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OVERVIEW

Zero long-outstanding recommendations

5th consecutive year with no long-outstanding recommendations



14th Consecutive unqualified audit opinion

Demonstrates continued strong internal governance and financial management

Progress in implementing recommendations

2 recommendations have been implemented, actions for 7 others completed, and 1 overtaken by events.

LEVERAGING AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ORGANIZATIONAL IMPACT



Strengthening Accountability and Performance:

Enhanced internal controls, risk management, and transparency mechanisms have improved management oversight and facilitated prompt resolution of issues, supporting the delivery of UN-Women's mandate.

- **Improved internal control processes** include automated payment reconciliation and monitoring for greater accuracy and efficiency.
- **Strengthened risk management** ensures early identification and resolution of partner and programme issues.
- **The UN Women Transparency Portal** provides clear, accessible information on resource allocation and expenditure.

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Fostering Resource Partnerships and Business Transformation:

Improved collaboration with external partners, integration of environmental objectives in Strategic Notes, and the adoption of advanced ERP systems and dashboards have driven innovation, efficiency, and mutual accountability.

- **Revised agreements with National Committees** unify reporting standards to ensure all partners meet transparent and measurable requirements.
- **Incorporating environmental goals** into programme partnership agreements embeds clear environmental objectives, improving clarity for partners and ensuring mutual accountability.
- **ERP system adoption and the consolidation of financial and resource data** enhance data quality and accessibility.
- **Utilization of real-time dashboards** drives innovation and efficiency in business processes and decision-making.

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Empowering People and Advancing Programme Effectiveness:

Capacity building, clear policies, and data-driven assurance criteria have equipped staff to execute programmes effectively, improving sustainability, oversight, and delivery.



- **Clear policies and capacity building** equip staff with the tools to consistently and effectively execute their responsibilities.
- **Results-Based Programme Management**, including data-driven, updated risk-based assurance criteria, improves programme oversight, partner selection, and sustainable results delivery.
- **The new Integrated Planning and Reporting System** PRISM harmonizes planning, monitoring and reporting, aligned with the corporate results framework

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CONCLUSION

- Sustained assurance of strong governance, demonstrated by a consistent record of unqualified audit opinions and proactive implementation of the Board of Auditors' recommendations.
- Steadfast commitment to uphold the highest standards of integrity and transparency: continuous improvement in internal controls, risk management, and organizational effectiveness ensures that UN-Women remains well-equipped to address emerging challenges and deliver on its strategic objectives.

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