UN WOMEN

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality
and the Empowerment of Women

Meta-Analysis of Evaluations Managed by
UN Women in 2016:
Management Perspectives

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Overall Trends

UN Women is maturing as an organisation:

- UN Women programs continue to be highly relevant

- UN Women deliver results effectively

- Significant progress on RBM

- Sustainability of UN Women's programs still an issue due to funding constraints

- Continued investment to enhance efficiency is needed

What is UN Women doing?

Relevance and Effectiveness

- Alignment with national priorities a fundamental principle in Strategic Plan 2018-2021

- Step 1: Launch of Flagship Programming Initiative (FPI) to integrate the composite mandate at country level

- Step 2: FPIs fully embedded in the SP 2018-2021

Sustainability

- Predictable funding a necessity to ensure sustainability of interventions

- Continued investment in FPIs as programming and partnership vehicles to shift from small-scale projects to multi-stakeholder transformative programs (FPIs) around common goals at the local level

- Continued promotion of direct funding of Strategic Notes

Efficiency & Results Management

- Organizational effectiveness and efficiency at the center of the Strategic Plan 2018-2021

- RBM a continuous priority – UN Women has invested in capacity building and upgrading of systems

- Number of actions implemented to enhance program efficiency and financial management of partners undertaken

Strategic Drivers
of Change and the
Way Forward

The Meta-Evaluation provides insight on four drivers of change:

- Evidence, data and statistics

- Knowledge and learning

- Alliance building

- Innovation and technology

Launch of "Making Every Woman and Girl Count":

- Enhance national capacity to collect data and statistics to generate actions towards closing the gender gap

- Connect country level initiatives with regional technical support and global policy support

- 12 countries identified

- Implementation to start January 2018.

Knowledge Hub

- As follow-up to the Evaluation on UN Women's Regional Architecture, Knowledge Management and Learning is fully integrated in the Strategic Plan 2018-2021

- UN Women will invest in knowledge management systems and further upgrade established digital platforms

- Build capacity of staff and establish Communities of Practices

- Develop Strategy for South-South and Triangular Cooperation

Alliance Building

- Continued investment in the FPIs to bring together multiple stakeholders around a common theory of change

- Support Civil Society movement building at global, regional and local levels

- Accelerate engagement with non-traditional partners to reach a broad range of constituencies to build support for GEWE

- Innovation fully integrated in the Strategic Plan 2018-2021 to achieve transformative results

- UN Women adopts a three-pronged approach to innovation with the aim to leverage high-impact innovations to promote GEWEs; prototype and pilot the initiatives to scale up and maximize impact

- In 2017, UN Women launched an Innovation Strategy launched; established an Innovation Unit and formed new partnerships formed to accelerate innovation for GEWE

Buy from Women Initiative
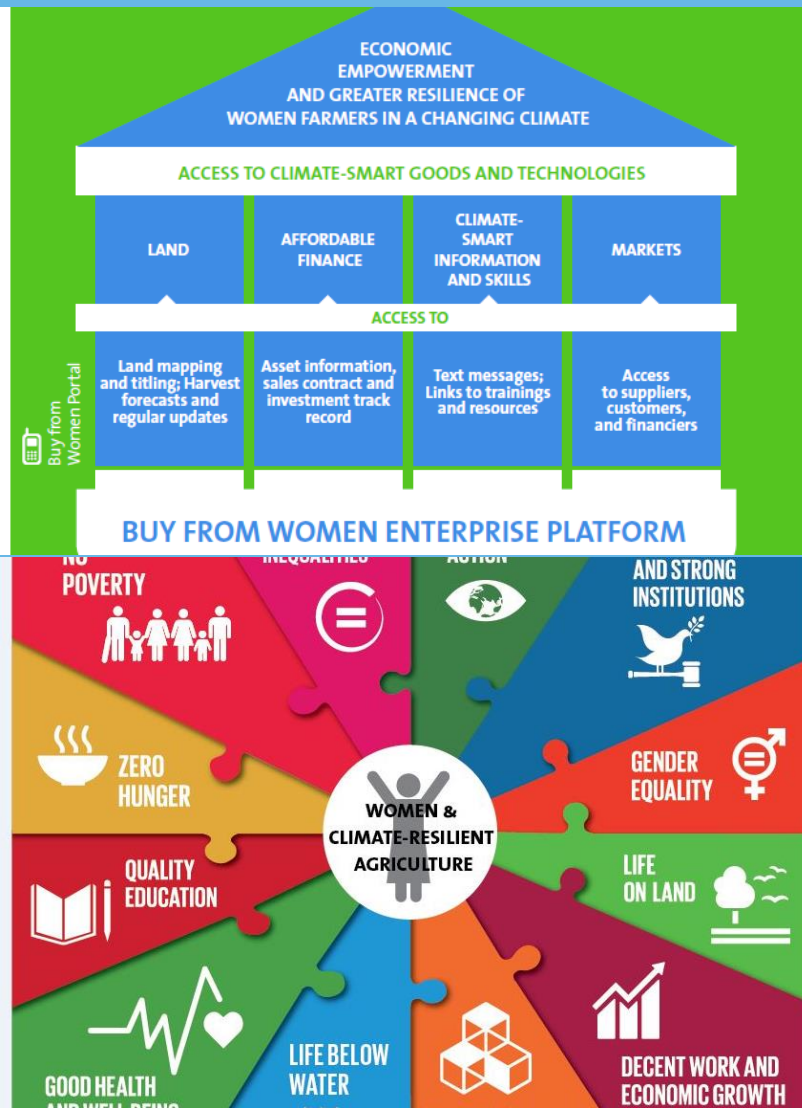
- Launched in August 2016, the "Buy from Women" initiative has benefited 5,000 women farmers accessing training, inputs and markets in Rwanda

- Upscaling in Mali and Haiti underway based on the lessons learned from Rwanda

Global Innovation Coalition for Change

- UN Women is creating a Global Innovation Coalition for Change (GICC), as part of its strategy to drive industry-wide action

- GICC will be launched at the UN General Assembly 2017

- GICC aims to:

- Build market awareness of the potential for innovations developed by women that meet the needs of women and girls

- Identify the key barriers to women and girl's advancement in innovation, technology and entrepreneurship

- Work collaboratively to identify and take actions to address these barriers and needs at an industry-wide level