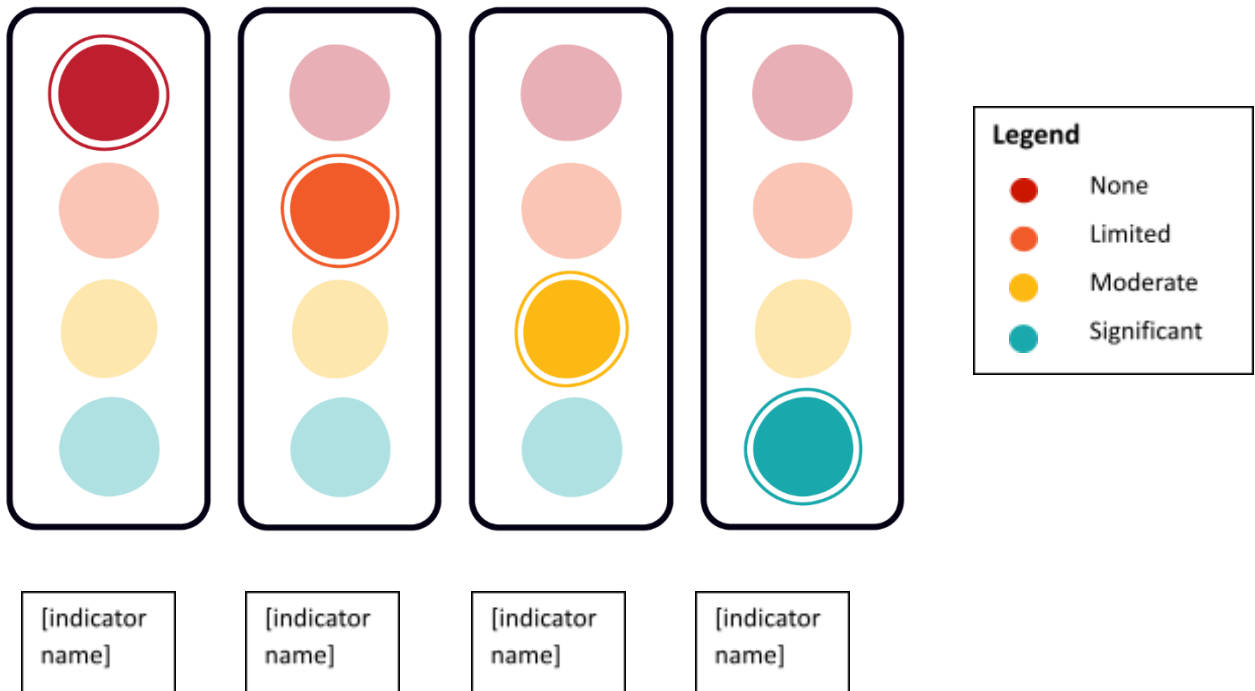
(Indicator #6b) _[Number]_ *CS-RGs at country and regional levels out of a total of __ examined have an adequate budget to implement their work plans*.

[NATIONAL RGs]

(Indicator #3a) *The _[country]_ CS-RG __[is/ is not]__ made up of a majority of leaders from constituency-led women's rights/feminist/intersectional organizations and movements.*

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(Indicator #6a) *The _[country]_ CS-RG __[has/ does not have]__ the resources needed to function effectively.*

(Indicator #6b) *The _[country]_ CS-RG __[has/ does not have]__ an adequate budget to implement its work plan.*

[indicator name]	[indicator name]	[indicator name]	[indicator name]

(Indicator # 4, 5a, 5b, 5c and 5d can be depicted here)
The above Traffic Light Charts are examples. Once each RG inserts data into the Reporting and Analysis Template, they will generate their own traffic light charts, which can be copied and pasted here and labeled with the indicator name.

[Optional: Explanatory text about the Traffic Light Charts]

Funding mechanisms

Well-intended commitments to support feminists and women's rights organizations on their own are not enough; HOW funding moves is of crucial importance to determine whether or not resources eventually reach those key drivers of change. Some funding mechanisms to end VAWG, such as those channeled by women's and feminist funds, as well as long-standing funders such as the UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women, provide key principles and practices to follow in order to be effective and achieve the desired impact. For example, transparency, flexibility, accessibility and a focus on reaching grassroots organizations and those working with structurally marginalized groups. This section of the *Scorecard* examines how well Spotlight implements such principles and practices.

(Indicator #10) _[Number]_ *Percent of Spotlight funding is granted/committed through an open, competitive grant making/partner selection process.*
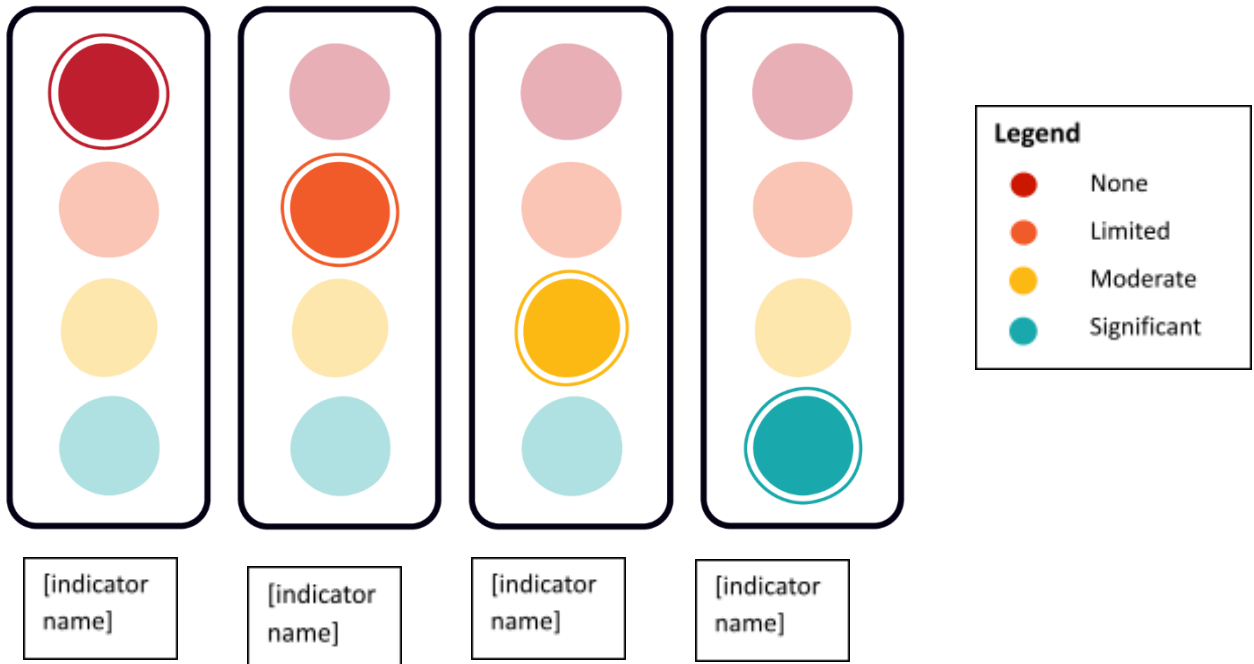
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(Indicator #11) _[Number]_ *Percent of Spotlight funding is allowed for core funding and more flexible funding especially in light of COVID-19.*

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(Indicator # 7, 8, 9, 12, 13 and 14 can be depicted here)

[Optional: Explanatory text about the Traffic Light Charts]

Disbursement and Implementation

Spotlight must prioritize supporting and strengthening those at the forefront of efforts to end VAWG - grassroots intersectional feminist organizations and movements. This section of the *Scorecard* tracks disbursement of funds to grassroots intersectional feminist organizations; how well Spotlight integrates the perspectives of intersectional feminist activists and ensures their integrated protection, as well as the quality of Spotlight's monitoring efforts.

(Indicator # 15) _[Number]_ *Percent of Spotlight funding reached constituency-led women's rights, girl's rights and intersectional feminist organizations and networks*.

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(Indicator # 16a) _[Number]_ Percent of Spotlight funds reaching civil society went to grassroots organizations.

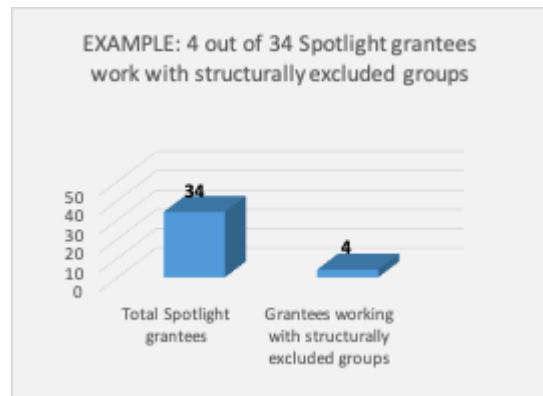[copy and paste chart here]   [optional: explanatory text about the chart]

(Indicator # 16b) _[Number]_ Percent of total Spotlight program funds ultimately reached grassroots organizations.

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(Indicator # 17) *X out of Y Spotlight grantees working with structurally excluded groups (e.g. LBTQI+, sex workers, women with disabilities, and more...) were reached by Spotlight grants.*

[optional: explanatory text about the chart, including a list of structurally excluded groups]

(Indicator # 18) *X out of Y Spotlight partnerships were new partnerships established by the UN under Spotlight with women's rights, intersectional feminists and grassroots organizations.*

[optional: explanatory text about the chart]   [copy and paste chart here]

[GLOBAL RG]

(Indicator # 20) *In __[Number]__ countries globally, Spotlight's programming is built on analysis of the ways in which structural bias and discrimination against women, girls, LBTQI+ and gender diverse communities in economic, political, and social systems creates and compounds VAWG.*

(Indicator # 21) *__[Number]__ countries globally have adopted and implemented country-specific integrated protection guidelines for Women Human Rights Defenders (WHRDs) and intersectional feminist activists.*

(Indicator # 24) *In __[Number]__ countries globally, Spotlight processes are monitored by women's rights and intersectional feminist organizations to ensure that UN Country Teams (UNCTs) and UN organizations are upholding these recommendations.*

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(Indicator # 25) *In __[Number]__ countries globally, process-related, qualitative and quantitative data are being collected and published by the Spotlight Initiative.*

[REGIONAL RGs]

(Indicator # 20) *In __[Number]__ countries in the region, Spotlight's programming is built on analysis of the ways in which structural bias and discrimination against women, girls, LBTQI+ and gender diverse communities in economic, political, and social systems creates and compounds VAWG.*

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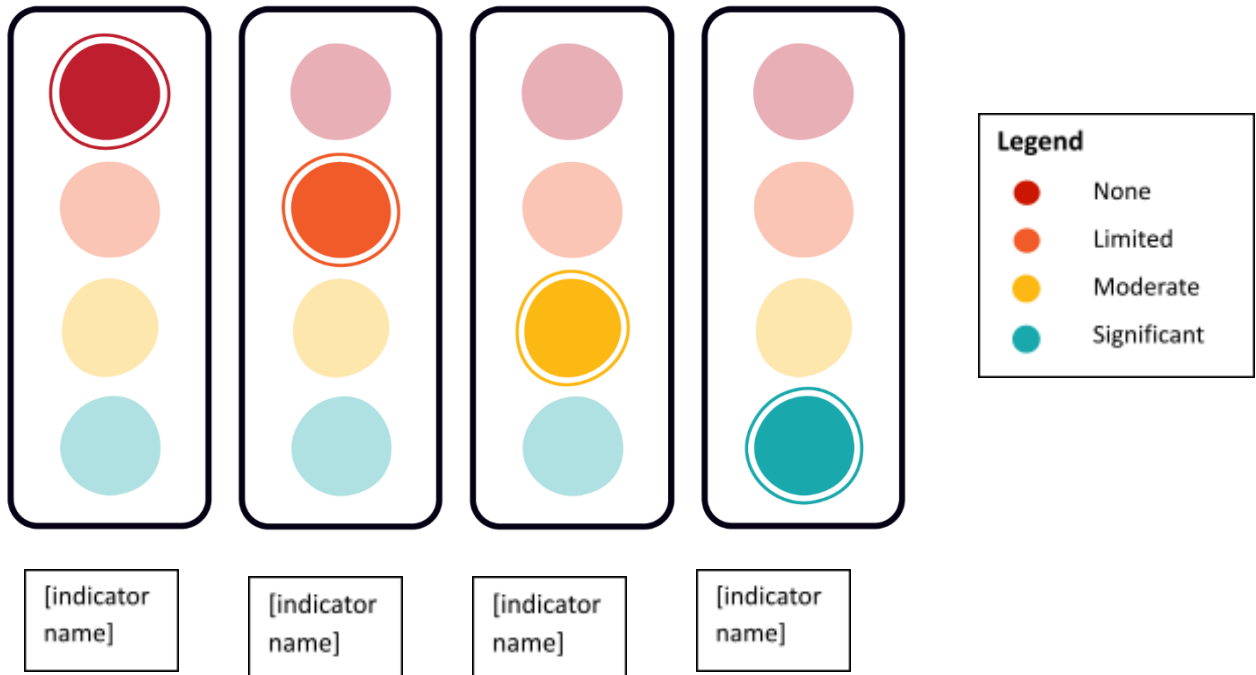
[NATIONAL RGs]

(Indicator # 20) *In __[Country]__, Spotlight's programming __is/is not__ built on analysis of the ways in which structural bias and discrimination against women, girls, LBTQI+ and gender diverse communities in economic, political, and social systems creates and compounds VAWG.*

(Indicator # 21) *__[Country]__ __has/has not__ adopted and implemented country-specific integrated protection guidelines for Women Human Rights Defenders (WHRDs) and intersectional feminist activists.*

(Indicator # 24) *In __[Country]__, Spotlight processes __are/are not__ monitored by women's rights and intersectional feminist organizations to ensure that UN Country Teams (UNCTs) and UN organizations are upholding these recommendations.*

(Indicator # 25) *In __[Country]__, process-related, qualitative and quantitative data __are/are not__ being collected and published by the Spotlight Initiative.*

| [indicator name] | [indicator name] | [indicator name] | [indicator name] |

(Indicator # 19, 22, 23 and 26 can be depicted here)

[Optional: Explanatory text about the Traffic Light Charts]

Analysis

[Use this section to analyze your findings and put forward recommendations: describe here what these findings say about processes and systems of Spotlight, what went well, and what needs to be improved etc.]