

Independent Evaluation and Audit Services (IEAS)

Independent Evaluation Service (IES)

EVALUATION COVERAGE NORMS

These evaluation coverage norms provide high-level guidance for ensuring appropriate evaluation coverage across UN Women. UN Women conducts corporate evaluations, IES-led regional and country portfolio evaluations and decentralized evaluations, commissioned by various business units and HQ, Regional and Country levels.

Under this model, there is a need to balance requirements for systematic and adequate evaluation coverage corporately across the whole of UN Women's work, with a strategic selection of evaluations at the decentralized level. The norms indicated in the following Table set minimum corporate expectations within which IES and commissioning units have the flexibility to prioritize topics, interventions and timing in line with their programmes of work and stakeholders' needs.

EVALUATION	FREQUENCY	EVALUATION TEAM leader/co-manager	QUALITY ASSURANCE	ACCOUNTABILITY for MR and use of evaluation results
Corporate evaluations (IES led)	Themes under each Strategic Plan Outcome Areas to be evaluated during the Strategic Plan period, in accordance with the global evaluation plan. Corporate evaluations will also focus on organizational effectiveness and efficiency areas and programmatic approaches.	Evaluation Specialist of the Independent Evaluation Service	Chief and Director of the Independent Evaluation Service, external experts (Evaluation Advisory Panel)	Executive Director, Deputy Executive Directors, Division directors
Country Portfolio Evaluation (CPE) (IES led)	At least once every two Strategic Note cycles, sequenced to feed into subsequent Strategic Note document and United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF). At least once Strategic Note cycle if monitoring and audit information points to a significant shift in the programming context or a significant increase in the level of risk.	Regional Evaluation Specialist (in some cases Evaluation Specialist)	Chief and Director of the Independent Evaluation Service, external experts (Evaluation Advisory Panel)	Country Representative, Regional Director
Regional evaluations (IES led)	Coverage and frequency determined in the context of the development of the Regional Strategic Note	Regional Evaluation Specialist	Chief and Director of the Independent Evaluation Service, Independent Evaluation Service, external experts (Evaluation Advisory Panel)	Country Representative, Regional director, Division directors if relevant)
Country office-level thematic evaluations and country portfolio evaluations co-managed by country office and Regional Evaluation Specialist	Between two to four country thematic evaluation, Strategic Note component evaluation or project evaluation over Strategic Note cycle.	Country office M&E specialist/ staff member responsible for evaluation/Regional evaluation specialist (co-managed CPEs)	Regional Evaluation Specialist	Country Representative Regional director, Division director (if relevant)

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Evaluability assessments, evaluation syntheses, meta- evaluations	Coverage and frequency determined by commissioning office	Independent Evaluation Service, Regional Evaluation Specialist, country office M&E specialist	Independent Evaluation Service, Regional Evaluation Specialist, country office M&E specialist	Division director, Regional director, Country Representative
Joint United Nations and system-wide evaluations, including UNSDCFs and joint programmes and Strategic Plan common chapter	Coverage and frequency determined by interagency mechanism	Determined by inter-agency mechanism	Determined by inter- agency mechanism and approved by Chief/Director	Heads of United Nations entities, Governments, partners
Country-led evaluation	Coverage and frequency determined by partner Governments	Determined by Governments and partners	Determined by Governments and partners	Determined by Governments and partners