

UN Women GERAAS Executive Review Template

Overall Report Rating	Very Good	Good	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
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	Response				
Title of the Evaluation Report	MID-TERM EVALUATION OF THE CHINA GENDER FUND FOR RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY				
Report sequence number	0	Date of Review	29 January 2017	Year of the Evaluation Report	2016
Region	Asia and the Pacific		Country(ies)	China	
Executive Summary in Final Report	Good		TORs sent with Report	Yes	
OVERALL RATING			Overall Rating	Good	
Executive Feedback on Overall Rating	<p>This is overall a credible report that can be used with confidence. Some of the areas that need improvement are: the evaluation report could still present a general Theory of Change that portrays the way in which the CGF's inputs are to operate and create intended changes; and should provide information on the contextual factors (political, social, cultural, etc.) which affect the CGF's implementation. Furthermore, a discussion is needed on whether the methods used in the evaluation are appropriate for analyzing gender and human rights issues and the report should present a discussion around the ethical safeguards, mechanisms, and measures that were implemented during the evaluation process. The methodology could be strengthened by included more respondents in the survey. Also, lessons learned must be identified and shared as a contribution to general knowledge. Finally, the scope of analysis, indicators, methodology and data collection tools must explicitly present specific ways in which GEEW and a gender-responsive approach were integrated into the evaluation.</p>				
PARAMETER 1: OBJECT AND CONTEXT OF THE EVALUATION			PARAMETER 1	Satisfactory	
Executive Feedback on Parameter 2	<p>The report presents some information on the object of evaluation but important elements are missing. For instance, the context is not described and a logic model or Theory of Change is not presented as the evaluator points out that the that a fixed ToC is unlikely to serve CGF well since the range of the funded initiatives is too wide.</p>				
PARAMETER 2: PURPOSE, OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE			PARAMETER 2	Good	
Executive Feedback on Parameter 2	<p>The evaluation's purpose, object and scope are clear enough to guide the evaluation. The evaluation criteria and questions are explicitly presented, including gender and human rights concepts which are addressed throughout the evaluation questions and scope.</p>				
PARAMETER 3: METHODOLOGY			PARAMETER 3	Satisfactory	

Executive Feedback on Parameter 3	The methodology is clearly described and the rationale is discussed. However, quantitative data was only collected among 10 entities (by survey) and therefore numerical data needs to be used with caution. Additionally, there is no discussion around the extent to which the evaluation design included ethical safeguards as well as the mechanisms or measures implemented to ensure that the evaluation processes observed ethical standards. Also, the evaluation does not provide sufficient explicit information to establish whether or not the methods employed are appropriate for analyzing gender and human rights issues identified in the evaluation scope.
PARAMETER 4: FINDINGS	PARAMETER 4 Good
Executive Feedback on Parameter 4	The findings are relevant, clearly presented and based on evidence. Also, sound analysis of what the evidence reveals in the context of the evaluation is provided. Also, the findings are presented around the evaluation criteria and in response to the evaluation questions. Finally, gaps and limitations in the data, as well as unexpected findings, are discussed in the report.
PARAMETER 5: CONCLUSIONS AND LESSONS LEARNED	PARAMETER 5 Satisfactory
Executive Feedback on Parameter 5	The conclusions are clearly presented. They are based on findings and provide added value and insight to the evidence presented in the Findings section. The conclusions provide solutions of important problems faced by evaluation users in regards to CGF, and present both strengths and weaknesses. On the other hand, Lessons Learned are not included in the report.
PARAMETER 6: RECOMMENDATIONS	PARAMETER 6 Good
Executive Feedback on PARAMETER 6	The recommendations are relevant to the object and purpose of the evaluation. They are supported by evidence; identify the target group for each recommendation; and reflect an understanding of the commissioning organization and potential constraints. Also, the report refers to the process followed in developing the recommendations, including the level and type of consultation with stakeholders.
PARAMETER 7: GENDER AND HUMAN RIGHTS	PARAMETER 7 Approaching Requirements
Executive Feedback on PARAMETER 7	Gender and human rights perspectives are integrated and overall well addressed in the process of the evaluation and the report. However, the scope of the evaluation does not discuss these perspectives in depth and the methodology does not sufficiently describe the way methods and data analysis techniques selected were gender-responsive.
PARAMETER 8: THE REPORT STRUCTURE	PARAMETER 8 Good
Executive Feedback on PARAMETER 8	The report is well structured, logical, and easy to follow. The title page and opening pages contain all necessary elements and so do the annexes, which greatly increase the credibility of the report. The executive summary can stand alone and inform decision-making.