

UN Women GERAAS Executive Review Template

Color Coding		Dark green	Green	Amber	Red
	Overall Report Rating	Very Good	Good	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory

	Response				
Title of the Evaluation Report	THE CONTRIBUTION OF UN WOMEN TO PREVENT VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND EXPAND ACCESS TO SERVICES				
Report sequence number	0	Date of Review		Year of the Evaluation Report	2013
Region	Corporate (HQ)			Country(ies)	Global
Executive Summary in Final Report	Yes			TORs sent with Report	No
OVERALL RATING				Overall Rating	Very Good
Executive Feedback on Overall Rating	This report is the result of a big investment by UN Women, and the quality shows through. All the essential elements are well accounted for, and in most places the report goes well beyond these requirements. These main issue of concern, as a reader, is the constant need to flip back and forwards between the main report (volume 1) and the annexes (volume 2). Considering the work put into clarifying issues such as the theory of change and evaluation framework, it would have been good to have seen more of these elements in the main document.				
PARAMETER 1: OBJECT AND CONTEXT OF THE EVALUATION				PARAMETER 1	Good
Executive Feedback on Parameter 2	The evaluation process included extensive work on reconstructing the theories of change used by UN Women in this strategic area. This is excellent, however, in a effort to keep the main report brief almost all of this information has been included in a second volume of annexes. Stakeholders are identified in relation to the design of the data collection process, but there is no specific gender-analysis of roles. Nevertheless, the use of reference groups and WHO protocols suggests that the participation of relevant groups was analysed in more detail than is stated in the report. One case study (India) involved focus groups with vulnerable groups of women followed WHO protocols and reflected on these issues.				
PARAMETER 2: PURPOSE, OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE				PARAMETER 2	Very Good
Executive Feedback on Parameter 2	Again, most of the relevant information is contained in the second volume of the report - the annexes. However, these contain a detailed discussion of evaluation criteria, a full evaluation framework, and is grounded in human rights principles.				
PARAMETER 3: METHODOLOGY				PARAMETER 3	Good
Executive Feedback on Parameter 3	The method is explained in detail and draws on international best practice. There could be more discussion on the implications of the limitations of the design. The chosen design is based primarily on the specifications of the Terms of Reference. Constraints and mitigating approaches are discussed in the annexes, and these highlight the main issues well - but they do not fully answer the question for decision makers of 'how much can I trust the subsequent evaluation results'. The evaluation had the total of 7 case studies - the methodology annex explains the selection process that was purpose based and also followed the criteria. Sampling for the UN Women survey is also explained in the methodology annex.				
PARAMETER 4: FINDINGS				PARAMETER 4	Very Good
Executive Feedback on Parameter 4	The findings section is well organised, and clearly presents interpretative statements with the evidence used to derive them. The findings explore all the areas identified in the evaluation framework, although it would have perhaps been useful to include 'prompts' regarding the criteria being discussed (relevance, effectiveness, etc.).				
PARAMETER 5: CONCLUSIONS AND LESSONS LEARNED				PARAMETER 5	Good

Executive Feedback on Parameter 5	For such an extensive and detailed evaluation, the conclusions are remarkably short. Whilst they do cover all the requirements, they come across as slightly incomplete in terms of taking the analysis and the interpretation of implications further. The findings are summarised to a greater degree than the major choices facing UN Women are spelt out in detail and explained. For example, if the level of resourcing does not increase, then what are the implications of the findings of the evaluation on whether UN Women should prioritise normative work, organisation development, or country-level strategic reviews? The strategic level of the evaluation means that conclusions may, in fact, be useful for the key stakeholders despite the above comments.		
PARAMETER 6:RECOMMENDATIONS		PARAMETER 6	Very Good
Executive Feedback on PARAMETER 6	The recommendations are well organised, especially considering the broad scope of the evaluation. There is a useful break-down into theme > overall recommendation > explanation > geographically disaggregated actions. This enables prioritisation and clear links to the target group. Whilst each action is fairly broad in its own right, the inclusion of a validation process supports the quality assurance for the feasibility of each recommendation		
PARAMETER 7: GENDER AND HUMAN RIGHTS		PARAMETER 7	Very Good
Executive Feedback on PARAMETER 7	The nature of the evaluand means that many aspects of gender and human rights are automatically considered. However, the report goes beyond this and makes relevant references to international standards and human rights best practices in the conduct of an evaluation. The report does not, however, include evidence from the portfolio analysis about UN Women's work with different gender groups on addressing violence against women (or indeed information about the gender of evaluation participants).		
PARAMETER 8: THE REPORT STRUCTURE		PARAMETER 8	Very Good
Executive Feedback on PARAMETER 8	The report is excellently structured and readable. The Executive Summary stands alone. The Annexes add tremendous value to the quality of the report.		