

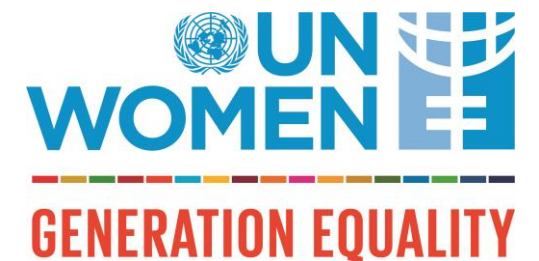
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# REPORT ON THE EVALUATION FUNCTION

of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

2023 Annual Report

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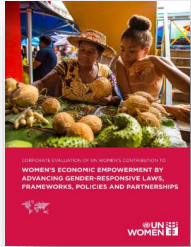


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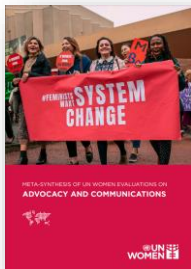
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# FOCUS AREA 1: CORPORATE EVALUATIONS

## COMPLETED IN 2023



- Corporate evaluation on UN-Women's contribution to **women's economic empowerment by advancing gender-responsive laws, frameworks, policies and partnerships**
- Corporate formative evaluation of UN-Women's work in the area of **climate change**
- Corporate formative evaluation on **production, analysis and use of gender statistics and data**
- Corporate evaluation of **civil society engagement in the Americas and Caribbean region**
- Meta-synthesis of evaluation on **advocacy and communications**
- Are we getting there? A synthesis of **UN system evaluations of SDG 5**



## INITIATED AND CONDUCTED IN 2023

- Corporate evaluation of UN-Women's support to women's political participation: **Insights from the field**
- Corporate formative evaluation on **social norms change: Global feminist developmental evaluation**
- Corporate formative evaluation on **financing for gender equality**
- Corporate evaluation on **UN-Women's support to women, peace and security and humanitarian action**

# FOCUS AREA 2: DESCENTRALIZED AND STRATEGIC EVALUATIONS

## DECENTRALIZED AND STRATEGIC EVALUATIONS COMPLETED IN 2023

**38**

Decentralized evaluations completed in 2023  
(including thematic, programmatic and project, joint evaluations)

**6**

IES-led Country Portfolio Evaluations

**3**

3 IES-led Regional Evaluations

## INTERNAL EVALUATION CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNICATION



Internal evaluation capacity development through training and coaching sessions for UN-Women personnel and M&E specialists at the regional and country level.



Enhancing knowledge-sharing and communication through user-friendly and accessible knowledge products and fostering learning partnerships and initiatives

## PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING ITS CORPORATE EVALUATION PLAN 2022–2025:

**8** corporate evaluations completed by IES



representing  
**62%**

completion to date of the 2022-2025 Corporate Evaluation Plan) and synthesis reports

**20** regional and country portfolio evaluations



representing  
**67%**

completion to date of the 2022-2025 Corporate Evaluation Plan

# PERFORMANCE OF THE EVALUATION FUNCTION IN UN-Women

## KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (KPIs)

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATOR	DESCRIPTION	2022 (%)	2023(%)	TARGET (BY 2025)
<b>Financial resources invested in evaluation function</b>	Evaluation expenditure over UN-Women programme expenditure	1.9	2.3	<b>Between 2-3%</b>
<b>Human resources for monitoring and evaluation</b>	Offices that appointed an M&E focal point or officer	98	97	<b>100%</b>
<b>Evaluation coverage</b>	At least one evaluation per Strategic Note cycle	93	98	<b>100%</b>
<b>Evaluation implementation rate</b>	Percentage of evaluations being implemented (completed and initiated)	92	84	<b>100%</b>
<b>Quality of evaluation reports</b>	Percentage of evaluation reports rated "Good and above"	86	100	<b>100%</b>
<b>Joint evaluations</b>	Percentage of joint evaluations contributed by UN-Women	29	27	<b>25%</b>
<b>Management response submission to GATE</b>	Percentage of completed evaluation reports submitted with management response to GATE	100	100	<b>100%</b>
<b>Implementation of management response</b>	Percentage of management response key actions being implemented	91	92	<b>95%</b>
<b>Use of evaluations</b>	Percentage of offices that reported using evaluation	87	89	<b>95%</b>

→ Overall, progress on the key performance indicators of the UN-Women Evaluation Function has remained on track.

# FOCUS AREA 3: WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP FOR GENDER RESPONSIVE EVALUATION

## UN SYSTEM-WIDE COORDINATION



**UNEG:** Co-convened the Gender Equality, Disability and Human Rights working group.



**UN-SWAP:** Served as the Secretariat of the UN-SWAP evaluation performance indicator.



Joined the **Inter-Agency Humanitarian Evaluation group** since UN Women's inauguration as a member of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) in 2022



Contributed to the **Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Synthesis Coalition** and led the first joint synthesis of UN evaluative evidence on SDG 5

## NATIONAL EVALUATION DEVELOPMENT



**EvalGender+:** As a co-chair of EvalGender+, supported the development of the UN Resolution on "Strengthening Voluntary National Reviews through country-led evaluation." (adopted in April 2023).



Evaluation Initiative (GEI)



Partnerships at the regional level and national capacity building

# INDEPENDENT EVALUATION SERVICE 2024 PROGRAMME OF WORK

## STRATEGIC EVALUATIONS AT CORPORATE LEVEL IN 2024



Corporate evaluation of UN-Women's support to women's political participation: Insights from the field (to be presented to EB in 2024)



Corporate formative evaluation on social norms change: a global feminist developmental evaluation (ongoing)



Corporate formative evaluation on financing for gender equality (ongoing)



Corporate evaluation on UN-Women's support in ending violence against women (initiated to be presented to EB in 2025)



Corporate evaluation on UN-Women's support to women, peace and security and humanitarian action (ongoing, to be presented to EB in 2025)



(Second phase) Joint system-wide synthesis of SDG 5 in collaboration with UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, WFP (ongoing)



Evaluability assessment of the Gender Equality Accelerators (planned)



Synthesis of UN-Women's performance against the Strategic Plan (planned)

## DECENTRALIZED EVALUATIONS

- Approx. 20 IES-led CPEs and regional evaluations
- Quality assurance and technical support to approx. 80 decentralized evaluations
- Internal training and coaching of M&E focal points

## UN COORDINATION - NATIONAL CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

- UNEG
- UN System-wide evaluations (including two inter-agency humanitarian evaluations)/Joint evaluations/UNSDCF evaluations
- EvalGender+, Global Evaluation Capacity Development Initiative, selected regional partnerships

## EVALUATION USE AND COMMUNICATION

## CONCLUSIONS



Implementation of the Corporate Evaluation Plan 2022–2025 is on track, with over 60 per cent of the planned corporate evaluations and regional and country portfolio evaluations completed by this midpoint.



Timely evaluative evidence continues to inform the implementation of UN Women's Strategic Plan and guides strategies and programming at country, regional, and headquarters levels.



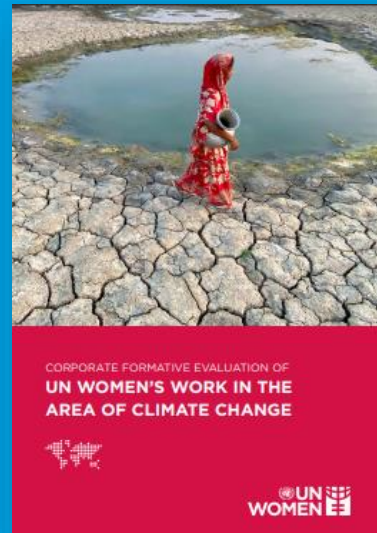
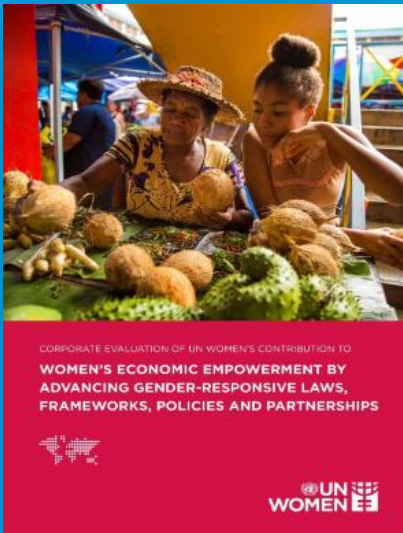
UN Women's key performance indicators (KPIs) for evaluation remain on track to reach their 2023 target. Substantial progress was made in terms of the financial resources invested in evaluation function.



UN Women leverages its gender-responsive evaluation expertise and promote the integration of gender equality perspectives within the UN System and beyond



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