

IAHE ON GENDER EQUALITY AND THE EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN AND GIRLS (GEEWG)

- Companion Piece -

Review of Progress on Mainstreaming GEEWG into the Humanitarian, Development, and Peace Nexus Agenda



Overview

SCOPE & USERS

- Global scope, covering the period 2015-2020
- Intended main users: Inter-Agency Standing Committee, Joint Steering Committee to Advance Humanitarian and Development Collaboration, UN Sustainable Development Group, individual UN agencies, NGOs and research bodies working on the triple nexus
- Actions presented for consideration to these bodies are in support of enabling operationalization at the country level

PURPOSE

- Companion piece to the 2020 Inter-Agency Humanitarian Evaluation (IAHE) on GEEWG
- Make suggestions to Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) partners on possible entry points for gender mainstreaming in the triple nexus
- Present for consideration further initiatives required to deepen understanding and actions to achieve this end

BASED ON:

33 Key informant interviews

3 Light country-level consultations in DRC, Somalia, Sudan

>100 Key documents reviewed

MAIN FINDINGS & CONSTRAINTS

Broad consensus on importance of promoting GEEWG in each of nexus sectors. However:

- Lack of discussion of and common understanding of GEEWG in triple nexus literature and key strategic planning guidance has hindered progress in this area.
- Lack of capacity, resources and strategic vision for mainstreaming gender in the nexus are also barriers.
- Limited promotion and coordination of gender mainstreaming by and amongst key inter-agency coordinating bodies addressing the nexus leads to missed opportunities.
- Conceptualization of the triple nexus as a technical process led in country tends to exclude cross-cutting themes such as gender equality.
- Existing inter-agency gender accountability frameworks at headquarters and country level do not cover the triple nexus.

OPPORTUNITY

- Focusing on a cross cutting theme such as GEEWG could help clarify for the system what the nexus means in practice, as well as make clearer what gender mainstreaming means in nexus processes.
- Further, better understanding what gender mainstreaming in nexus process looks like could enable a better understanding of what transformative change in the context of the triple nexus means.

Key Findings

MEASURES TO PROMOTE STRENGTHENED GEEWG MAINSTREAMING IN NEXUS PROCESSES

Establish a Task Force to coordinate work on GEEWG mainstreaming in the nexus

Established under the umbrella of the Inter-Agency Network on Women and Gender Equality (IANWGE), its aim would be to develop a strategic vision and plan for GEEWG mainstreaming in triple nexus; improve coordination; strengthen and ensure implementation of existing guidance; and determine how accountability mechanisms should be strengthened.

Implement two country-level pilots

Supported by the Task Force, the pilots would help form and translate into action the meaning of GEEWG mainstreaming in the triple nexus in country contexts; define the level of capacity and resources required to do so; and provide lessons for how to scale-up such approaches across system.

Actions for consideration