



Rating Scale	Very Good	Good	Fair	Unsatisfactory	Reviewer Guidance:
Rating explanation	The report can be used with high level of confidence and is considered a good example.	The report can be used with certain degree of confidence.	Partially meets requirements with some missing elements. The report can be used with caution.	Misses out the minimum quality standards.	- Overall reports are rated against a 4-point scale (Very Good, Good, Fair and Unsatisfactory), which is an aggregated rating of eight parameters. - Each overarching parameter is rated against a 4-point scale (Fully, Mostly, Partially and Not at all). - Parameters such as evaluation methodology, findings, conclusions and recommendations are given more weight. - Executive feedback - provide summary of the extent to which the report meets or fails to meet the criteria provided under each parameter. Please also include suggestion on how to improve future evaluation practice. The overall review, rating, and the executive feedback will be provided to the evaluation commissioning office.
Parameter Weight (%)	1: Object and context :5 2: Purpose and scope :5 3: Methodology :15 4: Findings :20	5: Conclusions and lessons learned :20 6: Recommendations :15 7: Gender Equality and Human Rights (UN-SWAP) :10 8: Presentation :10			Are weightings equal to 100%? OK

PART I: REPORT DETAILS

Report title	Final Evaluation of the Strategic Note of UN Women Mexico, 2014-2019				Geographical Coverage	National
Sequence number	19	Evaluators	Marisa Weinstein/Dianne		Year	2019
Region	Latin Americas and	Country(ies)	Mexico		Type of intervention evaluated	CPE
Portfolio Budget (USD)	29,277,915	Evaluation Budget (USD)	N/A		Reviewer	Claudia Marcondes
Strategic Plan Thematic Area (select all that apply)	Women's leadership Global norms, policies	Women's access to economic	Prevent	Gender	Review Date	18 January 2020

PART II: THE EIGHT KEY PARAMETERS

SECTION 1: OBJECT AND CONTEXT OF THE EVALUATION (weight 5%)	RATING	Good
Does the report present a clear and full description of the 'object' of the evaluation?	67%	Executive Feedback on Section 1
1.1 The report clearly specifies the object of the evaluation, and provides a clear and complete description of the intervention's logic or theory of change, intended beneficiaries by type and by geographic location(s) as well as resources from all sources including human resources, budgets and modalities.	Mostly	Good description of the intervention is presented, including its context and rationale, the overall portfolio, and resources. Suggest to add an overview of the key stakeholders/partners (and their role), the geographical distribution of the portfolio as well as information regarding the implementation stage of the portfolio, in addition to the explanations provided about the changes overtime.
1.2 The context includes factors that have a direct bearing on the object of the evaluation: social, political, economic, demographic and institutional. This also includes explanation of the contextual gender equality and human rights issues, roles, attitudes and relations.	Fully	
1.3 The key stakeholders involved in the implementation, including the implementing agency(ies) and partners, other stakeholders and their roles are described.	Partly	
1.4 The report identifies the implementation status of the object, including its phase of implementation and any significant changes (e.g. plans, strategies, logical frameworks) that have occurred over time and explains the implications of those changes for the evaluation.	Mostly	
SECTION 2: PURPOSE, OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE (weight 5%)	RATING	Very Good
Are the evaluation's purpose, objectives and scope sufficiently clear to guide the evaluation?	100%	Executive Feedback on Section 2
2.1 Purpose, objectives and use of evaluation: The evaluation report provides a clear explanation of the purpose and the objectives of the evaluation, including the intended use and users of the evaluation and how the information will be used.	Fully	The Purpose, objectives and use of evaluation are clearly outlined. Information about the scope is put forward, including thematic and geographic coverage.
2.2 Evaluation Scope: The evaluation report provides a clear description of the scope of the evaluation, including justification of what the evaluation covers and did not cover (thematically, geographically etc) as well as the reasons for this scope (eg. specifications by the ToR, lack of access to particular geographic areas for political or safety reasons at the time of the evaluation, lack of data/evidence on particular elements of the intervention).	Fully	
SECTION 3 : METHODOLOGY (weight 15%)	RATING	Very Good
Is the methodology used for the evaluation clearly described and appropriate, and the rationale for the methodological choice justified?	82%	Executive Feedback on Section 3
3.1 Methodology: The report specifies and provides a complete description of the relevant design and sets of methods including the chosen evaluation criteria, questions, and performance standards. The methods employed are appropriate for analysing gender and human rights issues identified in the evaluation scope.	Fully	The report contains a good overview of the methodology regarding data collection, tools, analysis and triangulation and identification of a few limitations. Some details are provided in the Annex. The methods seem appropriate for the triangulation, analysis and assessments of GE and HR specific results. The methodology uses mixed data collection methods and refers to the adoption of gender approach, with explanations. It also takes into consideration the UN Women Evaluation policy and the UNEG ethic standards. The sampling strategy is generally described but the number of people consulted seems appropriate for the scope of the evaluation and a KII breakdown by gender is provided. Suggest to add more information about the rationale for the selection of the site visits and details about the implications of the limitations found and impact they had in the evaluation findings.
3.2 Data collection, analysis and sampling: The report clearly describes the methods for the data sources, rationale for their selection, data collection and analysis methods. The report includes discussion of how the mix of data sources was used to obtain a diversity of perspectives, ensure data accuracy and overcome data limitations.	Mostly	
3.3 Stakeholders Consultation: The evaluation report gives a complete description of the stakeholder consultation process in the evaluation, including the rationale for selecting the particular level and activities for consultation.	Mostly	
3.4 Limitations: The report presents a clear and complete description of limitations and constraints faced by the evaluation, including gaps in the evidence that was generated and mitigation of bias.	Mostly	
3.5 Ethics: The evaluation report includes a discussion of the extent to which the evaluation design included ethical safeguards, mechanisms and measures that were implemented to ensure that the evaluation process conformed to relevant ethical standards including but not limited to, informed consent of participants, confidentiality and	Fully	
SECTION 4: FINDINGS (weight 20%)	Rating	Very Good
Are the findings clearly presented, relevant and based on evidence?	87%	Executive Feedback on Section 4
4.1 The evaluation report findings provide sufficient levels of high quality evidence to systematically address all of the evaluation questions and criteria.	Fully	The findings addresses all evaluation questions and criteria but the statements could better reflect the analysis presented by highlighting and synthesizing it more clearly (consistently). The findings flow from in-depth analysis, are grounded on multiple lines of evidence and supported by detailed information. However, the analysis could be better targeted, highlighting more the specific achievements of the portfolio of projects and contributions made (also regarding the normative and coordination), more clearly aligning them to progress made by the country. Generally there are many contributions described, but it is important to better demonstrate the evidence for the statements, not only citing what was done, but providing specific information about how it was done and its importance towards the achievements highlighted.
4.2 Findings are clearly supported by and respond to the evidence presented, reflecting systematic and appropriate analysis and interpretation of the data; they are free from subjective judgements.	Fully	
4.3 The causal factors (contextual, organizational, managerial, etc.) leading to achievement or non-achievement of results are clearly identified.	Mostly	
4.4 Findings are presented with clarity, logic and coherence (e.g. avoid ambiguities).	Mostly	
SECTION 5: CONCLUSIONS AND LESSONS LEARNED (weight 20%)	Rating	Good
Are the conclusions clearly presented based on findings and substantiated by evidence?	68%	Executive Feedback on Section 5
5.1 Conclusions are well substantiated by the evidence presented and are logically connected to evaluation findings.	Fully	Conclusions are well formulated and are directly connected to the findings, providing clear responses to the evaluation questions. There is a good balance between strengths and weaknesses and a graph summarizes well the findings, conclusions and recommendations. While the conclusions summarize the findings properly, they but do not provide additional insights and/or explanations to the findings. Suggest including those and ensuring references/citations are presented to show that conclusions are properly grounded on the evidence and represent a range of views. A set of lessons and good practices are well formulated.
5.2 The conclusions reflect reasonable evaluative judgments that add insight and analysis beyond the findings	Partly	
5.3 Conclusions present the strengths and weaknesses of the object (policy, programmes, projects or other intervention) being evaluated, based on the evidence presented and taking due account of the views of a diverse cross-section of stakeholders.	Mostly	
5.4 Lessons Learned: When presented, the lessons learned section stems logically from the findings, presents an analysis of how they can be applied to different contexts and/or different sectors, and takes into account evidential limitations such as generalizing from single point observations.	Fully	
SECTION 6: RECOMMENDATIONS (weight 15%)	Rating	Good
Are the recommendations relevant, useful, actionable and clearly presented in a priority order?	67%	Executive Feedback on Section 6
6.1 Recommendations are logically derived from the findings and/or conclusions.	Fully	A good set of recommendations are included, flow from findings and conclusion. Prioritization and/or classification are not included but they are generally directed to UN Women with references to certain agencies for implementation of specific recommendations. The recommendations provide good information about implementation. Suggest to also add a description of the process undertaken and/or consultations held for their formulation.
6.2 The report describes the process followed in developing the recommendations including consultation with stakeholders.	Not at all	
6.3 Recommendations are clear, realistic (e.g. reflect an understanding of the subject's potential constraints to follow-up) and actionable.	Fully	

6.4 Clear prioritization and/or classification of recommendations to support use.	Partly	
SECTION 7: GENDER AND HUMAN RIGHTS (weight 15%)	Score	Meets Requirements
Does the evaluation meet UN SWAP evaluation performance indicators? Note: this section will be rated according to UN SWAP standards.	89%	Executive Feedback on Section 7
7.1 GEWE is integrated in the evaluation scope of analysis and evaluation criteria and questions are designed in a way that ensures GEWE related data will be collected.	Fully integrated (3)	The evaluation integrated gender fully in its scope as it was designed to assess the UN-Women country programme. As such, it included gender in its criteria, objectives and evaluation questions related to gender/HR were also included. The report does not refer to the lack of indicators to measure gender progress. The methods were fully gender-responsive. The methodology seems appropriate for the triangulation, analysis and assessments of GE and HR specific results. The sampling strategy is only generally described but the number of people consulted seems appropriate for the scope of the evaluation and a KII breakdown by gender is provided. A mixed of data collection methods are used. The report refers to the adoption of gender approach and explanations about it are included. The evaluation also takes into consideration the UN Women Evaluation policy and the UNEG ethic standards. Gender analysis was satisfactorily reflected in the report. The gender problematic is well analyzed in the background section. The findings addresses all evaluation questions and criteria geared to gender-related assessments, but the statements could better reflect the analysis presented by highlighting and synthesizing it more clearly (consistently). Also, the
7.2 A gender-responsive methodology, methods and tools, and data analysis techniques are selected.	Fully integrated (3)	
7.3 The evaluation findings, conclusions and recommendation reflect a gender analysis.	Satisfactorily integrated (2)	
SECTION 8: THE REPORT PRESENTATION (weight 10%)	Rating	Very Good
Is the report well structured, written in accessible language and well presented?	83%	Executive Feedback on Section 8
8.1 Report is logically structured, well written and presented with clarity and coherence (e.g. the structure and presentation is easy to identify and navigate (numbered sections, clear titles and subtitles, context, purpose and methodology would normally precede findings, which would normally be followed by conclusions, lessons learned and recommendations) and is written in accessible language with minimal grammatical, spelling or punctuation errors.	Mostly	The report is well written and presented. The structure is appropriate but an executive summary is not listed in the Table of contents. The report is too long (82 pages). Most key annexes are included (the ToRs, the evaluation matrix and questionnaires). Suggest to also add a list of interviewees to the Annex. Needed basic information is included in the first pages of the report. The ex. summary is concise and complete but needs better formatting at the end.
8.2 The title page and opening pages provide key basic information on the name of evaluand, timeframe of the evaluation, date of report, location of evaluated object, names and/or organization(s) of the evaluator(s), name of organization commissioning the evaluation, table of contents including, as relevant: tables, graphs, figures, annexes; list of acronyms/abbreviations, page numbers.	Fully	
8.3 The Executive Summary is a stand-alone section that includes an overview of the intervention, evaluation purpose, objectives and intended audience, evaluation methodology, key findings, conclusions and recommendations. The Executive summary should be reasonably concise.	Fully	
8.4 Annexes should include, when not present in the body of the report: ToR, evaluation matrix, list of interviewees, list of site visits, data collection instruments (such as survey or interview questionnaires), list of documentary evidence. Other appropriate annexes could include: additional details on methodology, copy of the results chain, information about the evaluator(s).	Mostly	
Additional Information		
Identify aspects of <i>good practice</i> of the evaluation	Findings, conclusions and recommendations are well depicted in a high-level graph (pp. 75).	

PART III: THE OVERALL RATING			
Key Guiding Question	Total weighted score %	Overall Rating	Other reviewer's comments
Is this a credible report that addresses the evaluation purpose and objectives based on evidence, and that can therefore be used with confidence?	78.80	Good	This is a good evaluation report. The findings addresses all evaluation questions and flow from in-depth analysis. The findings could be better synthesized with a more targeted analysis. There is a good set of conclusions summarizing the findings but they could have provided additional insights and/or explanations to them. A graph summarizes well the findings, conclusions and recommendations and a good set of recommendations and lessons are included.