

The Women, Peace and Security agenda means as much to me today, as the day it was passed in the UNSCR. Carried out as it was intended, it would still be the perfect way to obtain development, equality and peace.

But, I have to realize, that the way it is interpreted, at least in Denmark, has reduced it to be a tool to strengthen the women's participation in the armed forces and not as a resource in peace negotiations.

Protection in war- and conflict zones is also a miss. It seems that the Danish authorities have only read half of the resolution.

WILPF Denmark is a small organisation, and we were the only NGO that didn't get any funding from the government. The other NGOs were big organisations like Danish Red Cross, Danish Refugee Aid, Danish Church Aid, OXFAM etc. Still, we had a great say in shaping the suggestions from the NGO's, as WILPF international had a leading part in getting the resolution through the Security Council.

As a whole we got all we wanted into the NAP, but there were only indicators of monitoring for the priorities from the government.

Women's participation in peace processes, (peace, mediation and negotiations) was a priority in the Danish NAP, but with no indicators to monitor this.

Women's participation in military peacekeeping was prime priority with indicators to monitor, as discrimination and harassment against women was/is common.

Lack of even gender balance in the civil crisis management was a problem, and last but not least, there was no allocated funding.

The only way the policies related to gender and security changed, was in increasing women's participation in the armed forces, and that was not influenced by our early involvement.

We have had very little influence, although we in WILPF and the other NGOs have been very much involved in both the third and fourth NAP.

During the latest we worked closely with representatives from both the ministry of foreign affairs and the ministry of defense, but our ideas and wishes have not found its way to the content. The politicians agree on the importance of women's leadership in peace processes, but they do not act on it.

Having worked for so long for women's right to participate on equal terms in all aspects of life, and with so little success, the answer is, that we have to work on „Shaping, Leading and Reclaiming the Women, Peace and Security Agenda“

I would tell them to study in depth the feminist way of dealing with life. I want them to understand that feminism has nothing to do with gender, but with the way you think and act. To look at the world economy and try to move the money from war to a feminist peace.

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