Thematic Evaluation of IFAD’s support to gender equality and women’s empowerment

Presentation of the approach paper

4 April 2023
The evaluation will assess the development effectiveness, results and performance of IFAD-funded operations in relation to their contribution to gender equality and women’s empowerment (GEWE).

The TE will generate lessons and recommendations to enhance IFAD’s future policies, strategies and interventions.
Evaluation scope

**Broad areas covered**
- IFAD-supported country programmes and projects, grants and supplementary funds.
- GEWE capacity among implementing partners and government institutions.
- IFAD’s as a catalyst for GEWE policy advocacy, partnerships and knowledge management.
- IFAD’s internal structure – resources, systems and gender/diversity balance.

**Time coverage**
- GEWE results of projects/programmes approved since 2012 - summative component
- Strategic and operational changes since 2016 (move towards Gender Transformative Approaches) - formative component
Key milestones of IFAD support to GEWE

- 2003-2006 Plan of Action
- 2006 IFAD policy on targeting
- 2010 CLE evaluation of IFAD's performance on GEWE
- 2012 Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment
- 2016 Mid-term review of IFAD gender policy
- IFAD 10 (2016-2018) announces the move to GT
- 2017 IOE synthesis on gender
- 2019-2025 Gender Action Plan (GTA at IFAD)
- 2022 IOE Evaluation Synthesis on targeting

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4 April 2023
Overarching evaluation questions

1. How relevant are IFAD gender corporate documents to the 2030 Agenda; how adaptive are they to changing environments, and how do they align with IFAD’s transformational agenda and other contextual changes? [relevance, coherence]

2. What added value does IFAD bring to its various stakeholders, including poor rural women and men, when it comes to promoting GEWE? [relevance, effectiveness, impact, sustainability]
   - What are key outcomes (and trends) arising from the promotion of GEWE in IFAD interventions?
   - What are the characteristics of IFAD gender-transformative interventions and the key drivers of sustainable GEWE results in different contexts?

3. To what extent is IFAD adequately equipped and living up to its ambition in terms of Gender Transformative Approaches promotion and complementarity of GEWE with other themes? [efficiency, environment and natural resources management, climate change adaptation]
IFAD corporate environment; resources and operations

Summary of available GEWE corporate reporting (RIDE, UNSWAP, ARRI…)

Identification of unreported dimensions

Deep dives
1. Household methodologies
2. Distinction between GM and GT designs
3. Climate change and gender in IFAD operations

Country case studies (including analysis of COSOP and completion reports)
1. Five country field visits
2. Five hybrid, using ongoing IOE evaluations

Evolution of IFAD GEWE strategic approach

Gender architecture, staffing and financial resources

Interviews

Electronic survey

External environment – global GEWE theory and practice

Literature review

GEWE in other organizations
## Timeline

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