

UN Women GERAAS Executive Review Template

		Response	
Title of the Evaluation Report	Joint Evaluation of Joint Programmes on Gender Equality in the United Nations System		
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	Yes
OVERALL RATING		Overall Rating	Very Good
Executive Feedback on Overall Rating	This report sets a very high standard in terms of the rigour in which it deals with each aspect of the evaluation of a highly complex evaluand. Every aspect - with the exception of a statement on ethics - is dealt with in detail to create a highly coherent approach to a complex evaluand. The report - including the annexes - develops a strong logical reasoning that is grounded in best practice for equity evaluation. Furthermore, the limitations of the design - including the absence of participatory engagement of marginalised groups at the inception and validation stages (because of resources) - are acknowledged and the implications clearly articulated.		
PARAMETER 1: OBJECT AND CONTEXT OF THE EVALUATION		PARAMETER 1	Very Good
Executive Feedback on Parameter 2	The report undertakes a detailed reconstruction of the theories of change, drivers of change, and context surrounding joint programmes. It demonstrates exceptional attention to detail in unpacking each aspect of joint programming using different analytical frameworks. As per the purpose and objectives of the report, it focuses on the institutional stakeholders of joint programmes. Although the report does mention its intention of ultimately benefitting women, it would have been interesting to see some statistics on the groups that joint programmes are addressing, and the extent of the issues mentioned on a global basis. The inclusion of a glossary of definitions is excellent.		
PARAMETER 2: PURPOSE, OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE		PARAMETER 2	Very Good
Executive Feedback on Parameter 2	All the information required for the purpose, objectives and scope are very clearly presented, and elaborated to extensive detail in the annexes with explanations of what was included and excluded. The evaluation criteria and questions are refined and prioritised, with a detailed explanation in the annexes. To some extent, the gender and human rights aspects are included as a consequence of the evaluand, as the evaluation focuses primarily of organisational and strategic considerations internal to the UN.		
PARAMETER 3: METHODOLOGY		PARAMETER 3	Good
Executive Feedback on Parameter 3	The methods and design section is meticulous, with additional explanations in the annexes and footnotes. The heavy use of referencing and clear explanation of limitations, considerations, and sampling criteria provide the report with a large degree of confidence from a reader's perspective. Although the report does indirectly mention ethics standards, and only had limited interaction with vulnerable women, the absence of a specific description of ethical safeguards and considerations is in contrast to the level of detail provided on other issues.		
PARAMETER 4: FINDINGS		PARAMETER 4	Very Good
Executive Feedback on Parameter 4	Findings are systematic and clearly address the evaluation framework. There is a good use of summaries to aid the usability of the report. Every question includes triangulation, with explanations where data is not available or is unreliable.		
PARAMETER 5: CONCLUSIONS AND LESSONS LEARNED		PARAMETER 5	Very Good
Executive Feedback on Parameter 5	The conclusions add substantial additional insights from the perspectives of decision makers, interpreting the findings systematically under the criteria (and other sub-headings) in terms of their implications for the UN moving forwards. Lessons learned are generalised to be usable in contexts outside of the evaluand, in line with UN Women standards.		
PARAMETER 6: RECOMMENDATIONS		PARAMETER 6	Very Good
Executive Feedback on PARAMETER 6	The recommendations are clearly stated and each is linked to a stakeholding group. Each recommendation is clearly grounded in the findings and conclusions, with ideas on how to action them included as explanatory text. Whilst the recommendations meet, or exceed, UN Women standards, the targeting of each - partly by the nature of the evaluand - remains very broad (e.g. 'donors') and the validation process in terms of which stakeholders where involved is not clarified to the same extent as the inception process was.		
PARAMETER 7: GENDER AND HUMAN RIGHTS		PARAMETER 7	Very Good
Executive Feedback on PARAMETER 7	The report systematically considers human rights and gender aspects of joint programmes and joint programming, from both normative and applied perspectives. The synthesis document focuses mainly on global issues, and therefore there is limited opportunity to present gender disaggregated data, but such analysis is included as part of the process.		
PARAMETER 8: THE REPORT STRUCTURE		PARAMETER 8	Good
Executive Feedback on PARAMETER 8	Most aspects of the report are outstanding, with an executive summary that can stand alone and detailed annexes that add substantial value to the main report. The writing style, and use of tables, boxes, and summaries makes a complex evaluand clear.		