PeaceFem is a mobile app, which can be used on Android and iPhones and illustrates women’s inclusion in peace processes around the world. PeaceFem provides information about strategies women’s rights advocates have used to influence peace agreements, information about the enabling and constraining factors that shaped the space for influence, and the gender provisions in the peace agreements that resulted and information as to how well they were implemented.

A contribution to the growing field of PeaceTech, which uses technology to support peacebuilding, including peace mediation, PeaceFem brings together data on women and peacemaking in one easy-to-use app in English and Arabic. It is intended for use by women’s rights advocates, mediation and negotiation teams, as well as other actors working in peace and security, and also to act as inspiration for anyone interested in inclusive peace mediation.

The app is designed to be intuitive, but this User Guide sets out how to navigate search tools and results within the app, information on data sources, and acknowledgements.
How to use PeaceFem

Search Page

Top right corner menu:
This button unfolds into a list of two links, ‘Change language’ and ‘About Us’. The app is currently available fully translated in English and Arabic.

Main page and search tool:
A search of the database can be done
- by region (5 in total),
- by country/entity (25 in total),
- by peace process (19 in total),
- by strategy category (7 in total),
- by provision category (11 in total),
- by agreement name (free word search),
- and by a combination of any of these.
‘Reset’ deselects all chosen categories and resets the search tool to its default settings.

Bottom bar navigation:
The ‘Region’, ‘Country’, ‘Strategies’ and ‘Provisions’ buttons in the bottom bar lead to individual pages with icons to browse among. The results generated through this browse function are the same as can be searched for with the search tool. See below.
Top right corner menu:
This button unfolds into a list of two links, ‘Sort By’ and ‘Filter By’, with which search results can be refined.

‘Total Record’ bar:
The number of total results for the criteria that was searched for. It also summarizes the criteria that was entered into the search tool to generate the results.

Entry box:
- **Country/entity:** This line lists all countries and entities that are party to the peace agreement.
- **Agreement Name:** This is the full title of the peace agreement, which links to the agreement’s text in PDF format.
- **Agreement Date:** The agreement was signed on this date. This can be filtered by.
- **Conflict details:** A link to peaceagreements.org, where a description to the wider conflict that the agreement belongs to can be found.

Data Sources

The data and research featured on PeaceFem has been produced by the Political Settlements Research Programme (PSRP) PA-X Peace Agreement Database, Inclusive Peace, and the Monash Centre for Gender, Peace & Security.

Gender Provisions and Implementation:

Summaries of each gender provision in the agreement, clustered into 11 categories, are derived from coding on the PA-X Gender database. In longer agreements, some provisions are substantially shortened and only highlight the gender elements contained within for accessibility.

Users can access the full PA-X Gender database via hyperlink, or the agreement PDF for the entry to read full provisions of the agreement.

The estimated implementation status of provisions is provided by the Monash Centre for Gender, Peace and Security. This is a text representation of a numerical score given to each provision according to the knowledge about the provision among the community, the implementation status of the infrastructure required to realize the provision, and the evidence of or potential for this provision to have a positive outcome on gender equality when implemented.

Strategies

Summaries in this box are derived from publicly available case studies on women’s inclusion and participation in peace processes, from Inclusive Peace’s ‘Women in Peace and Transition Processes’ series and/or the Monash Centre for Gender, Peace & Security ‘Mapping Peace’ project.

Users can access the full case study via the hyperlink in each entry. The one exception is the entry for the Zimbabwe post-election process, which is based on PSRP desk-based research.

Gender Provisions in Other Agreements:

This hyperlink takes users to a timeline of all other agreements in this peace process that contain gender provisions, drawing from data on the PSRP PA-X Gender database.

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The PeaceFem team encourages users to submit feedback on the app to enable improvements and future updates. Please email peacefem@ed.ac.uk with your comments.