Review of policies and practices to promote gender-responsive evaluation systems

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Call for accelerating progress towards Gender equality

- 20th anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women and the landmark Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action
  - Implementation hampered by absence of strong evaluation mechanisms
  - Call for accelerating its implementation including by strengthening evaluation systems for gender equality

- Gender equality integrated in post-2015 agenda

- The UNGA adopted a resolution reiterating the importance of building national capacity for evaluation
Challenges ahead

- To what extent are existing evaluation systems - within the United Nations and national governments - gender-responsive?

- Is the United Nations prepared to further strengthen the gender-responsiveness of its evaluation systems?

- When requested to do so, how can the United Nations best engage with national governments and stakeholders to strengthen capacity for gender responsive evaluation systems?

- What have we learned from developing and implementing gender-responsive evaluation systems to date?
Why this review

- Take stock of current gender-responsiveness of evaluation systems and propose a way forward

- In partnership with the United Nations Evaluation Group (UNEG), EvalPartners and EvalGender+
Gender-responsiveness of evaluation systems in the United Nations
• Normative frameworks, institutional systems and initiatives to strengthen individual capacities are in place.

• The system-wide frameworks and guidance for gender-responsive evaluation provide a foundation for both guiding and harmonizing UN entities’ initiatives in this area. However, at present, the systems in place for gender-responsive evaluation are less robust and inconsistent at the entity level.

• The UN system is poised to capitalize on a number of opportunities to further strengthen gender-responsive evaluation.
Gender-responsiveness of national evaluation systems
• Importance of integration of gender-responsive evaluation within NEPS has been highlighted

• Only a small minority of NEPSs include direct references to GEEW

• Trend towards greater inclusion of gender-responsive evaluation within Evaluation Associations

• Remarkable openness and engagement on gender-responsive evaluation by Parliamentarians Forums
• Strengthening gender-responsive evaluation systems critical to enhance capacity to achieve gender equality

• In recent years, significant efforts to strengthen capacities to demand for, supply and use of gender responsive evaluation to inform policy-making

• Increased attention in gender-responsive evaluation, coupled with a growing number of different actors working on this issue, is a welcome and needed change

• However, much more needs to be done if evaluation is to support the Beijing and post-2015 agendas
Overall way forward

• Cross collaboration and learning on gender-responsive evaluation should be multi-fold

• Additional coordination and collaboration of efforts is needed to avoid unnecessary duplications and maximize potential impacts

• UN Women has a specific role in promoting and supporting gender-responsive evaluation within the UN system and among national evaluation systems