
2016 Annual Meeting
Executive Board

Marco Segone
Director, UN Women Independent Evaluation Office
Evaluation received increased prominence within the 2030 Agenda
EvalPartners facilitated 92 events to celebrate International Year of Evaluation
Enabling environment for evaluation strengthened

Supporting Gender-Responsive National Evaluation Capacities

High-level Panel Event
Bridge to a Better World – Evaluation at the Service of the Post-2015 Agenda
March 9-10, 2015
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Institutional capacities to demand, manage and use evaluations strengthened

Supporting Gender-Responsive National Evaluation Capacities
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 Parlamentarians 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
Global Evaluation Advisory Committee (GEAC) and Executive Board assessment on evaluation function

- GEAC Report to Executive Board: UN Women has a “strong central evaluation office and IEO 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 partnerships, including at country level; and in fostering innovative partnerships for national evaluation capacity development”
Co-led by Executive Director Office and IEO

In consultation with EB, Global Evaluation Advisory Committee (GEAC) and UN Women Leadership
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 KPIs are achieved/on track

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<td>Financial resources invested in evaluation</td>
<td>1.3%</td>
<td>2.2%</td>
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<td>Human Resources for Monitoring and Evaluation</td>
<td>83%</td>
<td>98%</td>
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<td>Evaluation reports posted on public website</td>
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<td>Use of evaluations</td>
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<td>71%</td>
<td>75%</td>
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<td>Implementation of MR</td>
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3 out of 9 KPI needs improvements

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<td>Evaluation Coverage</td>
<td>67%</td>
<td>68%</td>
<td>71%</td>
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<td>Evaluation Implementation Rate</td>
<td>83%</td>
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<td>Management response submission to the GATE</td>
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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 piloted in three offices

IMPLEMENTATION:

• Evaluation professionalization programme launched

• Decentralized evaluation quality assurance process launched
1. United Nations Evaluation Groups

- Served as Chair of UNEG

- Remained active member of other UNEG Strategic Objectives and regional evaluation networks and platforms

- Led efforts to strengthen evaluation systems within and beyond the UN

- 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
Conclusions

- 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.