

Inter-Agency Humanitarian Evaluation on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women and Girls



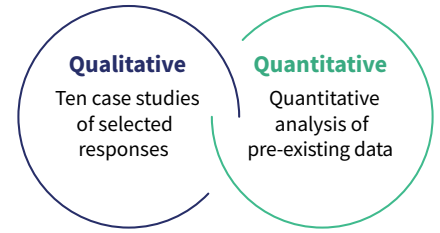
OVERVIEW

SCOPE

- First thematic evaluation commissioned by the Inter-Agency Humanitarian Evaluations Steering Group
- The evaluation provides an independent assessment of the degree to which Gender Equality and the Empowerment of women and Girls (GEEWG) has been implemented and mainstreamed within IASC humanitarian responses since 2017
- It identifies gaps, best practices and lessons learned to further mainstream GEEWG

METHODS

- The evaluation used a mix of qualitative and quantitative research methods
- It included four in-depth country case studies and six additional desk review case studies
- In addition to the main report, four case study reports were published



261 Key informant interviews
(172 Women / 89 men)

335 Affected people participated in focus group discussions
(220 women / 115 men)

ACHIEVEMENTS

- There has been some progress in integrating GEEWG into IASC humanitarian responses since 2017, especially in protracted crises
- There has been improvement in the collection and reporting of sex- and age-disaggregated data
- Quality gender expertise is increasingly available at cluster and agency levels

GAPS

- Gaps in coordination and long-term gender expert capacity at the country-level thwarts efforts to sustain GEEWG mainstreaming
- Gender expertise is not sufficiently available at the outset of humanitarian operations
- Women's meaningful participation in decision making remains limited in protracted and sudden onset responses



BEST-PRACTICES FOR MAINSTREAMING GEEWG

COUNTRY-LEVEL

- ✔ Presence of an inter-agency senior gender advisor at HCT or ICCG level with a long-term mandate
- ✔ Adoption of the IASC's global gender equality commitments to local context by HCTs
- ✔ Availability of cluster-level senior gender advisor to support all members of a cluster

IASC-LEVEL

- ✔ Development of relevant policy and guidance such as the IASC Gender Policy and Gender Accountability Framework (GAF)
- ✔ Availability of gender advisors for surge deployment (GenCap project)
- ✔ Increased adoption of the Gender with Age Marker

ACTIONS TO IMPROVE GENDER EQUALITY AND THE EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN AND GIRLS

4 selected examples out of 8 recommendations in the main report

Enhance Management Response to GAF Report

The IASC should strengthen mechanisms for follow-up to the recommendations from the IASC GAF

Strengthen Meaningful Participation of Women in Decision Making

HCTs and HCs should strengthen the meaningful participation of Women in decision-making

Increase HCTs Access to Strategic and Technical Expertise on GEEWG

All HCTs should have access to inter-agency strategic gender capacity, complemented by technical-level cluster expertise

Strengthen Global Leadership and Capacity for Gender

The IASC should integrate the Gender Reference Group within the core structure of the IASC

RECOMMENDATIONS

KEY FINDINGS