UN Women’s Contribution to Women’s Economic Empowerment (WEE)

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Formative (forward looking)

Purpose and framework
501 Stakeholders consulted

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6 Local women trained in participatory video

300+ Documents analyzed

27 Country portfolio review
6 Country visits
5 National participatory evaluation workshops

EVALUATION TEAM
- 4 Evaluators
- 1 Feminist economist
- 1 Organizational coach
- 1 Participatory video specialist
- 4 Researchers
- 1 Photographer

7 co-evaluators from UN Women country offices and civil society partners

IEO
- 3 Evaluation management team
- 2 Evaluation specialists

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7 Months

SURVEYS
- 61 People
- 28 Countries
- 22 Orgs

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Evaluation Report

41 Findings

10 Conclusions

5 Recommendations
Well positioned to influence Women Economic Empowerment at the global, regional and country level

Comparative advantage: policy and normative work

Potential role to bring gender-responsive empirical evidence into mainstream economic debates
Rec. 1: engage with macro-policy

UN Women’s mission is best served by moving decisively in the macroeconomic space
Effectiveness

- Normative mandate has enabled UN Women to effectively influence international norms and standards.
- Coordination and joint programming have made a cautious but important contribution to advancing Women Economic Empowerment within the UN system, especially at country level.
- UN Women’s operational work makes the most effective contribution where it identifies and addresses structural barriers and bottlenecks.
- More strategic and selective partnerships for enhanced effectiveness.
UN Women should provide clarity on its commitment to leading through partnership.
Women’s economic rights stand in a disadvantaged position to the dominant economic paradigm. In this context, UN Women needs to mobilise and give voice to all the allies it can – including men, civil society, and the private sector.
Rec 3: rights-based approach

UN Women’s work should explicitly be based on and guided by a rights-based approach
Need to consolidate and strengthen a consistent approach to leadership at all levels within the organisation to enhance contribution to Women Economic Empowerment.
UN Women needs to strengthen leadership across the organization in order to support work on Women Economic Empowerment.
Rec 5: knowledge-led organization

• UN Women needs to equip and organize itself in line with becoming a knowledge-led organization

• Systemic approach to integrate the wealth of evidence and multiple knowledge management initiatives
Thank You