



Management Response to the Report of the Board of Auditors

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CONTEXT AND OVERVIEW

UN-Women commits to:



Accelerate **business transformation**, guided by the uptake analyses of critical audit recommendations and built upon **strengthened internal governance, risk management, and controls** that will harness the expected benefits from the new ERP system Quantum.



Continue the effective implementation of the Executive Board-endorsed **Strategic Plan 2022-2025**, supported by the timely resolution of audit recommendations and increased **accountability and transparency**.

2021 UNBOA AUDIT AND STATUS OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Overview of 2021 UNBoA Audit (as of 31 December 2021)



11th

consecutive unqualified
audit opinion



19

New
recommendations



5

High Priority
recommendations

Total 27 outstanding audit recommendations as of
January 2023

Actions completed/implemented

Assessed as implemented (12 recs)

Actions completed (5 recs)



Actions In Progress

Actions in progress (10 recs)



No Long-outstanding
(more than 2 years)
recommendations

Status of remaining 8 prior years'
recommendations (EB Decision)

- **Closed: 3 recs**
- **Completed actions: 3 recs**
- **In progress: 2 recs**

Progress reported in the harmonized
format of the EB Background
document

BENEFITS OF IMPLEMENTED AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN 2022-2025 OEE OUTPUT AREAS



Principled Performance

- Strengthened monitoring controls for partner project expenditures liquidation and project progress reporting
- Assured timely updates of policies, procedures, and guidance documents
- Active participation in policy cycle management by the governing-level and enhanced monitoring for effective mitigation of risks



Products, Services and Processes

- Fortified Information Security certification aligned with UN Standards
- Risk Appetite Statement established
- Procedures for fast-tracking programme actions in crisis promulgated



Advancing Partnerships and Resourcing

- Enhanced procedure for inclusion of all contribution agreements in ERP



Business Transformation

- New project partner expenditure account codes for enhanced liquidation reporting



Empowered People

- Deepened partners' capacity on project expenditure reporting
- Enhanced internal knowledge of ERM



THANK YOU!