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# REPORT ON THE EVALUATION FUNCTION

of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

2022 Annual Report

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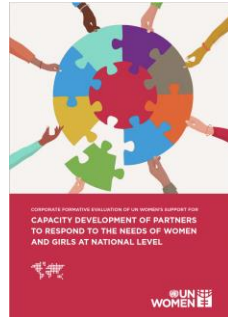
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# FOCUS AREA 1: CORPORATE EVALUATIONS

## COMPLETED IN 2022



Corporate evaluation of UN-Women's **Policy Advocacy Work**



Corporate evaluation of UN-Women's work on **Capacity Development**



OTHER  
**Evaluation Evidence Gap Mapping Analysis**

## INITIATED AND CONDUCTED IN 2022

Corporate evaluation of UN-Women's contribution to **WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT** by advancing gender-responsive laws, frameworks, policies and partnerships

Corporate formative evaluation of UN-Women's work in the area of **CLIMATE CHANGE**

Corporate formative evaluation on UN-Women's work on **GENDER STATISTICS AND DATA**

Joint **SYSTEM-WIDE EVALUATION SYNTHESIS OF SDG 5** in collaboration with UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP

UN-Women's **SUPPORT TO CIVIL SOCIETY** (with an in-depth assessment of a regional perspective of UN Women's engagement with civil society)

# FOCUS AREA 2: DECENTRALIZED EVALUATIONS



## STRENGTHENING EVALUATION QUALITY MECHANISMS AND INTERNAL CAPACITY BUILDING

Improved the standardization of data analysis and developed multiple **EVALUATION TOOLS AND GUIDELINES** (e.g., CPE portfolio analysis, survey design, UN-Women Results Management System data analysis and contribution analysis).

Provided **TRAININGS AND COACHING** for M&E focal points, programme managers and UN-Women staff at the regional and country levels.

Produced **USER-FRIENDLY AND ACCESSIBLE KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS** (e.g. evaluation briefs and synthesis reports) and organized webinars and presentations to disseminate evaluation results.



## PERFORMANCE OF THE EVALUATION FUNCTION IN UN-WOMEN

# KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (KPIs)

	2020 (%)	2021 (%)	2022 (%)	Target (by 2025)
<b>Financial resources invested in evaluation function</b> Evaluation expenditure over UN-Women programme expenditure	1.9	1.8	1.9	Between 2-3%
<b>Human resources for monitoring and evaluation</b> Offices that appointed an M&E focal point or officer	98	98	98	100%
<b>Evaluation coverage</b> At least one evaluation per Strategic Note cycle	92	97	93	100%
<b>Evaluation implementation rate</b> Percentage of evaluations being implemented (completed and initiated)	95	97	92	100%
<b>Quality of evaluation reports</b> Percentage of evaluation reports rated "Good and above"	90	98	86	100%
<b>Joint evaluations</b> Percentage of joint evaluations contributed by UN-Women	-	-	29	25%
<b>Management response submission to GATE</b> Percentage of completed evaluation reports submitted with management response to GATE	100	97	100	100%
<b>Implementation of management response</b> Percentage of management response key actions being implemented	89	85	91	95%
<b>Use of evaluations</b> Percentage of offices that reported using evaluation	88	94	87	95%

Overall, progress on the key performance indicators of the UN-Women Evaluation Function has remained steady. However, continued support and attention are necessary for evaluation planning, timely implementation and its use.

# FOCUS AREA 3: WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP FOR GENDER RESPONSIVE EVALUATION

## Strengthening gender-responsive evaluation within the UN system

- **UNEG:** Co-convened the Gender Equality, Disability and Human Rights working group
- **UN-SWAP:** Served as the Secretariat of the UN-SWAP evaluation performance indicator
- **Joint evaluations:** 33 joint evaluations either jointly managed or supported by UN-Women in 2022
- **UNSDCF:** Provided technical inputs to several UNSDCF evaluations – Lesotho, Malawi, Gambia, Papua New Guinea, Bolivia and Brazil

## Leveraging partnership for National Evaluation Capacity Development

- **EVALGENDER+ :** co-chair EvalGender+
- **High Level Task Force** supporting Member States in developing a new UN resolution on Promoting Country-led Evaluation on the SDGs at the National Level.
- **Global Evaluation Initiative** (GEI)
- **Partnerships** at the regional level and national capacity building

# INDEPENDENT EVALUATION SERVICE 2023 PROGRAMME OF WORK

Corporate evaluation on **governance and participation in public life** (to be presented to EB in 2024)

Corporate evaluation of UN-Women's work on **gender statistics and data** (ongoing)

Meta-synthesis report on **Communications and advocacy** (to be presented to EB in 2024)

## DECENTRALIZED EVALUATIONS

- Approx. 14 IES-led CPEs and regional evaluations
- Quality assurance and technical support to approx. 50 decentralized evaluations
- Internal training and coaching of M&E focal points
- Evaluation systems (public evaluation data base, external quality assessment, KPIs)

Corporate formative evaluation of UN-Women's Work in the Area of **Climate Change** (ongoing)

Integrated corporate formative evaluation on **Social Norms Change** (ongoing)

Corporate/regional formative evaluation of **UN- Women's support to civil society** (ongoing)

## UN COORDINATION - NATIONAL CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

- UNEG
- EvalGender+, Global Evaluation Capacity Development Initiative, selected regional partnerships
- Joint evaluations/UNSDCF evaluations

**Joint system-wide synthesis of SDG 5** in collaboration with UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, WFP (ongoing)

Corporate evaluation of UN-Women's support to **WPS/HA** (planned, to be presented to EB in 2025)

Corporate formative evaluation on **Financing for gender equality** (planned)

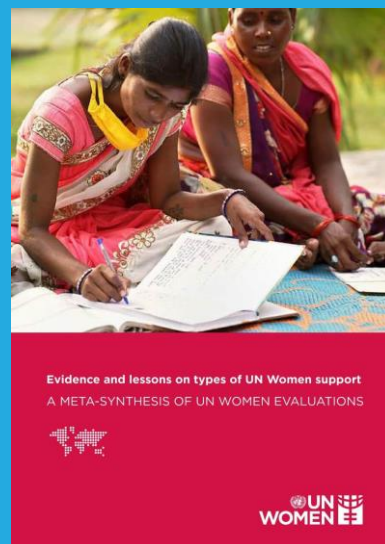
## EVALUATION USE AND COMMUNICATION

# CONCLUSIONS

1. Driving evidence-based learning and accountability for gender equality and women's empowerment in rapidly changing global context
2. Continuing progress made on UN-Women Evaluation Function's KPIs
3. Integrating of gender equality perspectives within UN System and beyond



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