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Committee

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.



Broad areas covered

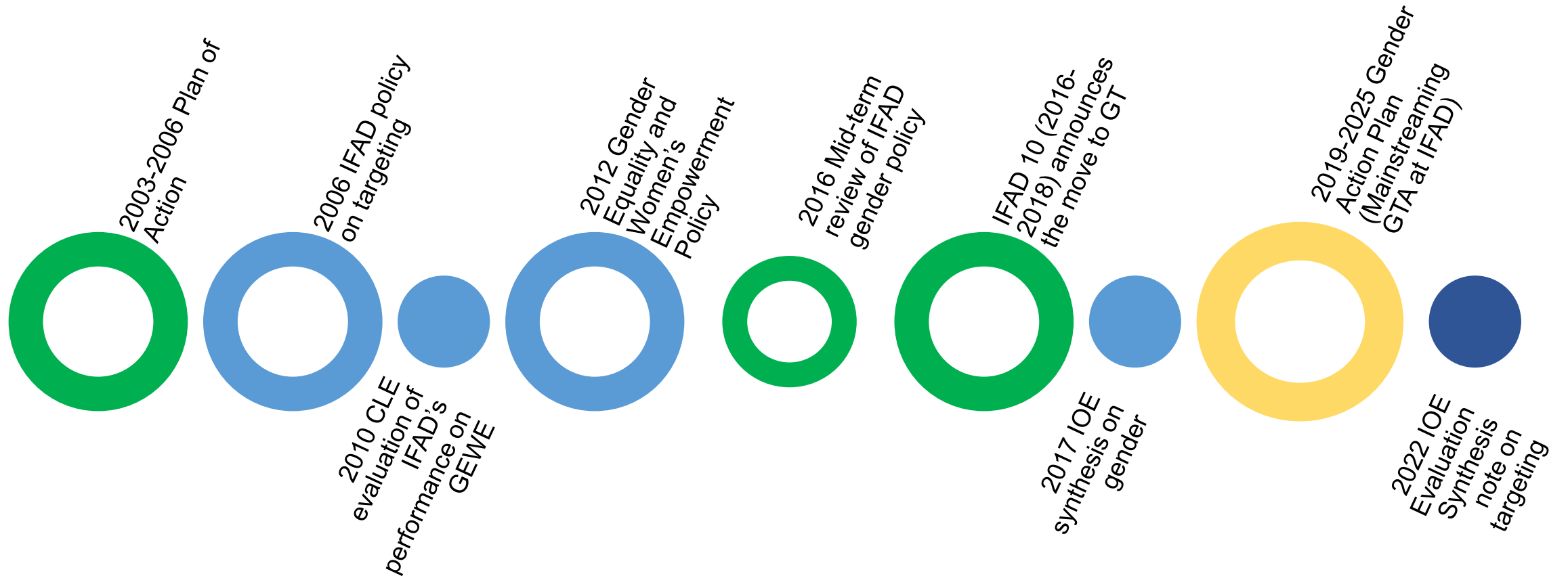
- IFAD-supported country programmes and projects, grants and supplementary funds.
- GEWE capacity among implementing partners and government institutions.
- IFAD's as a catalyst for GEWE policy advocacy, partnerships and knowledge management.
- IFAD's internal structure – resources, systems and gender/diversity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



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

Literature review

GEWE in other
organizations

External
environment –
global GEWE
theory and practice



Main data collection, analysis consultation and report drafting	Launch of e-survey (for IFAD staff/consultants and governments)	March 2023
	Desk review, interviews and field missions	February – June 2023
	Data and evidence analysis	June – September 2023
	Emerging findings workshop with core learning partnership	October 2023
	IOE peer review and advisory panel review of draft report	October 2023
	Report shared with Management and key governments	November 2023
	Report finalized	December 2023

