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United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

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Global Evaluation Strategy (2018-2021)

Corporate Evaluation Plan (2018-2021)

- Joint evaluation of the Common Chapter of the Strategic Plan 2018–2021

Co-location of oversight functions

- Independent evaluation and internal audit functions co-located under one oversight umbrella

- New Charter for Independent Evaluation and Internal Audit (IEAS)

- Synergy and complementary while maintaining its operational and functional independence and integrity

Corporate evaluations ensured comprehensive coverage of UN Women Strategic Plan 2014-2017

In 2017, 3 evaluation reports presented to the Executive Board

Evaluation approaches and methodologies

- 7 corporate evaluations
- 4 meta-analysis
- 2 joint reviews on gender policies and practices in the UN System and beyond

STRENGTHENING ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE FOR DELIVERING GENDER EQUALITY RESULTS
Corporate evaluation of the Regional Architecture of UN Women

CORPORATE EVALUATION ON STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS FOR GENDER EQUALITY AND THE EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN
Final Synthesis Report

WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM UN WOMEN EVALUATIONS?
A meta-analysis of evaluations managed by UN Women in 2016

- Inclusive System Evaluation for Gender Equalities, Environments and Marginalized Voices (ISE4GEMs)
- Exploratory study on big data to improve evaluation

At decentralized evaluation level

- 116 decentralized evaluations completed 2014-2017

- 37 decentralized evaluations completed in 2017

- Coverage of CPEs reached 27 per cent since 2015

- In 2017 alone 9 CPEs were completed, representing over 70 per cent increase over 2016

Gender Responsive Evaluations strengthened UN system-wide accountability for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

- Co-convened the UNEG professional peer reviews of the evaluation function of UN organizations

- Co-convened the Human Rights and Gender Equality Working Groups

  - 72% entities either exceeds or meets the UN SWAP EPI standards

  - UN Women made significant increase in performance of UN SWAP EPI

- UN Women supported 12 UNDAF and 4 Joint Evaluations

- Global and regional multi-stakeholder partnership, e.g. EvalGender+ (co-chair)

- Country-led gender responsive M&E systems and country-led evaluations (Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Zimbabwe and Argentina)

- Global and regional exchange and capacity development on gender responsive evaluation in the framework of the SDGs

- Case studies on national evaluation policies and systems in Egypt, Lebanon, Morocco and Tunisia

Key performance Indicator (KPIs)	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Target 2017	Overall assessment
Evaluation reports posted on public website	85%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	Achieved
Management response submission to the GATE	85%	86%	86%	94%	100%	100%	Achieved
Implementation of MR	88%	83%	85%	94%	85%	100%	On track
Use of evaluations	-	71%	75%	-	86%	90%	On track

9 out of 9 KPI achieved/made good progress

Key performance Indicator (KPIs)	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Target 2017
Financial resources invested in evaluation	1.3%	2.2%	2.0%	2.9%*	2.7%	3%
Human Resources for Monitoring and Evaluation	83%	98%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Evaluation Coverage	67%	68%	71%	84%	89%	100%
Evaluation Implementation Rate	83%	71%	76%	84%	84%	95%
Quality of evaluations (satisfactory and above)	85%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

*The figure for 2016 & 2017 is calculated using a new methodology, and therefore it's not comparable to previous years.

- Significant progress achieved across all Evaluation Performance Indicators but there is room for further improvement

- Investment made in enhancing knowledge, learning and communications increased the influence and uptake of evaluation insights

- UN Women's continuous investment helped to influence integration of gender equality perspectives both within UN System and beyond