



UN Women GERAAS Executive Review Template

Title of the Evaluation Report	<i>Evaluación temática regional sobre participación política de las mujeres en América Latina y el Caribe 2011-2014</i>		
Region	Americas and the Caribbean	Country(ies)	AC Regional Office
Overall Rating			
<p>Overall Feedback: Overall, the report rated as: Very Good. The reviewers made the following specific comments: <i>“Outstanding report that gives a very good overview of the object, whose scope (of mission and territory) is so broad.</i></p> <p><i>The sections of findings, conclusions and recommendations are particularly outstanding, thanks to their traceability with the evaluation questions and their incorporated assessment of relevance, impact and urgency of each of the suggested measures, besides the remarkable package of improvement areas highlighted to improve the implementation and design.</i></p> <p><i>Exploring unintended outcomes, precisely regarding problems these initiatives could eventually report to women, would have been appreciated.</i></p> <p><i>As another suggestion for improving future reports we can only mention upgrading their visual elements, as some graphs and tables could use more efficient ways of visualizations, to help the audience quicker assimilate the figures, trends and comparisons.”</i></p> <p>The reviewers also noted some positive evaluation practices in the report. These included <i>“It is interesting that the Annexe 5.2. (Listado de productos de conocimiento de ONU Mujeres, p.114) collects the list of Knowledge “products” of UN Women. Also, as asked by the ToR, innovative techniques as participatory videos were used for the case studies.”</i></p>			Very Good
Terms of Reference included?	Yes	Executive Summary	Very Good
PARAMETER 1: OBJECT AND CONTEXT OF THE EVALUATION			Good
<i>The report describes very clearly the context, scope, stakeholders, outcomes and goals of the intervention.</i>			
<i>The logic model (Table 2, p.21&22)) is a very good exercise of summarizing the overall intervention. Making assumptions behind this logic explicit and adding indicators could be an improvement for future occasions.</i>			
PARAMETER 2: PURPOSE, OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE			Good
<i>The purposes of the evaluation are well defined and within UNEG and UN Women evaluation guidelines and policy. They may be however too ambitious as they include all potential purposes mentioned in point 5 of UN Women Evaluation policy (accountability, credible evidence for decision-making and promote lessons learned for GEEW).</i>			
PARAMETER 3: METHODOLOGY			Good

The process has been very participative, giving many stakeholders the possibility of making contributions and reviewing the drafts of the report.

The methodology seems to be focusing more on qualitative than quantitative methods and data sources, but it seems sufficiently representative, due to the ample samples.

However, all along the report there are signs of how the evaluation team strived for triangulating their findings regarding the evaluation questions via different methods and different sources of information.

PARAMETER 4: FINDINGS **Good**

The report gathers a rich collection of findings, which answers in depth the evaluation questions.

PARAMETER 5: CONCLUSIONS AND LESSONS LEARNED **Very Good**

Solid reasoning and extensive conclusions elaboration, systematically based on the findings. Outstanding traceability between findings and conclusions. Lessons learned are also completed by Good practices detected.

PARAMETER 6: RECOMMENDATIONS **Very Good**

Fantastic Recommendations section including Impact and Urgency of implementation of each action, which allows the audience to perfectly assess priority of each suggestion.

PARAMETER 7: GENDER AND HUMAN RIGHTS **Meets Requirements**

The GEEW integration is perfectly according to UNEG standards, and overall, however, it exceeds many of UN Women's standards for an evaluation report and present insights that are consistent, evidence-based, and useful.

SWAP Score: 10/12

PARAMETER 8: THE REPORT STRUCTURE **Very Good**

The report is excellently structured and clearly written in line with UNEG standards. It makes appropriate use of graphics, tables and boxes; includes important annexes; and begins with a strong executive summary that can stand alone.

In order to help strengthen future evaluation reports, the reviewers offered the following constructive suggestions:

- The report is an example of how a complex evaluation object (Regional thematic strategic plans and strategic notes) can be clearly described and delimited.
- Ideas for improvement would include starting the introduction of the Executive Summary by the description of the object, instead of starting talking directly of Access, Efficacy and Sustainability (p.6), before having mentioned the evaluand.
- Indicators defined in the Evaluation matrix (p.91) are well described but they could be further defined with the introduction of rubrics (defining levels of excellent, good, poor, etc.), so interpretation of the findings is not left to the evaluators' final judgement.
- Given the complexity and diversity of the issue under study, the evaluation could have incorporated some elements for the Systems thinking paradigm to assess the intervention from a systemic perspective too.
- Also, the sampling decision process could have been further detailed, in order to improve transparency for future reports.
- Finally we would like to point out that the description of the limitations is very thorough and complete, however could be completed by mentioning potential risks of bias in the conclusions (due to the evaluation team profiles, situation or context, or other reasons) and its mitigation measures.
- Findings regarding positive and negative factors are listed together without further distinction. A potential idea for improvement would be grouping them by positive or negative or highlighting their nature with an icon.

- Also the potential addition of some kind of support for ranking their relevant (very relevant, relevant, etc.) would be welcome to help the audience weight the list of 33 findings.
- These and the following sections of the report could be presented as best practices of evaluation report elaboration.
- As idea for improving future reports we can mention including a summary table in the executive summary, collecting all conclusions, related findings, ranked by relevance, impact, etc.
- It would add additional value if the report were to provide a specific statement on the process by which the recommendations were developed beyond the techniques that were used by the evaluation team (for example, whether there were any participatory processes).
- The presence of gender and participation experts within the composition of the evaluation team constitute a best practice and it is remarkable in many parts of the report.
- In order to improve future reports, we can suggest include the description of the object given by the ToR as introduction or even at the beginning of the Executive Summary.