



**Terms of Reference for Evaluation Reference Group:
Final Evaluation of the Project ‘Advancing implementation of UNSCRs on Women Peace
and Security through strengthening accountability frameworks, innovative financing and
Gender Responsive Budgeting’
Implemented by UN Women and OHCHR**

Background

Although Liberia has succeeded in ensuring a peaceful transition, from conflict to a non-conflict phase, it faces continued peacebuilding challenges due to unresolved grievances that are linked to the country’s 14-year civil wars¹. Recent assessments show that land disputes, human rights abuse and violation, limited space for women’s participation in leadership and political positions, corruption, boundary disputes and concession related tensions continue to be the main proximate triggers of violence.

The lives of many women are particularly insecure due to inequalities and their exclusion in equal and informed participation in the maintenance, promotion and sustenance of peace and security in Liberia. This derives from structural factors that are deeply rooted in political, economic, social, and cultural dimensions. Some of the remaining peacebuilding challenges and grievances that pose potential risks to women and/or youth include the following: **1) land tenure and property rights; 2) poverty and limited economic opportunities for women and high youth unemployment.**

To address the existing challenges, UN Women and OHCHR with funding from the Peacebuilding Fund (PBF) have implemented the joint project “Advancing implementation of UNSCRs on Women Peace and Security (WPS) through strengthening accountability frameworks, innovative financing and Gender Responsive Budgeting (GRB)”. The project started in January 2020 and ended in November 2021. It was implemented at the national level and in two counties namely: Nimba and Grand Bassa and with the support from implementing partners such as Foundation for Community Initiatives (FCI), Search for Common Ground (SFCG), Women’s Non-Governmental Secretariat of Liberia (WONGOSOL) with the capacity to mobilize the most marginalized including rural women, women with disabilities and young women. The budget for the entire project implementation is USD 1,500,000.

This project addressed some of the causes of conflict and peacebuilding gaps including property and limited economic opportunities for women and high youth unemployment, land tenure and property rights and exclusion of women, rural women, women with disabilities and young women from peacebuilding processes by mobilizing resources through GRB and innovative financing for the implementation of the Second NAP WPS. Secondly, it aimed at creating an enabling environment that enhances the allocation of resources through the establishment of monitoring systems. It further strengthened the capacity of women’s organizations and vulnerable groups to hold the government accountable.

¹ Common Country assessment, 2018 p 26-27;

This Joint Project is in its final stages of implementation, and accordingly, UN Women Liberia, the lead implementing Agency, seeks to establish an Evaluation Reference Group.

The Evaluation

Primary intended uses of this evaluation are:

This evaluation was seen as mandatory and as an important element of project management thus it had to be undertaken as agreed upon with the donors. The final evaluation report will be submitted to the donor together with the project final report.

As a formative evaluation, the purpose of this exercise is to examine project progress and results. This evaluation aims at generating substantial evidence for informed future policy choices and best practices. This will include identification of challenges, lessons learnt, good practices, conclusions and recommendations. It will further improve future joint programming and foster organizational learning and accountability.

The evaluation findings will be used by relevant stakeholders to:

- Enhance the collective capability of the Government at both national and local levels and to facilitate the implementation and monitoring of the NAP on Women Peace and Security
- Enhance leadership skills of women and further their participation in key decision-making structures, and specifically on women peace and security
- Enhance participation of rural women in peacebuilding and increase equitable access to finance

This evaluation should inform the implementation of the Government's Strategic Plan, and other strategic documents such as the new United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSCDF) and future programming actions of UN Women and OHCHR.

The findings will also be used by the UN to further refine its approaches in the promotion of WPS agenda and to inform the development of strategic documents including the 2020-2024 Strategic Note of UN Women Liberia CO.

Ultimately, the results of the evaluation will be publicly accessible through the Global Accountability and Tracking of Evaluation Use - GATE system for global learning.

The main evaluation users include UN Women and OHCHR in Liberia. Furthermore, national stakeholders such as the Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Finance and Development Planning, Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection, Independent National Commission for Human Rights, Liberia Revenue Authority, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Liberia National Police, Line Ministries in charge of the implementation of the NAP WPS, Foundation for Community Initiatives (FCI), Search for Common Ground (SFCG), Women in Peacebuilding Network, Institute for Research and Democratic Development, Federation of Liberia Youth, Association of Disabled Females International, Youth Alive Liberia, Human Rights Advocacy Platform and National Women Peace Hut Network and the Peace peacebuilding fund.

Evaluation Management

This evaluation will be carried out by an international Consultant under the guidance of the Women Peace and Security Programme Manager and the direct supervision of the Regional Evaluation Specialist.

While safeguarding the evaluation team's full independence, the Women Peace and Security Programme Manager will closely collaborate with the PBF Secretariat in country and the project coordination team during the roll-out of the evaluation.

In order to facilitate a participatory evaluation process and a comprehensive review of the evaluation products, UN Women will establish an evaluation reference group.

Function and Composition of the Evaluation Reference Group

The Evaluation Reference Group is an integral part of the evaluation management structure established to facilitate the participation of relevant stakeholders in the roll-out of the evaluation in its entirety. It will provide oversight on areas such as, raising awareness of the different information needs, quality assurance throughout the process and dissemination of the evaluation results.

The Evaluation Reference Group will be composed of internal and external experts in the subject area. Reference group members will be expected to do the following;

- Act as informants;
- Assist in collation of relevant documents;
- Assist in identifying external stakeholders to that should be consulted during the evaluation process.
- Play a key role in disseminating findings of the evaluation and further implementation of its outcomes.

More specifically, Reference Group members will be expected to:

- Participate in meetings of the reference group;
- Review the draft inception report and provide substantive feedback;
- Be informed on the selection of case studies for site visits;
- Assist with any documentation requests;
- Review the draft evaluation report and provide feedback to ensure accuracy, quality and completeness;
- Participate in the validation meeting of the final evaluation report;

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