

HOW TO MANAGE GENDER-RESPONSIVE EVALUATION

EVALUATION HANDBOOK

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Professionalizing the management of gender-responsive evaluation at UN Women

Gender-responsive evaluation is a powerful tool for learning, decision-making and accountability that supports the achievement of gender equality and women's empowerment. As such, it is a priority for the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women).



As part of efforts to professionalize the evaluation function of UN Women, the Independent Evaluation Office (IEO), Human Resources and the UN Women Training Centre are collaborating to develop a comprehensive, hands-on professionalization programme for UN Women staff. One aspect of this approach is the issuance of this Evaluation Handbook and a corresponding e-learning course (to be launched in 2015) on how to manage a gender-responsive evaluation at UN Women. We are confident that this initiative will complement other ongoing efforts to strengthen the quality of evaluations, ultimately leading to better use of evaluation for decision-making, accountability and learning on what works for gender equality and women's empowerment.

This Evaluation Handbook is a practical handbook¹ to help those initiating, managing and/or using gender-responsive evaluations by providing direction, advice and tools for every step in the evaluation process: planning, preparation, conduct, reporting, evaluation use and follow up. The primary audience is UN Women staff who manage evaluations or are involved in evaluation processes. However, it may also be useful to international development evaluators and professionals, particularly those working on gender equality, women's empowerment and human rights.

This Evaluation Handbook is being launched at an opportune time, as 2015 has been named the International Year of Evaluation. This is a time to advocate and promote evaluation and evidence-based policy making at international, regional, national and local levels. It is a time to reflect on how we can build

¹ This Evaluation Handbook is based on the UNIFEM Evaluation Unit, "A manager's guide to gender equality and human rights responsive evaluation," which was developed in collaboration with Carleton University in 2010, and UN Women IEO guidance notes.

strong systems for generating and using evidence and, most importantly, use this information to improve the work we do to achieve gender equality and women's empowerment.

Through the commitment of UN Women to managing and using high quality gender-responsive evaluation, we will ensure that UN Women is even “fitter for purpose”—contributing to a more coherent, effective and strategic UN system. We can also help strengthen national gender-responsive evaluation systems to inform meaningful contributions to achieving our collective goals.

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