



Management response to the Report on the Evaluation Function

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Evaluations During COVID-19



- Pivot to COVID-19 response
- As UN-Women's work adapted to COVID-19, so did the evaluation function
- Recognize the pocket tool provided practical guidelines for gender-responsive evaluation management and data collection
- Adapting lessons learned to future evaluations, including new virtual tools



Corporate Evaluations: Informing the new SP



The new strategic plan is informed by evaluations, notably:

- Increased investment in gender statistics
- The need for improved programmatic focus at scale
- Stronger ToCs for reporting and results
- Develop a more holistic approach for greater impact, cutting across thematic pillars

Increased country level evaluations:

- The core of UN-Women's work and workforce is at the country level, there are increased evaluations that are country led and driven
- Country Programme Evaluations are used to inform the next CCA/UNSDFs/SN.
Example BiH

Looking ahead:

- Corporate evaluations will continue to guide UN-Women's work, in particular the planned evaluation in 2022 on policy and advocacy, a core pillar of what UN-Women does

Trend in KPIs



- All KPIs are on track
- Evaluation implementation rate, quality of reports, management response submission, and coverage have increased significantly, despite the challenging year
- This is a direct result of the investment in evaluations, the decentralization and increased responsibility at the field level, and the more innovative ways in which evaluations are being used
- Recognize the steady increase in quality of evaluations reports from 68% to 90% and evaluation implementation rate from 77% to 95%.

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 IEAS, and in rolling out the new strategic plan
- Transparency remains a priority for UN-Women across the board, UN-Women is ranked 5th out of all UN agencies publishing programme and financial data to IATI, and is one of the few entities publishing SDG information to the portal.



- UN-Women Programme, Policy and Intergovernmental Division (PPID) will work closely with the IEAS to:
 - Ensure adequate balance, synchronization and functional integrity of the **combined oversight functions**
 - **Consistent management** demand and better use of evaluations
 - Develop **results architecture** to better capture UN-Women's impact in the new SN
 - Align with **UN reform** requirements and ensure a **gender perspective**
 - Share evaluation lessons learned and increase knowledge across regions and programmes
- UN-Women will continue to ensure **adequate financial and human resources** to the evaluation function, with an aim to reach and maintain all KPI targets
- UN-Women, as part of its coordination mandate, will also continue to work across the UN system to ensure better and more gender responsive evaluations that in turn can inform the work of the system as a whole, including through informing the development of UNSDCFs

