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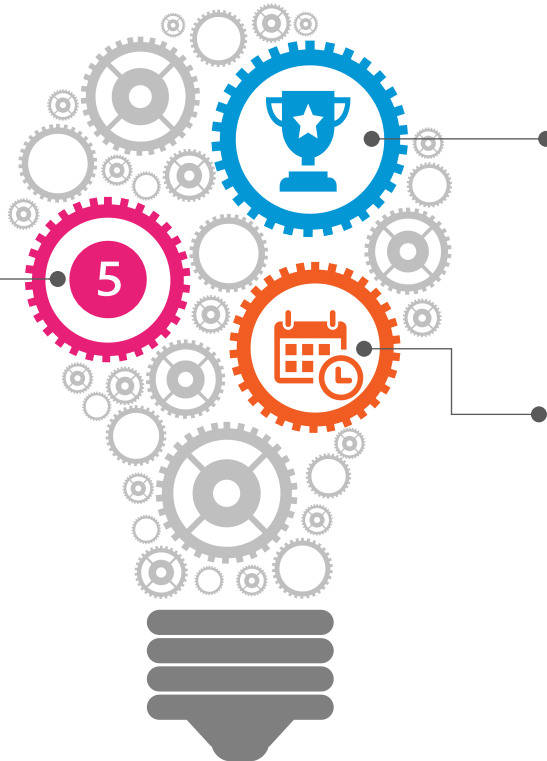
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OVERVIEW

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:

- ❖ **Improved internal controls** 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 expenditures.

Fostering Resource Partnerships and Business Transformation:

- ❖ **Revised agreements with National Committees** ensure all partners meet the same reporting standards.
- ❖ **Incorporating environmental goals** into programme partner agreements embeds environmental objectives, improving clarity and ensuring mutual accountability.
- ❖ **Consolidation of financial and resource data in the new ERP system** enhances data quality and accessibility.
- ❖ **Real-time dashboards** drive efficiency in business processes and decision-making.

Empowering People and Advancing Programme Effectiveness:

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



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.



THANK YOU