

UN Women GERAAS Executive Review Template

Overall Report Rating	Very Good	Good	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
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	Response				
Title of the Evaluation Report	Sudan Country Portfolio Evaluation Strategic Note 2014 - 2016				
Report sequence number	0	Date of Review	February 24th, 2017	Year of the Evaluation Report	2017
Region	Eastern and Southern Africa		Country(ies)	Sudan	
Executive Summary in Final Report	Fully		TORs sent with Report	No	
OVERALL RATING			Overall Rating	Very Good	
Executive Feedback on Overall Rating	This is a very strong evaluation report that can be used with confidence. It is based on a good quality theory-based and participatory methodology, and presents useful findings, forward-looking conclusions, and actionable recommendations. It would be useful to include the TORs in the annexes, the report data on the front cover, and indicators within the Evaluation Matrix.				
PARAMETER 1: OBJECT AND CONTEXT OF THE EVALUATION			PARAMETER 1	Very Good	
Executive Feedback on Parameter 2	The report provides an excellent description of the country programme, including its evolution, financial status, geographic reach, results targets, programming areas, and key initiatives and joint partnerships. The DRF and OEEF results frameworks are included in the report, and the evaluators used this information as well as information obtained through a document review to reconstruct the programme's Theory of Change model. A stakeholder analysis outlining key stakeholders and their contributions is presented in Annex X. The context in which the programme operates is also very well outlined and includes information on the country as a whole, the national political frameworks, the current status of women's rights, as well as UN Women's national positioning.				
PARAMETER 2: PURPOSE, OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE			PARAMETER 2	Very Good	
Executive Feedback on Parameter 2	The evaluation purpose, objectives, and scope are well outlined. The report is particularly strong at explaining how the information generated by this evaluation will inform the subsequent Country Programme. The report presents the evaluation criteria used and explains why the standard criterion of "impact" was not included. The evaluation scope and questions adequately address gender and human rights.				
PARAMETER 3: METHODOLOGY			PARAMETER 3	Very Good	
Executive Feedback on Parameter 3	The evaluation is based on a primarily qualitative and participatory methodology that used a theory-based cluster design. The methodological choices are well explained and justified, including the sampling frame and the incorporation of gender and human rights considerations. Lists of persons interviewed, documents reviewed, and copies of the evaluation tools are found in the annexes. The report provides an adequate description of the ethical obligations of the evaluators and how ethical safeguards were used to protect evaluation participants.				
PARAMETER 4: FINDINGS			PARAMETER 4	Very Good	
Executive Feedback on Parameter 4	The findings present a high quality assessment of the objective data that was collected through the participatory evaluation methodology. They answer all of the evaluation questions and criteria, and include the voices of diverse stakeholders. Evaluation limitations and mitigation strategies are discussed, and the report identifies and discusses unexpected results. The findings are also strong at discussing the factors leading to the accomplishment and non-accomplishment of results.				
PARAMETER 5: CONCLUSIONS AND LESSONS LEARNED			PARAMETER 5	Very Good	
Executive Feedback on Parameter 5	The conclusions add analytical value that go beyond a summary of the findings. They present both the programme's strengths and areas for improvement, and provide some insight into how problem areas could be addressed in the future. Lessons learned are very insightful and are properly presented to indicate their wider significance to similar initiatives in other contexts.				

PARAMETER 6:RECOMMENDATIONS		PARAMETER 6	Good
Executive Feedback on PARAMETER 6	The recommendations are logically derived from the evaluation findings and conclusions, and are relevant to the evaluation purpose. They will likely be very useful to decision makers, as they clearly identify the target group for action, are prioritized, and include an excellent description of how they can be implemented. Although the report explains that stakeholders were involved in validating the draft report, it would be useful to specifically indicate whether or not stakeholders were involved in the development of the recommendations.		
PARAMETER 7: GENDER AND HUMAN RIGHTS		PARAMETER 7	Exceeds Requirements
Executive Feedback on PARAMETER 7	GEEW is included in the scope of analysis, and mainstreamed throughout the evaluation criteria; but the evaluation matrix does not include indicators. All evaluation criteria include questions specifically relating to GEEW, in addition to the overall object of the evaluation being focused on gender. The evaluation is based on participatory qualitative methods, including contribution analysis. Data methods included observation and participatory analysis by stakeholders through an extended reference group process. The findings, conclusions and recommendations go beyond institutional considerations and include a wider gender analysis of UN-Women's response.		
PARAMETER 8: THE REPORT STRUCTURE		PARAMETER 8	Good
Executive Feedback on PARAMETER 8	The report is logically structured following a traditional evaluation format. The opening pages contain all of the required information with the exception of the date of the report. An Executive Summary is presented that includes a succinct summary of the most important sections of the evaluation report. The report includes several annexes, which add significant credibility to the report. However, the evaluation ToRs are not included.		