

UN Women Global Evaluation Report Assessment and Analysis System (GERAAS) Constructive Feedback Template



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| Overall Report Rating | Very Good | Good | Satisfactory | Unsatisfactory | |
| Title of the Evaluation Report | Multi-Country Portfolio Evaluation of Kazakhstan Multi-Country Office for Central Asia Strategic Note 2014-15 | | | | |
| Report sequence number | 2 | Date of Review | 2016 | Year of the Evaluation Report | 2015 |
| Region | Europe and Central Asia | | Country(ies) | Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan | |
| Executive Summary in Final Report | Good | | TORs sent with Report | Yes | |
| OVERALL RATING | | | Overall Rating | Very Good | |
| Executive Feedback on Overall Rating | The report addresses the evaluation purpose and objective and suggests adequate processes of verification to validate findings, conclusions and recommendations. The evaluator followed a thorough methodology and approach to data collection and analysis based upon the ToRs. The findings appear to be logically coherent and consistent, and are well argued. The conclusions and recommendations could have clarified the intended target audience. The recommendations could have gone further to articulate application of the recommendations in the relevant countries. Overall, the reviewer finds no reason to think that UN Women should not have the confidence to act on the evaluation, based upon review of the report. | | | | |
| PARAMETER 1: OBJECT AND CONTEXT OF THE EVALUATION | | | PARAMETER 1 | Good | |
| Executive Feedback on Parameter 2 | The report certainly presents a good clear description of the object of the evaluation. It indicates that through the evaluation further work was carried out to understand the target groups and intended changes. The report provides a comprehensive overview of the Strategic Note. It sets out links with national development plans, and categorizes and sets out the main activities. The stakeholders sections is particularly strong in the areas of target groups and intended outcomes and theories of change (a facilitated discussion as part of the evaluation as presumably not previously available). | | | | |
| PARAMETER 2: PURPOSE, OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE | | | PARAMETER 2 | Very Good | |
| Executive Feedback on Parameter 2 | The purpose is set out (although some data needs to be searched for in other sections of the report), including intended users and how they will use it. The objectives and scope are generally well articulated and presented. The purpose of the report section includes a useful table showing the different stakeholder groups and how they will use the evaluation (learning and improved decision-making, accountability for development effectiveness, capacity development and mobilization) which draws upon information from the ToRs. The evaluation criteria uses the UN Women's model guidance, and goes further to provide questions that have been prioritized through a participatory process. | | | | |
| PARAMETER 3: METHODOLOGY | | | PARAMETER 3 | Good | |
| Executive Feedback on Parameter 3 | Guidance for the methodology is clearly set out in the ToRs and followed by the evaluators. Methodological limits and constraints are set out. The data collection and analysis is explained well with a clear logic, but could have set out more clearly what is meant by an agreement based approach. Stakeholder mapping was carried out and contribution analysis effectively carried out and presented (in annexe). Sampling is well explained here but whether any limitations were evident could have been discussed. | | | | |
| PARAMETER 4: FINDINGS | | | PARAMETER 4 | Very Good | |
| Executive Feedback on Parameter 4 | Findings constitute a large and thoroughly thought through and well presented part of the report. They appear to be based on sound analysis. Contribution analysis was effectively used to analyze data and extrapolate findings. A conclusive and convincing tone is taken in the report which is positive, but the report could also have benefitted from divergent voices (if differing opinions by stakeholders). Unexpected outcomes are reported well. | | | | |

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| PARAMETER 5: CONCLUSIONS AND LESSONS LEARNED | | PARAMETER 5 | Very Good |
| Executive Feedback on Parameter 5 | The conclusions set out strong arguments and justifications based on the findings. They are presented in an accessible and logical way, linking the conclusions to specific findings (numbering system). The validation of the conclusions by a reference group was mentioned. | | |
| PARAMETER 6:RECOMMENDATIONS | | PARAMETER 6 | Good |
| Executive Feedback on PARAMETER 6 | Recommendations are helpfully set out according to their urgency, potential impact and difficulty. This can provide a useful thinking tool for UN Women to assess and plan acting upon the recommendations. The recommendations are clearly set out as priorities and relevant to the purpose of the evaluation. They could have benefitted from linking to the target group for each, and could have linked nicely to the table showing the uses of the report (table 2.1). | | |
| PARAMETER 7: GENDER AND HUMAN RIGHTS | | PARAMETER 7 | Meets Requirements |
| Executive Feedback on PARAMETER 7 | The process of evaluation integrates a gender and human rights perspective (such as scope, stakeholder mapping, and evaluation questions) as well as the findings of the evaluation. The report provides a gender and human rights perspectives. It situates the object of the study within international agreements and current thinking, and UN good practice. An additional framework is highlighted to understanding women empowerment processes further. Evaluation questions integrate gender and human rights thinking, and there is also a specific evaluation criteria and related questions. Data collection used appropriate methods (although there may be scope for include marginalised women further as a stakeholder group). Findings and conclusions reflect that GEEW was the focus of the object of evaluation, and integrate a gender lens. There is also scope for the voices of the participants / rights holders to be heard through innovative mechanisms (participatory video etc.). | | |
| PARAMETER 8: THE REPORT STRUCTURE | | PARAMETER 8 | Very Good |
| Executive Feedback on PARAMETER 8 | The structure and presentation of the report is excellent. The logical way that it is organised enables a good clear thread for each strand of findings and related conclusion and recommendations. The style used, and use of appropriate tables and visual aids makes it a highly accessible report. The annexes provide important data that is referred to within the report (for evidence, data analysis etc.). The report has a clear methodical structure. The structure enables a strong thread to the report and means that the findings, conclusions and recommendations are well linked. | | |