The Office of Global Women’s Issues
Advancing the status of women and girls globally.

THE ROLE:
The Office of Global Women's Issues (GWI) is critical to developing and implementing cohesive, cross-agency U.S. foreign policy that advances the status of women and girls globally through:

**Diplomacy**
GWI provides guidance to elevate women's and girls’ rights and ensures that issues such as women's economic empowerment, gender-based violence, child marriage, and human trafficking are fully integrated into U.S. foreign policy.

**Programming**
GWI provides support and resources to programs that advance the status of women and girls globally, which includes leveraging public-private, providing support to grassroots women’s rights organizations, and ensuring evidence-based programming with measurable results.

**Policy Guidance**
GWI coordinates work, serves as subject-matter expert, and helps build capacity between bureaus, agencies, and U.S. Government personnel worldwide.

SUCCESES:
Through 20+ years of bi-partisan support, interagency collaboration and work, GWI has ensured concrete advancement for rights of women and girls by leading, co-leading, and directing U.S. efforts, e.g.:

**DEMOCRACY**
Iraqi Women’s Democracy Initiative (IWDI) was a $24.5 million program that trained over 7,000 Iraqi women in several key skill areas including: political participation, advocacy, and negotiation.

**LEADERSHIP**
Afghan Women’s Leadership Initiative (AWLI) promotes involvement in economy and education, invests in adolescent girls to delay marriage, and trains women survivors of gender-based violence.

**ENTREPRENEURSHIP**
Alliance for Artisan Enterprise brings together artisan businesses and support organizations, corporations, foundations, government agencies, and individuals to support artisan enterprise creating jobs and markets for low skilled women globally to increase their economic power.

**PARTNERSHIP-BASED RESOURCE SUPPORT AND FUNDING**
Voices Against Violence provides assistance to nearly 500 survivors of extreme forms of GBV, has trained over 1,000 members of civil society, service providers, and criminal justice professionals on forced marriage and female genital mutilation, and supports implementation of sexual and domestic violence laws in over 20 countries around the world. This initiative supports past victims while focusing on prevention programs to end GBV globally.

Secretary’s Full Participation Fund supports pilot initiatives that tackle gender inequality by awarding $25 million to support nearly 45,000 beneficiaries in over 50 countries. The Fund supported a national campaign to end female genital mutilation/cutting in Guinea. To date, more than 65,000 girls have been impacted and 265 of Guinea’s villages and townships have banned the practice.