

UN Women Global Evaluation Report Assessment and Analysis System (GERAAS)



Executive Feedback Template

Overall Report Rating	Very Good	Good	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	
Title of the Evaluation Report	Final Evaluation of UN Women Programme 'Empowerment of Widows and their Coalitions'				
Report sequence number	11	Date of Review	2016	Year of the Evaluation Report	2015
Region	Asia and the Pacific		Country(ies)	India, Nepal, Sri Lanka	
Executive Summary in Final Report	Very Good		TORs sent with Report	No	
OVERALL RATING			Overall Rating	Good	
Executive Feedback on Overall Rating	It is felt that the report is credible. It responds to the evaluation purpose and objective, and employs a good mix and scope of data collection tools so that the findings are grounded in evidence. However, the omission of evaluation questions, ToRs and ToC means that it is difficult to review thoroughly and is a significant shortcoming to the report.				
PARAMETER 1: OBJECT AND CONTEXT OF THE EVALUATION			PARAMETER 1	Good	
Executive Feedback on Parameter 2	The report includes an outline of the programme. The description of the context is relevant and thorough and the list of implementing partners and their coverage is useful. The goal, objectives and 'strategies' are specified. However it is missing a logframe/ results chain. In the future the context could be included within the background section rather than the findings and more information could have been included regarding other stakeholders beyond the implementing partners. The only reference to the outcomes and outputs is within the findings section where the progress against them is discussed. There is discussion of the context within the findings sections of the report, specifically the relevance of the programme which includes an overview of the social, economic and institutional issues for widows as well as the political context. However it would have been conventional and helpful to have had a lot of this within the background section.				
PARAMETER 2: PURPOSE, OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE			PARAMETER 2	Satisfactory	
Executive Feedback on Parameter 2	The evaluation purpose and objectives are set out and evaluation criteria are well defined. More information could have been provided about who needed the information, what information was needed and how it would be used. The objectives are set out but it does not go further to highlight evaluation questions. Gender-responsive approach was not specifically mentioned within the evaluation methodology, although some of the data collection tools reflect consideration of gender equality to a certain degree. It is an integral part of the object of the evaluation.				
PARAMETER 3: METHODOLOGY			PARAMETER 3	Satisfactory	
Executive Feedback on Parameter 3	The methodology can only be assessed upon the basis of the methodology section of the report and data collection tools included in the annexe. There is no inclusions of evaluation questions, or ToRs. The methods selected show a good use of mixed methods, qualitative and quantitative and replicating the original baseline data questions. Implementing partners are listed well, but there is little discussion about other stakeholders. Although mixed methods were used from different stakeholders, there's little attention given in the report to data validity and overcoming data limitations. Mixed methods, qualitative as well as quantitative were used. However, there is no discussion of gender implications. The reviewer found no mentioned of ethical standards.				
PARAMETER 4: FINDINGS			PARAMETER 4	Good	

Executive Feedback on Parameter 4	The evaluation is based upon sound analysis of the varied data collection tools. The comparative benchmark data is a strong contribution to this section, There is useful discussion of the data that emerged, and reasons for accomplishments and challenges. Findings relate to the evaluation criteria well, but as no questions are set out it is not possible to assess if they answer them.
PARAMETER 5: CONCLUSIONS AND LESSONS LEARNED	
Executive Feedback on Parameter 5	The conclusions not only provide a good summary of findings but also go further to add other insights, and reflections about what has or hasn't worked well. However, as above, it was not possible to assess whether they answer the evaluation questions as they were not included in the report.
PARAMETER 6:RECOMMENDATIONS	
Executive Feedback on PARAMETER 6	Recommendations are grounded in the findings and conclusions of the report. They specify the target group they are addressed to and they are relevant to the object and purposes. As an end of programme impact study it is challenging to create actionable recommendations for stakeholders. However, more could have been done to include target groups/ parts of UN Women. Some of the recommendations are broad (e.g. review operational procedures and financial reporting systems) and it is not clear whether the end users of the evaluation would be in a position to influence such changes. There is no prioritisation of the recommendations. There is no discussion around process of developing the recommendations.
PARAMETER 7: GENDER AND HUMAN RIGHTS	
Executive Feedback on PARAMETER 7	The sound integration of GEEW issues is evident within data collection tools and the findings, conclusion and recommendations. The findings are generally well grounded, evidence based and show a good understanding of gender in the contexts. Findings rely on quantitative data from a survey, and some interviews using appreciative inquiry. There is no explicit discussion of inclusion or a focus on GEEW, beyond the focus of the object of the evaluation being widows' empowerment. There are no project/evaluation indicators set out within the document. No ToRs are included to assess the information and guidance that was provided to evaluators. However, this has not been marked as 'not at all integrated' because the discussion in the rest of the document is very much around gender equality specifically women's empowerment. Evaluation criteria and questions are not set out within the methodology, and the absence of ToRs makes this difficult to assess. However, the methods and tools are included and show good systematic questions around the five DAC criteria and triangulation across different stakeholders. Appreciative inquiry is used for beneficiaries, and the reviewer questions whether there is scope for any negative feedback too? Good discussion and use of data that provides a picture of widow's changing position and progress made, could have provided more insights by unpacking the issues more.
PARAMETER 8: THE REPORT STRUCTURE	
Executive Feedback on PARAMETER 8	The report is well structured, logical and well set out. The executive summary stands out given its accurate way of providing an overview of the report. The report failed though in providing with many required elements as it includes no annexes.