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## Infographic: Women's meaningful participation builds peace

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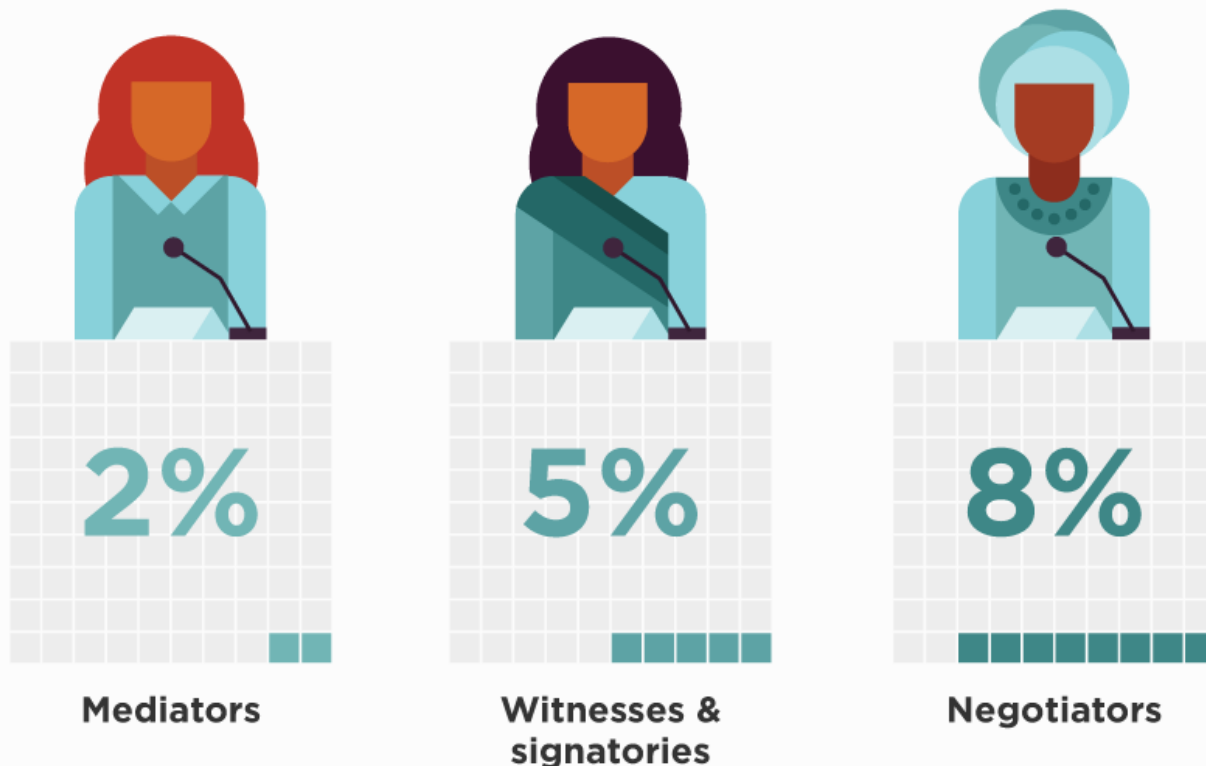
Women’s full and equal participation at all levels of society is a fundamental human right. During times of conflict, women’s participation in resolving conflict and negotiating peace is especially important to ensure that women’s rights are protected, experiences are recognized, and that peace lasts.

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## Women’s Representation

Women remain under-represented and unrecognized for their efforts and successes in peace and political processes at all levels.

## WOMEN'S REPRESENTATION IN MAJOR PEACE PROCESSES between 1990 and 2017



## SIGNED PEACE AGREEMENTS



# Meaningful Participation

Women’s meaningful participation in peace processes goes beyond representation. It means ensuring women’s multiple interests are fully reflected. Evidence also shows peace lasts longer.

When  **women** are included in peace processes, there is a



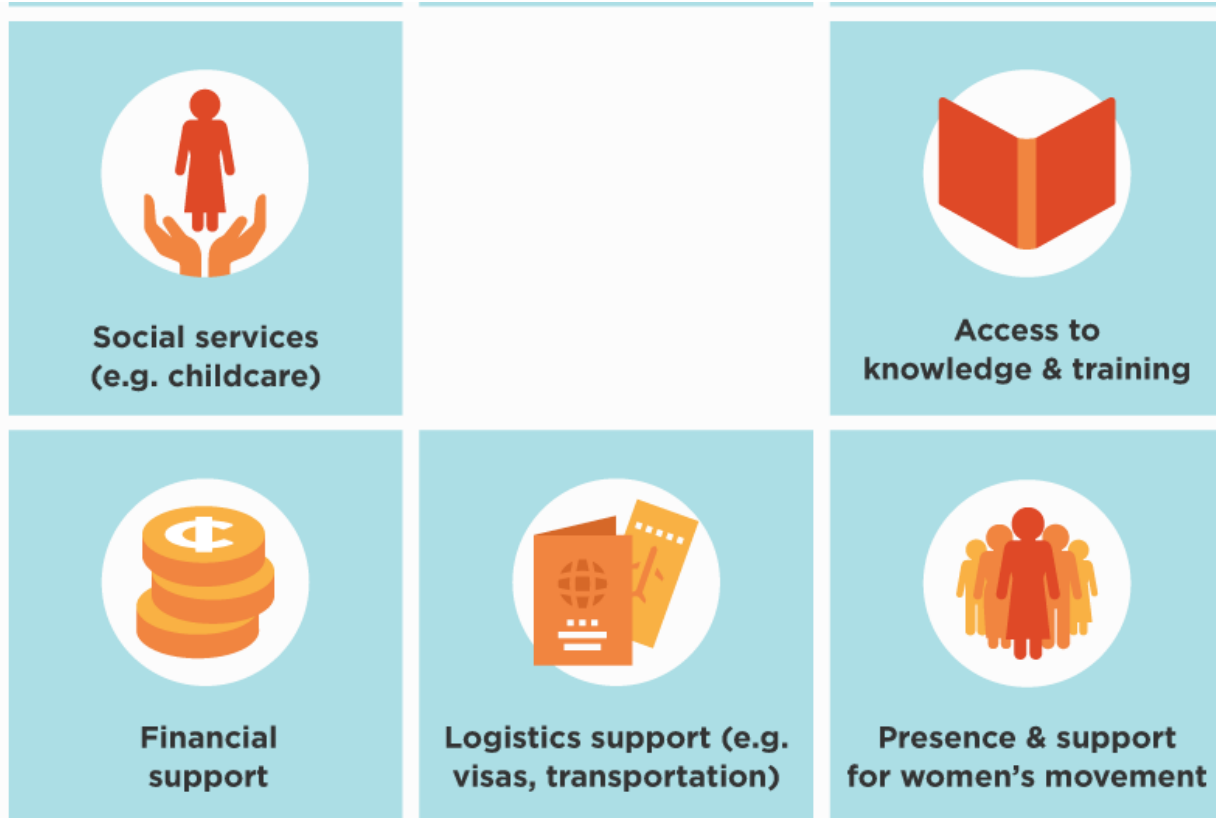
increase in the probability of an agreement lasting **at least 15 years.**

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## The Building Blocks

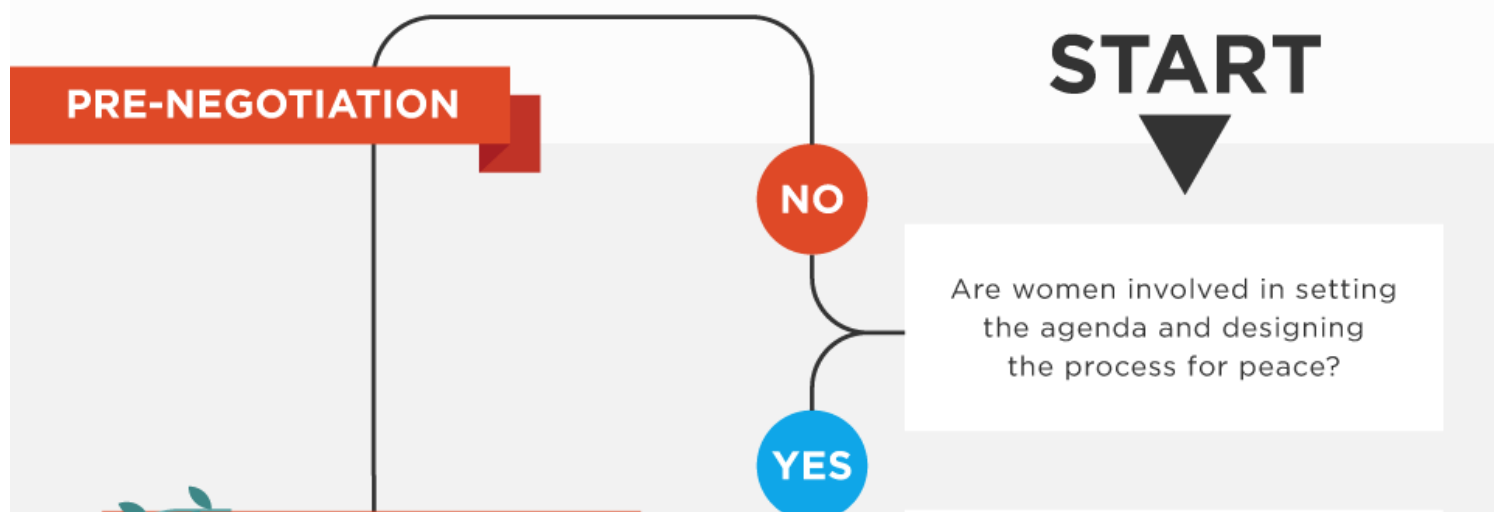
Creating a space for women to enter, remain and contribute effectively in peace processes requires an enabling environment. This includes:

 <p><b>Equality before the law</b></p>	 <p><b>Inclusivity as a social &amp; cultural norm</b></p>	 <p><b>Security &amp; protection from violence</b></p>
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## Where are the women in peace processes?

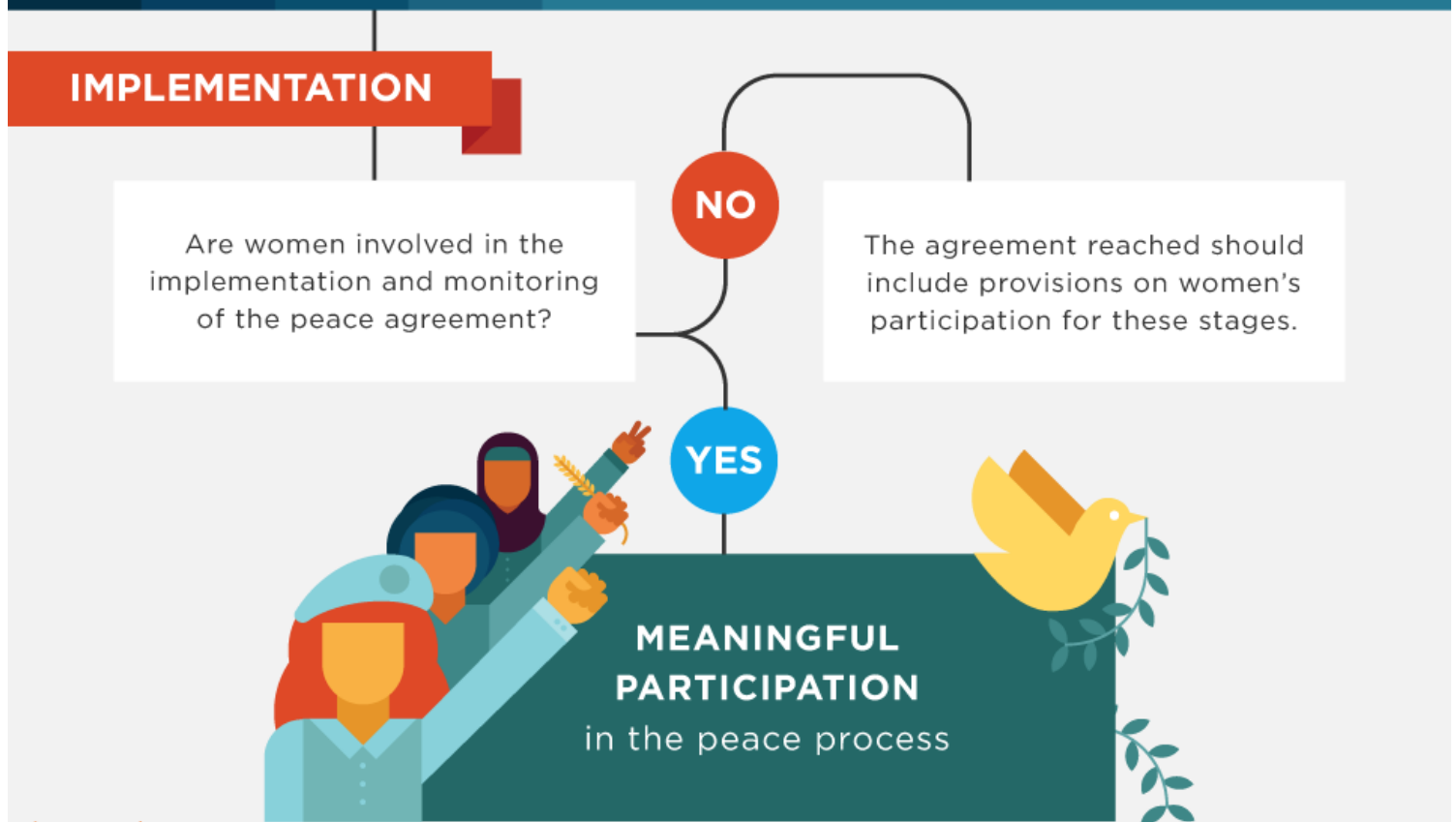
Follow the flowchart below to get a glimpse of what women's meaningful participation can entail along every stage of negotiating agreements for peace.







Reaching this point means that women were able to achieve many of the cornerstones of meaningful participation!



Getting to this point demonstrates strong political will and leadership to ensure that women's interests have been heard.



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