



MANAGEMENT RESPONSE TO THE REPORT ON THE EVALUATION FUNCTION

**JUNE 2022 INFORMAL BRIEFING TO THE
EXECUTIVE BOARD, 11 MAY 2022**

| UN Women Response Overall

- UN Women appreciates the work of the Independent Evaluation Service and the high-quality evaluative evidence they are producing. Management endorses the proposals outlined in the Report on the evaluation function of UN Women 2021.
- UN Women is benefitting tremendously from the corporate and decentralized evaluations. These findings provided evidence in the process of the development at the UN Women Strategic Plan 2022-2025 as well as at the country level in the development of CCA/UNSDCFs and UN Women Strategic Notes.



| 2021 EVALUATIONS

Importance of corporate and decentralized evaluations

1. Corporate evaluations such as on the **UN system coordination and broader convening role of UN Women in Ending Violence Against Women**, were essential in informing outcome 7 in the new Strategic Plan on UN coordination.
2. Recognize that **40 decentralized evaluations** were completed in 2021. The country portfolio evaluations are essential in the UN Women pilot initiative of “strategic dialogues” with a focus on active engagement in the early stages of the CCA/UNSDCF process.
3. UN Women is **committed to keep building our capacity** on evaluations in line with our Data, Evidence and Knowledge Strategy. Enhanced the internal capacity on RBM with rolling out e-learning tools in additional languages.

TRENDS IN KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Overall KPIs are on track

1. **Steady progress:** for example: Evaluation implementation rate improved from 2018 90% and 2021 97% , Quality of evaluation reports improved from 2018 88% and 2021 98%
2. The only KPI with a **minor decline is the one on financial resources invested in evaluations** where there was a drop from 2020 with 1.9% to 1.8% in 2021. But the overall amount has increased.





UN SYSTEM WIDE EVALUATIONS

UN coordination is a key priority for UN Women

1. Working in partnerships is key priority for UN Women and the **collaboration with UNEG is critical**. Note the important work led by UN Women on **integration of disability inclusion in evaluations**.
2. Take note of the **finalized guidance for evaluations of the UNSDCF**s and UN Women's role to ensure gender mainstreaming. Encourage more UNSDCF evaluations in the future.



EVALUATIONS PLANNED FOR 2022

Welcome the selection of evaluations for 2022

- 1. Climate change (ongoing):** Priority for UN Women to solidify our approach, building on CSW66 commitments and towards Stockholm +50, COP 27.
- 2. Capacity Development (ongoing):** Under the previous SP, capacity development was by far the largest category. The current SP puts an emphasis on standardized approaches, scale up of interventions and aggregation of these results.
- 3. Gender statistics and data (planned):** Lessons from the COVID-19 response as well as crisis response all highlight the importance of gender disaggregated data.

Next chapter

- UN Women remains **fully committed to further strengthen quality, coverage and use of both corporate and decentralized evaluations** in strong collaboration with the IES
- The **UN Women Strategic Plan 2022-2025 included two indicators on evaluations**. These will be monitored closely and inform future planning.
- The **Strategic Note Guidance provides specific information about use of evaluation** and how it needs to impact the planning but also how evaluation needs to be incorporated in the future plans.
- UN-Women Programme, Policy and Intergovernmental Division (PPID) will work closely with the IES to:
 - **Support** the thematic evaluations and lead on the **implementation of the management response**.
 - Share evaluation lessons learned and increase knowledge **across regions and programmes**



THANK YOU!

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