

UN WOMEN EVALUATION STRATEGY 2026–2029

VISION AND WORK

The UN Women Evaluation Strategy envisions a system in which evidence is generated with rigor, transparency, and professionalism, and actively fuels a culture of learning, strategic agility, and accountability across UN Women. Building on lessons learned and evolving development context, we aspire to shape an evaluation function that is sharper, more responsive, and more accessible. Our vision is to transform evaluation into a powerful enabler of gender equality: one that tells a clear, compelling performance story, drives smarter decision-making, strengthens field-level capacity, assesses joint and system-wide outcomes, and ensures that every insight helps accelerate real change in the lives of women and girls.

OBJECTIVES

- 1 Improve use of gender-responsive evaluation by UN Women and partners for learning, strategic decision-making, and policy development.
- 2 Provide high-quality outputs and enhance institutional capacity to support transparency and accountability.
- 3 Increase UN collaboration and partnerships for the demand, conduct, and alignment of GRE to support international and national commitments.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS 2022–2025 HIGHLIGHTS

15 corporate evaluations and synthesis reports completed covering all four impact areas of the Strategic Plan.

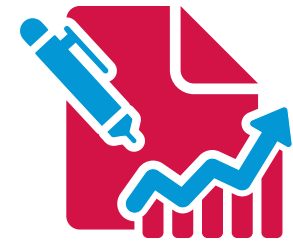
49 regional and country portfolio evaluations completed, including 36 led by IES, reflecting a shift toward strategic, thematic evidence.

Led the “Synthesis of UN System Evaluations on SDG 5” and co-chaired the People Pillar.

Increased engagement in system-wide and joint evaluations across all levels, consistently meeting and exceeding the 25 per cent corporate target and reaching 32 per cent in 2025.

Supported country-led evaluations and national evaluation systems.

STRATEGIC FOCUS AREAS



Implementing Corporate & Strategic Evaluations by leading evaluations at the corporate, regional, and country portfolio levels using the IES-led model

- Conduct five corporate evaluations
- Conduct four evaluative syntheses and one joint system-wide synthesis
- Conduct four to six rapid assessments
- Conduct approximately 40 IES-led regional and country portfolio evaluations



Strengthening Decentralized Systems for greater accountability and improved programming

- Provide technical assistance to decentralized evaluations
- Lead oversight, quality assurance and accountability systems such as GATE, GERAAS, GEOS
- Strengthen evaluation capacity building at regional and country levels through guidance, technical assistance, coaching and learning



Strengthening Evaluation Use by focusing on communication, knowledge management, and advocacy to ensure findings translate into management action

- Refocus engagement with key internal stakeholders on follow-up to recommendations
- Operationalize the UN Women Evaluation Use Strategy (2025-2030) through audience-tailored communication packages (briefs, slide decks, social media)



Supporting UN & National Partnerships by leading UN coordination and building national evaluation capacity for gender-responsive evaluation

- Contribute to UNEG activities
- Engage in system-wide and joint evaluations, including UNSDCF evaluations, and lead global evaluation synthesis on gender equality with UN sister agencies (e.g. SDG5)
- Provide targeted National Evaluation Capacity Development (NECD) through global initiatives like EvalGender+

ACTIVITIES

Artificial Intelligence

Knowledge Hub

DRIVERS OF CHANGE

Innovation

Partnerships & Networks