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Evaluation

Evaluation of UN-Women's normative support work and its operational linkages

1. The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) herewith brings to the attention of the UN-Women Executive Board the evaluation conducted by the Inspection and Evaluation Division of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS-IED) of UN-Women, contained in document [E/AC.51/2015/9](#). The formal response of UN-Women to the evaluation by the Office of Internal Oversight Services is contained in the annex to the report.
2. OIOS-IED identified UN-Women for evaluation on the basis of a risk assessment undertaken by OIOS to identify Secretariat programme evaluation priorities. The Committee for Programme and Coordination selected the programme evaluation of UN-Women for consideration at its fifty-fifth session, in June 2015 (see [A/68/16](#), para. 158). The General Assembly endorsed the selection in its resolution 68/20. Following a scoping phase, OIOS-IED identified as the objective of the evaluation to determine as systematically and objectively as possible the relevance and effectiveness of UN-Women in achieving its mandate in support of gender equality and the empowerment of women through normative support work and its link with operational activities. ([E/AC.51/2015/9](#), para 3).
3. The UN-Women IEO had foreseen an evaluation of the Entity's normative support work within its approved corporate evaluation plan for the period 2014 – 2017 ([UNW/2014/CRP.5](#)). In an effort to increase efficiency and avoid duplication of efforts, the UN-Women IEO and OIOS-IED agreed that OIOS-IED would conduct its independent assessment in lieu of the evaluation planned by the UN-Women IEO. It was also decided that OIOS-IED would rely on the UN-Women IEO as focal point for the evaluation. In this capacity, the UN-Women IEO provided overall advice and facilitated stakeholder engagement.
4. The Office of Internal Oversight Services presented its evaluation ([E/AC.51/2015/9](#)) to the Committee on Programme and Coordination at its fifty-fifth session, in June 2015. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly should endorse the recommendations contained in paragraphs 64 to 67 of the report of OIOS on the evaluation of UN-Women and provided further conclusions and recommendations ([E/AC.51/2015/L.4/Add.6](#)).