Evaluation received increased prominence within the 2030 Agenda
EvalPartners facilitated 92 events to celebrate International Year of Evaluation

92 events of the EvalYear

Events organised:
- by Evaluation Associations (VOPes)
- by UN agencies
- by Governments
- by Parliamentarian Forum
- by Multilateral Banks
- by Universities
- by Think Tanks
Enabling environment for evaluation strengthened
UN Women co-led EvalPartners
Strengthening institutional capacities

- A total of 69 Regional and National Evaluation Associations have strengthened their capacities under the Peer to Peer support programme.
- A total of 96 Regional and National Evaluation Associations implemented advocacy initiatives to strengthen evaluation.
- A total of 52 Parliamentarians engaged in strengthening evaluation in policy-making.
Supporting individual capacities

Total cumulative number of visitors to EvalPartners’ MyM&E platform

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27,573 registered participates to e-learning course from 178 countries
• GEAC Report to Executive Board: UN Women has a “strong central evaluation office that performs well against evaluation standards of independence, credibility and utility, and in comparison with other UN organizations”.

• 2015 December GEAC letter to Executive Director states GEAC is “extremely impressed by IEO accomplishments, which are exceptional”

• EB in Feb 2015 “Commends UN-Women for the establishment of a strong enabling environment for evaluation; the strong performance of the Independent Evaluation Office based on the standards of independence, credibility and utility; the leadership by UN-Women in promoting gender equality and responsive evaluation through coordination efforts within the UN system; and in fostering innovative partnerships for national evaluation capacity development”
Review of UN Women’s Evaluation Policy: comprehensive and consultative process

- Co-led by Executive Director Office and IEO
- In consultation with EB, Global Evaluation Advisory Committee (GEAC) and UN Women Leadership

Timeline:

- 2014: UNEG Peer review; JIU assessment; OIOS assessment; MOPAN assessment
- February 2015: GEAC’s assessment presented to EB; EB decision
- March-Nov 2015: Round of consultations with Senior Leadership
- June-December 2015: 2015 OIOS assessment, GEAC Letter to ED
- Feb-Mar 2016: Informal consultations with EB
- June 2016: Formal presentation findings to EB
1. Establishes an evaluation function that is aligned with international norms and standards
2. Establishes an adequate level of independence of the evaluation function given the organization’s current stage of development
3. Provides a clear framework for a strong evaluation function
4. Reinforces UN Women’s coordination role in UN system with respect to gender responsive evaluation
5. Inclusion of National Evaluation Capacity Development is reflective of the current global development context
Given the overall positive assessment of UN Women evaluation function and the fact that the policy has been in place for three years only, it is recommended that UN Women evaluation policy be reviewed in three to five years time.
6 out of 9 KPI are achieved/on track

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<td>Financial resources invested in evaluation</td>
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### 3 out of 9 KPI needs improvements

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If “programme budget” is applied to the Evaluation Policy’s recommendation to invest a minimum of 3 per cent of the total plan/programme budget to the evaluation function, then the percentage of total Evaluation expenditure in 2015 is 2.8% as by table below.

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<td>Evaluation %</td>
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With the aim of improving the reliability of reporting on investment in the evaluation function, UN Women is committed to reviewing the methodology and report on it within the 2016 Annual Report of the Evaluation Function.
• IEO ensured timeliness and quality of corporate evaluations

• In 2015, 100% of planned corporate evaluations were being implemented – 3 completed and 5 on track

• 2 corporate evaluations and 3 reviews presented to the Executive Board
PLANNING:

• Evaluation plans continued to be an integral component of the country and regional planning and approval processes

• Guidance on Country Portfolio Evaluation developed and piloted in three offices

• IMPLEMENTATION:

• Evaluation professionalization programme launched

• Decentralized evaluation quality assurance process launched

• Roster of gender-responsive evaluators
1. United Nations Evaluation Groups

- Served as Chair of UNEG
- Led efforts to strengthen evaluation systems within and beyond the UN
- Remained active member of other UNEG Strategic Objectives and regional evaluation networks and platforms
- Supported joint advocacy efforts and contributed for the inclusion of evaluation in the follow-up and review mechanism of the 2030 SDG agenda

UN System wide coordination on evaluation
• System-Wide Action Plan (SWAP) on Gender Equality

• Independent System-wide evaluation (ISWE)

• Supporting joint evaluations and UNDAF evaluations

• The Gender Equality Evaluation Portal and database on gender and evaluation consultants
UN Women has a strong evaluation function as demonstrated by its Key Performance Indicators and as evidenced by external assessment and internal review of the evaluation policy. However, improvements are needed in certain areas.

UN Women 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 2030 SDG agenda.