
2015 Annual Meeting
Executive Board

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Outline

I. Evaluation for sustainable development

II. The evaluation function in UN-Women
   • Corporate Evaluation
   • Decentralized Evaluation

III. UN System wide coordination on gender-responsive evaluation

IV. Gender-responsive national evaluation capacities

V. The Independent Evaluation Office's programme of work for 2015
I. Evaluation for sustainable development

A renewed global focus on evaluation within the transformative post-2015 agenda

• 2015 declared as the international year of evaluation
• A resolution by the UN General Assembly on Evaluation
• A Global Evaluation Agenda with a focus on gender equality
• Increased prominence of gender responsive evaluations among global evaluation community

IEO strategically provided leadership and contributed to the above processes and outcomes
II. The Evaluation Function

The strategic goal of the evaluation function is to strengthen UN-Women’s capability to achieve Normative, Operational, and UN Coordination.
• Global Evaluation Advisory Committee assessed Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) as ‘Strong’

• IEO established the Global Evaluation Oversight System

• A dashboard presenting, in a user-friendly manner, key performance indicators for the evaluation function
## Performance of the Evaluation Function

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<th>Target by 2017</th>
<th>Overall assessment</th>
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<td>Financial resources invested in evaluation</td>
<td>1.3%</td>
<td>2.2%</td>
<td>3%</td>
<td>On Track</td>
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<td>Human Resources for Monitoring and Evaluation</td>
<td>83%</td>
<td>98%</td>
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<td>Almost Achieved</td>
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<td>Evaluation reports posted on public website</td>
<td>85%</td>
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<td>Satisfactory Quality of evaluations</td>
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<td>67%</td>
<td>68%</td>
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<td>Evaluation Implementation Rate</td>
<td>83%</td>
<td>71%</td>
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<td>Management response submission to the GATE</td>
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<td>86%</td>
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<td>Implementation of MR</td>
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Corporate Evaluations

- Provide thematic coverage and address issues of strategic significance

- IEO ensured timeliness, quality and use of corporate evaluations

- In 2014, 100% of planned corporate evaluations were being implemented – 3 completed and 4 on track
III. UN System wide coordination on evaluation

1. United Nations Evaluation Group and Regional UN Evaluation Groups

- UNEG Vice-Chair in 2014 and elected Chair of UNEG in 2015
- Active member of other UNEG Strategic Objectives and regional evaluation networks and platforms
- Contributed to the discussion that led to the adoption of the UN General Assembly resolution on Evaluation
- UNEG Guidance Document on ‘Integrating Human Rights and Gender Equality in Evaluation’
III. UN System wide coordination on evaluation

2. System-Wide Action Plan (SWAP) on Gender Equality:

- Led the piloting of the UN-SWAP scorecard and revision of the technical note
- Organized training sessions, webinars, and UN-SWAP help-desk function
- 46 entities reported against the UN-SWAP indicators
- UN Women reported ‘meeting requirements’

3. Independent System-wide evaluation (ISWE)

- Member of the Evaluation Management Group
- Meta-evaluation of UNDAF evaluations
- Evaluation of UN contribution to national capacities for statistics
IV. UN System wide coordination on evaluation

4. Supporting joint evaluations and UNDAF evaluations

- Joint evaluation of Joint Programmes on Gender Equality (JGP)
- Technical advisory services to UNDAF evaluations

5. The Gender Equality Evaluation Portal: evidence-based knowledge on the internet

- 411 evaluations from 55 different agencies (an increase of 17% from last year)
- Review of Gender Equality
IV. Supporting Gender-Responsive National Evaluation Capacities
An enabling environment for evaluation strengthened

2015 International Year of Evaluation

United Nations Evaluation Group

High-level Panel Event

Bridge to a Better World – Evaluation at the Service of the Post-2015 Agenda

March 9, 2015

National evaluation policies for sustainable and equitable development

How to integrate gender equality and social equity in national evaluation policies and systems

To partnership with

General Assembly

Sixty-ninth session
Agenda item 24

Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 19 December 2014

[on the report of the Second Committee (A/69/473)]

69/237. Building capacity for the evaluation of development activities at the country level
Supporting Gender-Responsive Evaluation Capacities

- Individual capacities of evaluators strengthened

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Supporting Gender-Responsive Evaluation Capacities
Conclusions

• UN Women has a strong evaluation function as demonstrated by its Key Performance Indicators. However, improvements are needed in certain areas.

• Independent Evaluation Office 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 post-2015 development agenda.