



United Nations Entity for Gender Equality
and the Empowerment of Women

2015 Report on the Evaluation Function of UN-Women

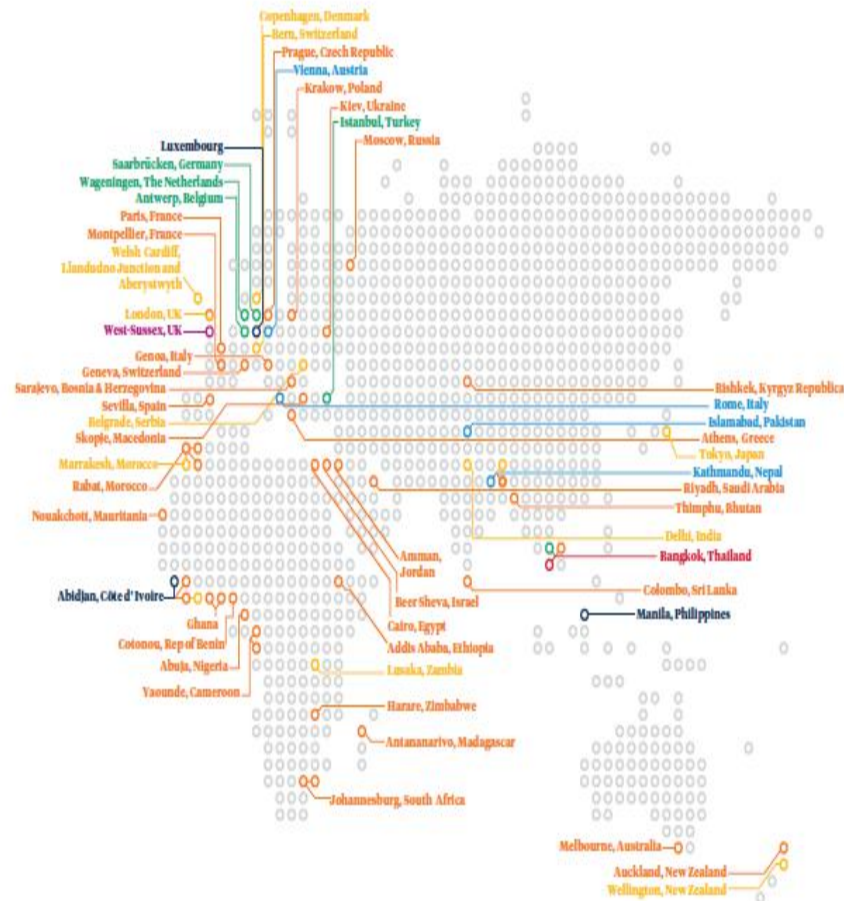
2016
Annual Meeting
Executive Board

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EvalPartners facilitated 92 events to celebrate International Year of Evaluation

92 events of the EvalYear



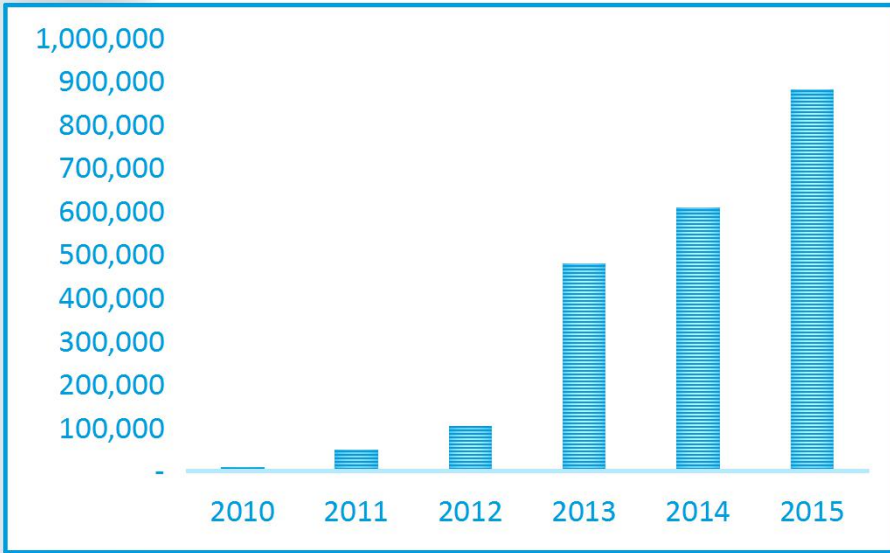
Enabling environment for evaluation strengthened



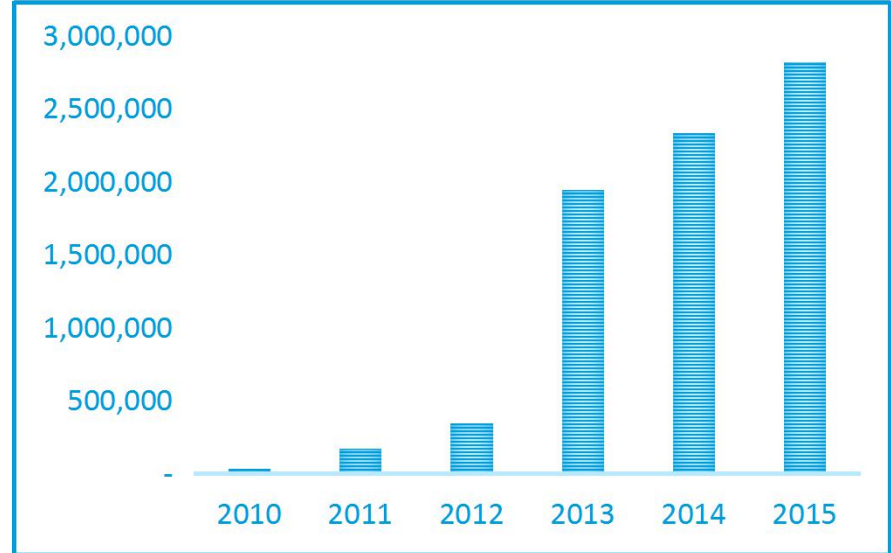


- A total of 69 Regional and National Evaluation Associations have strengthened their capacities under the Peer to Peer support programme
- A total of 96 Regional and National Evaluation Associations implemented advocacy initiatives to strengthen evaluation
- A total of 52 Parliamentarians engaged in strengthening evaluation in policy-making

Supporting individual capacities



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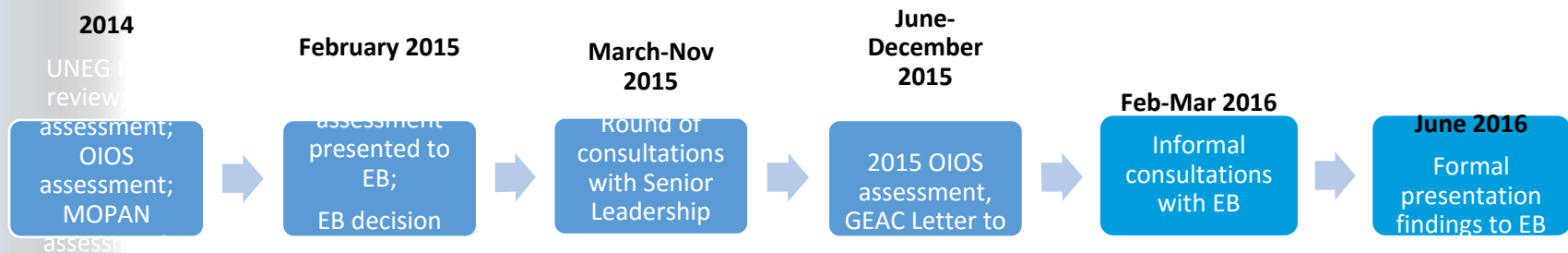
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- GEAC Report to Executive Board: UN Women has a “strong central evaluation office and IEO performs well against evaluation standards of independence, credibility and utility, and in comparison with other UN organizations”.
- 2015 December GEAC letter to Executive Director states GEAC is “extremely impressed by IEO accomplishments, which are exceptional”
- EB in Feb 2015 “Commends UN-Women for the establishment of a strong enabling environment for evaluation; the strong performance of the Independent Evaluation Office based on the standards of independence, credibility and utility; the leadership by UN-Women in promoting gender equality and responsive evaluation through coordination efforts within the UN system and partnerships, including at country level; and in fostering innovative partnerships for national evaluation capacity development”

Review of UN Women Policy: comprehensive and consultative process

- Co-led by Executive Director Office and IEO
- In consultation with EB, Global Evaluation Advisory Committee (GEAC) and UN Women Leadership



1. Establishes an evaluation function that is aligned with international norms and standards
2. Establishes an adequate level of independence of the evaluation function given the organization's current stage of development
3. Provides a clear framework for a strong evaluation function
4. Reinforces UN Women's coordination role in UN system with respect to gender responsive evaluation
5. Inclusion of National Evaluation Capacity Development is reflective of the current global development context

Review of UN Women Policy: Overall conclusion and recommendation

Given the overall positive assessment of UN Women evaluation function and the fact that the policy has been in place for three years only, it is recommended that UN Women evaluation policy be reviewed in three to five years time

6 out of 9 KPI are achieved/on track

Key performance Indicator (KPIs)	2013	2014	2015	Target by 2017	Overall assessment
Financial resources invested in evaluation	1.3%	2.2%	2.0%	3%	On Track/needs reviewing
Human Resources for Monitoring and Evaluation	83%	98%	100%	100%	Achieved
Evaluation reports posted on public website	85%	100%	100%	100%	Achieved
Quality of evaluations (satisfactory and above)	85%	100%	100%	100%	Achieved
Use of evaluations	-	71%	75%	90%	On track
Implementation of MR	88%	83%	85%	90%	On track

3 out of 9 KPI needs improvements

Key Performance Indicator	2013	2014	2015	Target by 2017	Overall assessment
Evaluation Coverage	67%	68%	71%	100%	Needs Improvement
Evaluation Implementation Rate	83%	71%	76%	95%	Needs Improvement
Management response submission to the GATE	85%	86%	86%	100%	Needs Improvement

If “programme budget” is applied to the Evaluation Policy’s recommendation to invest a minimum of 3 per cent of the total plan/programme budget to the evaluation function, then the percentage of total Evaluation expenditure in 2015 is 2.8% as by table below.

Total Evaluation Expenditure	6.3 million
Total Programme Expenditure	225.3 million
Evaluation %	2.8%

With the aim of improving the reliability of reporting on investment in the evaluation function, UN Women is committed to reviewing the methodology and report on it within the 2016 Annual Report of the Evaluation Function.



- IEO ensured timeliness and quality of corporate evaluations

- In 2015, 100% of planned corporate evaluations were being implemented – 3 completed and 5 on track

- 2 corporate evaluations and 3 reviews presented to the Executive Board

PLANNING:

- Evaluation plans continued to be an integral component of the country and regional planning and approval processes
- Guidance on Country Portfolio Evaluation piloted in three offices

- IMPLEMENTATION:

- Evaluation professionalization programme launched
- Decentralized evaluation quality assurance process launched

1. United Nations Evaluation Groups

- Served as Chair of UNEG

- Remained active member of other UNEG Strategic Objectives and regional evaluation networks and platforms



- Led efforts to strengthen evaluation systems within and beyond the UN
- Supported joint advocacy efforts and contributed for the inclusion of evaluation in the follow-up and review mechanism of the 2030 SDG agenda

- System-Wide Action Plan (SWAP) on Gender Equality
- Independent System-wide evaluation (ISWE)
- Supporting joint evaluations and UNDAF evaluations
- The Gender Equality Evaluation Portal and database on gender and evaluation consultants

- UN Women has a strong evaluation function as demonstrated by its Key Performance Indicators and as evidenced by external assessment and internal review of the evaluation policy. However, improvements are needed in certain areas
- UN Women is strategically contributing to strengthening gender-responsive capacities within the UN system as well as at national level. This should be intensified within the transformative 2030 SDG agenda