CORPORATE EVALUATION OF UN WOMEN’S SUPPORT TO
NATIONAL ACTION PLANS ON WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY

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What was evaluated


2. The evaluation assessed the relevance and coherence, effectiveness and organizational efficiency, and sustainability of UN Women’s global, regional and national work to support the development and implementation process on WPS NAPs.

3. The amount budgeted for UN Women’s work estimated at **114 million** under the output related to WPS commitments and accountability frameworks in conflict and non-conflict situations. 96% of the funding under the scope of this evaluation came from **non-core resources**.
How the evaluation was conducted

**Extensive portfolio review:** 60 countries with analysis and summaries of Annual Work Plans and WPS NAP work

**In-depth review:** 20 countries and HQ

**Virtual case studies in 8 countries:** Afghanistan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Iraq, Kyrgyzstan, Guatemala, Mali, Nepal, Uganda - 113 interviews

**Virtual case study in HQ:** 30 interviews

**3 surveys conducted:** UN Women Country Offices= 56%/31 – Civil Society Organizations and Partners= 30%/42 - International Organizations= 22%/18

**Analysis of data:** OneApp, DAMS, ATLAS, RMS

**Mixed-methods approach:** qualitative & quantitative data collection from different data sources

**Summative and Formative evaluation:** Theory-based and utilization-focused evaluation

- **60 countries reviewed**
- **20 in-depth country review**
- **9 virtual case studies**
- **143 interviews**
- **3 surveys**
- **2 Reference groups**
CONCLUSIONS: POSITIONING, COHERENCE, AND COORDINATION

CONCLUSION 1
WPS NAPs support is grounded in SDG 5 and SDG 6 and understanding of local WPS priorities and contexts.

CONCLUSION 2
UN-Women normative and coordination activities in support to WPS NAPs are the most visible and valued by stakeholders.

CONCLUSION 3
UN-Women engages in external coordination at all levels. There is space to strengthen coherence between these levels to provide better support.
CONCLUSIONS: EFFECTIVENESS AND GENDER EQUALITY

CONCLUSION 4
UN-Women is effective in facilitating national WPS NAPs processes that build awareness and consensus and contribute to adoption of WPS NAPs

CONCLUSION 5
UN-Women supports high-impact criteria for WPS NAPs but this doesn’t always translate into effective WPS NAPs due to external challenges

CONCLUSION 6
UN-Women NAP work contributed to laying the foundations for transformational change. However UN- Women would benefit from a clear Theory of Change in this area
CONCLUSION 7
Given the human and financial resources available for NAP development and implementation, the activities produced satisfactory results.

CONCLUSION 8
Internal thematic and organizational coherence in support to NAPs has implications for how the entity reports results and manages knowledge and guidance.
CONCLUSIONS: SUSTAINABILITY AND OWNERSHIP

CONCLUSION 9
UN-Women recognizes the importance of national ownership of NAPs for sustainability and strengthening this ownership is central to UN Women’s work.

CONCLUSION 10
Sustainable implementation of NAPs requires meaningful translation to local level and adequate funding. UN-Women needs a clearer strategy for how it can support sustainable implementation.
CONCLUSION 11

UN-Women has supported COVID-19 responses that take account of WPS issues. There is strong potential for NAP principles and priorities to inform national responses to COVID-19, but so far this has mostly not occurred.
RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation 1
Connect and scale up a wider range of normative and regional frameworks to increase traction

Recommendation 2
Strengthen synergy between normative, coordination and operation roles to enhance impact

Recommendation 3
Devise a strategy to harmonize external efforts linking global, regional and national coordination processes

Recommendation 4
Continue expanding strategies to support WPS NAP development and define a clear strategy to support WPS NAP implementation

Recommendation 5
Strengthen understanding on how to support transformational shifts in gender equality and women’s empowerment and use this to inform work on WPS NAPs

Recommendation 6
WPSHA to enhance internal reporting systems to track financial resources and results towards WPS NAPs

Recommendation 7
Expand range of actors and processes to broaden and deepen national level ownership and integrate its engagement on WPS NAPs with other areas at national level to support sustainable NAP implementation

Recommendation 8
Address immediate need to integrate WPS principles into COVID-19 responses and ensure that NAPs are used to inform emergency planning
THANK YOU

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