

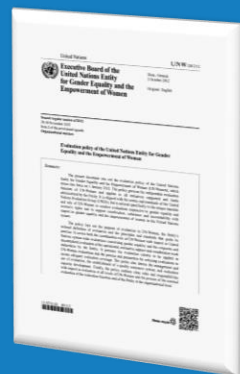
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# UN WOMEN EVALUATION POLICY REVISION

APRIL 2020



## Evaluation Policy

UNW/2012/12

+ effective in **January 2013**

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+ governs the **independent evaluation function**

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+ aligns with the **norms and standards of the UNEG**

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+ tailored specifically to the unique mandate of UN Women to **conduct gender-responsive evaluations**

# ASSESSMENTS OF THE EVALUATION POLICY



- + “The three assessments concluded that UN Women’s evaluation policy provided a **sound framework for the evaluation function**”
- + The Executive Board of UN Women subsequently requested UN Women to carry out a **review of the evaluation policy in three years**



**Light revision** of the evaluation policy led by the **Independent Evaluation Service (IES)**



Based on a **normative assessment** of the document against recognized international standards, the needs of UN Women stakeholders



**Benchmarking** with relevant policies of other UN agencies



Policy in line with contextual changes in **UN-Women and the UN system (UN reform)** and the establishment of the Independent Evaluation and Audit Services (IEAS)

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Non-substantive changes to better reflect **updated UNEG Norms and Standards, modern evaluation practices** and to improve readability

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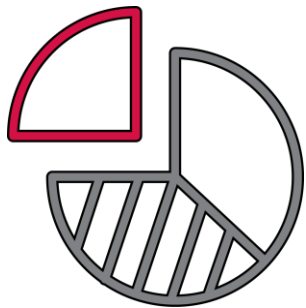
**Separation of evaluation management content** to streamline the policy document

## Key revisions

THREE SETS OF CHANGES

## EVALUATION BUDGET RANGE

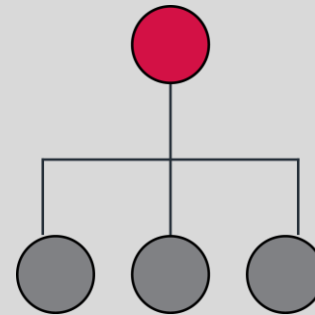
from 1.5% to 3% of programme expenditure



- + evaluation budget = value it provides to UN Women and its rights holders
- + flexibility
- + frame of reference
- + the right evaluations at the right time

## EVALUATION GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

Strengthened Advisory Committee on Oversight (ACO)



- + The ACO replaces the GEAC and assumes greater role
- + The ACO terms of reference and membership strengthened in 2019
- + The ACO advises the Executive Director on a range of issues *including on the policy, strategy, work plan and quality assurance of the evaluation function*
- + The ACO reports annually to the Executive Board

## NEXT STEPS

+ informal **consultation with the Executive Board members on policy revisions**

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+ informal consultation on evaluation with the **Executive Board on 8 June 2020** together with the annual report on the Evaluation function

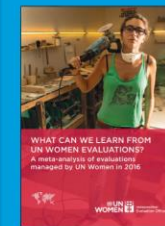
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+ the **endorsement of proposed revisions** by the Executive Board during the annual session in **22-24 June 2020** (*Agenda item: "Report on the evaluation function of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women"*)

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