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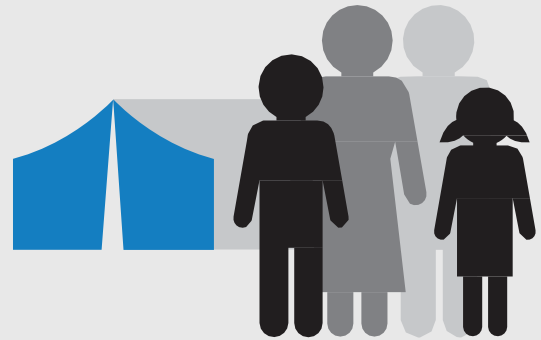


CORPORATE EVALUATION OF UN WOMEN'S CONTRIBUTION TO HUMANITARIAN ACTION

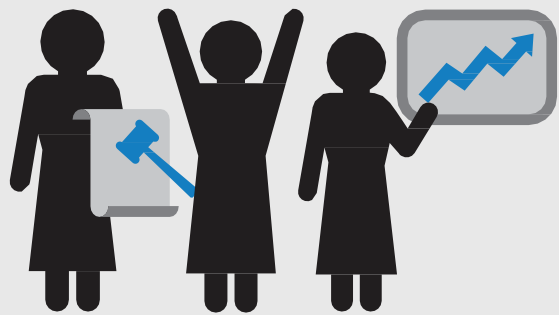
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WHAT WAS EVALUATED



The evaluation focused on **UN Women's work in humanitarian action from 2014-2018.**



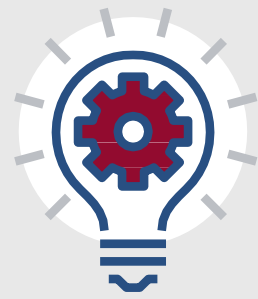
The evaluation assessed the **relevance, appropriateness, effectiveness, efficiency, connectedness and sustainability** of UN Women's approach to humanitarian action at global, regional and country level.



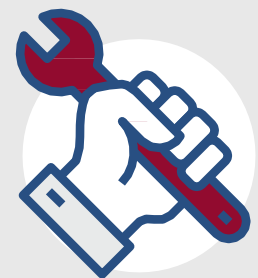
The annual budget for UN Women's humanitarian work grew **from USD 3.4 million in 2011 in 4 countries to USD 27.2 million in 2017 in 43 countries.** 95% of the funding under scope of this evaluation was non core.



HOW THE EVALUATION WAS CONDUCTED



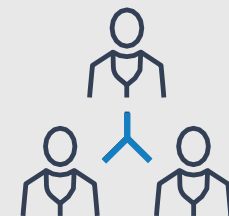
Formative evaluation



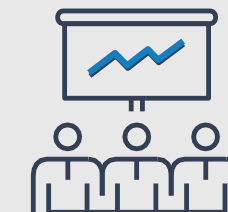
Utilization-focused evaluation



5 country visits (*Cameroon, Bangladesh, Colombia, South Sudan and Jordan*) + New York & Geneva



461 semi-structured interviews



23 Focus Group Discussions



Extensive portfolio review (*39 countries*)



Self-assessment questionnaire (*6 regional humanitarian advisors*)



Over 550 documents reviewed



Survey with 221 responses (*33% response rate*)

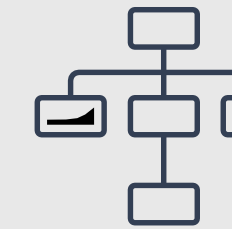


POSITIONING AND PRIORITIZATION



CONCLUSION 1

UN Women helps to ensure that **gender equality** and the empowerment of women remains **central to humanitarian action**.



CONCLUSION 2

Stronger links are needed **between** UN Women's global **normative** work and humanitarian **coordination mechanisms** where needs and priorities are determined.



FOCUS AND PARTNERSHIPS



CONCLUSION 3

UN-Women should continue to build on its “development” work while **increasing its focus on the “humanitarian” side** of the nexus.

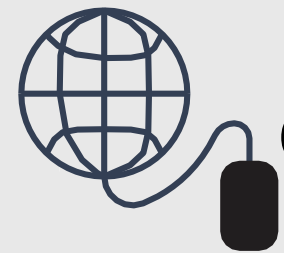


CONCLUSION 4

Working in partnership can ensure that UN-Women makes contributions at **sufficient scale** while increasing opportunities for funding.



LEARNING FROM RESULTS



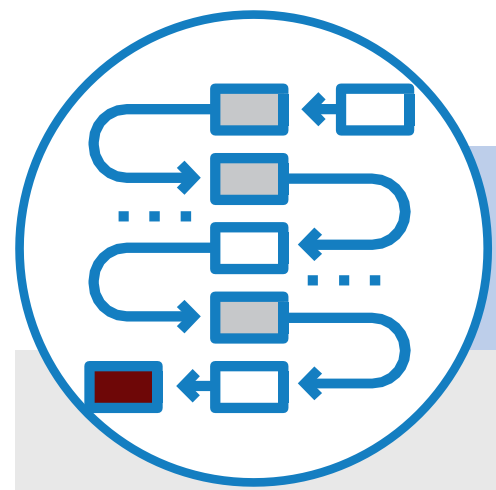
CONCLUSION 5

There is significant evidence that UN-Women has been **highly effective in its global normative work.**



CONCLUSION 6

Lessons from UN-Women's country level work should serve to **improve programming approaches globally** and serve as a catalyst for longer-term transformative change.

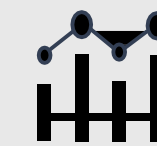


HUMAN AND FINANCIAL SYSTEMS/GENDER EQUALITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS



CONCLUSION 7

UN-Women's **reliance on non-core resources** tends to make it more reactive and less strategic, and thus less efficient overall.



CONCLUSION 8

UN-Women's **capacity and expertise** in humanitarian action **vary across offices**, risking UN-Women's ability to deliver consistently.



CONCLUSION 9

UN-Women's work **exemplifies** gender equality and human rights approaches.



RECOMMENDATIONS



Develop a response-level strategy to complement UN Women's global humanitarian strategy.

1



Identify necessary leadership, minimum levels of staffing and office structures for a response-level strategy in humanitarian settings.

2



Develop global partnership frameworks with OCHA, UNHCR and UNFPA building on experience in partnerships in different contexts.

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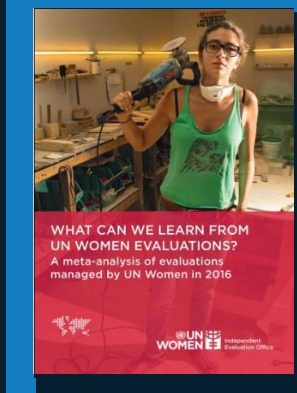
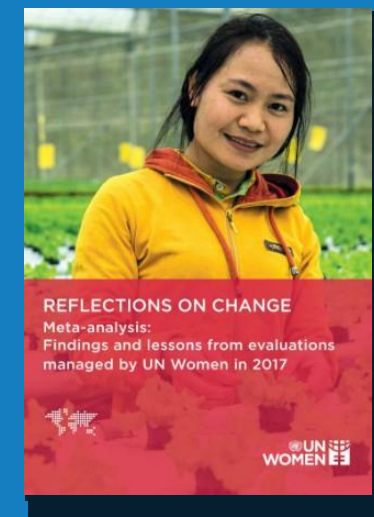
Increase effectiveness and impact in humanitarian action by better linking UN Women's work to system-wide responses.

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