



## UN Women GERAAS Executive Review Template

<b>Title of the Evaluation Report</b>	<i>Mid-Term Review of the UN Women's Project Women for Equality, Peace and Development (WEPD) II</i>		
<b>Region</b>	Europe and Central Asia	<b>Country(ies)</b>	Georgia
<b>Overall Rating</b>			<b>Satisfactory</b>
<p><b>Overall Feedback:</b> Overall, the report rated as: <b>Satisfactory</b>. The reviewers made the following specific comments: <i>“Despite missing some key elements (no conclusions, no scope, weak executive summary), this mid term evaluation report does contain some strong analysis and useful recommendations. The consideration of gender and human rights issues is systematic throughout the findings, the stakeholder mapping and methods are appropriate, and the recommendations identify some practical improvements to the project. Some of the key shortfalls can be traced back to the report structure specified in the TOR. Nevertheless, given the context of the report (as a mid-term evaluation) and the participatory consultation that it included, it is likely to still be useful despite struggling to meet all the UNEG standards.”</i></p> <p>The reviewers also noted some positive evaluation practices in the report. These included <i>“The discussion of relevance based on women's needs and situation in addition institutional frameworks.”</i></p>			
<b>Terms of Reference included?</b>	Yes	<b>Executive Summary</b>	Unsatisfactory
<b>PARAMETER 1: OBJECT AND CONTEXT OF THE EVALUATION</b>			<b>Satisfactory</b>
<p><i>The review of stakeholders is a useful aspect of this report, and a number of contextual factors can also be understood from the stakeholder descriptions. Nevertheless, more detail would have been useful and appropriate in relation to the project results framework, the contexts in the different areas and social groups covered by the project, and the underlying theories of change used by the project.</i></p>			
<b>PARAMETER 2: PURPOSE, OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE</b>			<b>Satisfactory</b>
<p><i>The purpose and the objectives of the review are clear, and these address UN Women's commitment to gender equality and human rights. The criteria are also listed in the main report, and discussed in greater depth in the annexes (some of which could have been included in the main report). However, the report does not discuss the scope of the review - what is included and excluded from consideration. This might be considered especially important given the wider geopolitical events which are affecting Georgia, and are likely to influence the success of the project.</i></p>			
<b>PARAMETER 3: METHODOLOGY</b>			<b>Good</b>
<p><i>The methods section in the main report is extremely brief. However, there is an extended discussion of the methods in the annexes and this is a very strong contribution to the report. Indeed, more of this information could feature in the main report. Whilst the design of the evaluation is a basic one, it appropriately considered issues of utilization, gender responsiveness and ethics. The limitations section also identifies the relevant methodological issues and the information on samples is most useful.</i></p>			
<b>PARAMETER 4: FINDINGS</b>			<b>Good</b>
<p><i>The findings section is methodical and careful to discuss all the issues identified in the evaluation framework (in the annex on methods). The report moves between institutional issues and gender and human rights issues appropriately. Whilst most of the discussion relates to activities, as might be expected of a mid terms evaluation, the report does not fail to maintain a view on the broader strategic issues. This leads to some useful recommendations later in the report, some as including a gender column in the results database.</i></p>			

<b>PARAMETER 5: CONCLUSIONS AND LESSONS LEARNED</b>	<b>Unsatisfactory</b>
<i>The report does not include a specific set of conclusions, and whilst it refers to the inclusions of conclusions in the recommendations section, these are not apparent. In accordance with the UNEG standards referred to by the report, a specific section on Conclusions should be included. The discussion on lessons learned is, however, an interesting and useful one.</i>	
<b>PARAMETER 6: RECOMMENDATIONS</b>	<b>Good</b>
<i>The recommendations are clearly derived from the findings. Given the absence of conclusions, the recommendations are pitched at a practical level - to 'tweak' the project, rather than at a strategic level. However, given the nature of the mid term evaluation, these are likely to be useful. Some recommendations stand out as likely to be useful for other projects too – particularly around M&amp;E and developing links between stakeholders.</i>	
<b>PARAMETER 7: GENDER AND HUMAN RIGHTS</b>	<b>Approaching Requirements</b>
<i>The report actually discusses gender equality and human rights issues systematically throughout all sections of the report: these are included in the objectives, findings on relevance, and recommendations. However, given some of the technical shortfalls in the report (particularly around the context, scope, and conclusions), the opportunities to fully integrate GEEW according to SWAP standards are not available.</i>	
<b>PARAMETER 8: THE REPORT STRUCTURE</b>	<b>Satisfactory</b>
<i>The report is structured overall in broad alignment with UNEG standards. It includes a great deal of useful information and the annexes are appropriate. The addition of the conclusions section and including more methods information in the main report would strengthen this further. An executive summary is included, which is usefully written. However, it does not include essential information that would enable it to stand alone as is a requirement under the UNEG standards. This could be immediately addressed by including more information on the methods, limitations and recommendations.</i>	

In order to help strengthen future evaluation reports, the reviewers offered the following constructive suggestions:

- In addition to including a simplified version of the project results framework or a diagrammatic representation of the project's theory of change, future reports could highlight key contextual factors regarding the issues of concern to the project. For example, whilst the findings section discuss relevance in relation to the rights and needs of target groups, some of this information about those rights and needs could better be presented in the initial opening sections of the report.
- The UNEG standards require that evaluation reports should discuss the scope of the evaluation. In addition to identifying geographical, thematic, time, and institutional boundaries, the discussion of scope can also establish the contributing factors that the evaluation will consider (or not). For example, leadership, cultural, or psychosocial explanations. It can also delineate whether the evaluation will consider long-term impacts, or only short term delivery of activities (as this mid term evaluation does).
- Considering the relatively concise length of the even the extended methods discussion, future versions of this report might want to consider moving the annex 'up' to replace the extremely brief reference in the main report. It is interesting for the reader to understand both the overall approach of the evaluation and the sample of respondents in more detail.
- Given the limited timeframe covered by a mid term evaluation, it would have been interesting had the evaluator cross-referenced some of the discussions in order to take the analysis deeper. For example, the discussion on relevance currently covers the relevance of project activities according to norms, standards, and situation assessments. It would have been interesting to consider relevance based also on the performance identified under the

effectiveness discussion (i.e. given current performance are these the most relevant activities). Normally a conclusion section might give these insights, but in this case it is missing.

- Future reports will benefit from including a specific section dedicated to conclusions.
- The clustering of recommendations according to outcome areas is a useful feature of this report. Given the large number of recommendations, an additional level of prioritisation could be added, with the highest priority recommendation listed for each area.
- Gender responsiveness should guide each stage of the design and implementation of the evaluation, and thus be reflected in each section of the report. In this case, for example, fully mainstreaming GEEW would have required that each evaluation question have indicators established that would ensure gender analysis as part of the findings and conclusions. It is thus recommended that all reports include all elements identified by UNEG evaluation report standards in order to be able to demonstrate full compliance with UN SWAP (which assumes that evaluations are completed to UNEG standards).
- UNEG guidance indicates that executive summaries should be able to stand alone as a document. The following points are identified as required contents and should be shared with future evaluators:
  - A. Overview of the evaluation object
  - B. Evaluation objectives and intended audience
  - C. Evaluation methodology
  - D. Most important findings and conclusions
  - E. Main recommendations