

# 2020 EVALUATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS



## Background

The [Evaluation Excellence Awards](#) were established by the Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) of UNDP in 2020 to promote recognition and the use of high-quality decentralized evaluations across UNDP.

The IEO is pleased to announce the awards in the following three categories: outstanding evaluations, gender-responsive evaluations and innovative evaluations.

This was a highly competitive review process of some 170 decentralized evaluations following the IEO Quality Assessment analysis. It produced shortlists across the three categories and winners were chosen through a final review by IEO [Evaluation Advisory Panel](#) members.

These award-winning evaluations demonstrate their excellent quality, evidence-based analysis and utility for programme/project's management decision-making. They represent UNDP's efforts in improving the quality and utility of evaluations and strengthening the culture of evaluation within UNDP and its associated funds and programmes.

For more information about these Award-winning evaluations, visit this [link](#). The evaluations are also accessible on the [Evaluation Resource Centre](#).

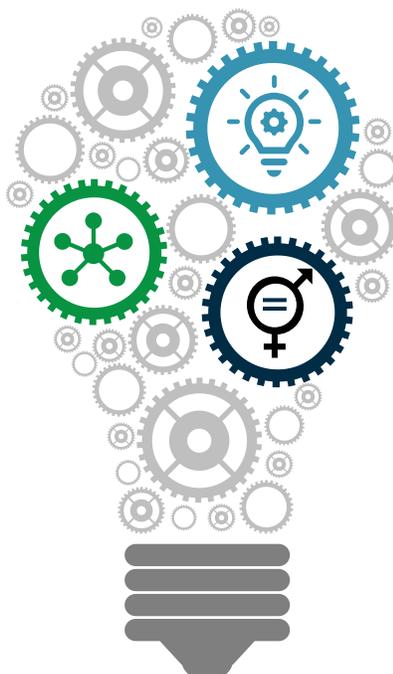


## 2020 Evaluation Excellence Award Winners



### OUTSTANDING EVALUATIONS

- **Ecuador:** Mid Term Evaluation of Priming Financial and Land Use Planning Instruments to Reduce Emissions from Deforestation
- **UNV:** Final Evaluation Report of the UNV Talent and Capacity Development Programme for an Inclusive UN System for Persons with Disabilities



### INNOVATIVE EVALUATIONS

- **Bangladesh:** Final Evaluation of Partnership for a Tolerant, Inclusive Bangladesh project
- **South Sudan:** Final Evaluation Peace and Community Cohesion project

### GENDER-RESPONSIVE EVALUATIONS

- **Nepal:** Final Evaluation of Resilient Reconstruction and Recovery of Vulnerable Communities Severely Affected by 2015 Earthquake
- **UNCDF:** Mid-Term Evaluation of Inclusive and Equitable Local Development Programme



## Evaluation Advisory Panel Award Comments

### OUTSTANDING EVALUATIONS



Ecuador, [Mid Term Evaluation of Priming Financial and Land Use Planning Instruments to Reduce Emissions from Deforestation](#)



**The report is detailed, evidence-based and convincing.** Its strength is in the presentation of data driven evaluation findings, conclusions and recommendations. The use of tables and figures throughout the report and in the executive summary is one of the best ways to relay the findings to programme managers and other stakeholders without overwhelming them with a lot of reading. Matching the findings to the recommendations and the responsible entity further enhances the quality of the report, making it highly accessible for most stakeholders. The findings on country ownership gives useful insights on ways and strategies UNDP can adopt to be relevant to the development context.



UNV, [Final Evaluation Report of the UNV Talent and Capacity Development Programme for an Inclusive UN System for Persons with Disabilities](#)



**The report is concise, well written and easy to read.** The strength of the report is in its well-crafted evaluation design summarised in the evaluation matrix. The matrix communicates the evaluation process with clarity and offers the best example of a well-planned evaluation. The detailed recommendations, which ‘stimulate learning and consolidate the sustainability prospects of the project’, make the report a valuable asset for the organization, programme managers and other stakeholders.

### GENDER-RESPONSIVE EVALUATIONS



Nepal, [Final Evaluation of Resilient Reconstruction and Recovery of Vulnerable Communities Severely Affected by 2015 Earthquake \(EU II\)](#)



Amidst the dire circumstances created by the pandemic, **the evaluation made commendable efforts to incorporate the voices of vulnerable households** that received reconstruction and recovery assistance. The report does well to highlight the different types of vulnerabilities among the target population and offers concrete steps on how to improve on desired outputs and outcomes. The succinct presentation of key findings enhanced the utility of this report.



UNCDF, [Mid-Term Evaluation of Inclusive and Equitable Local Development \(IELD\) Programme](#)



The evaluation is comprehensive, realistic and well-presented. **It is most heartening to see the careful efforts made to do a gender-based analysis against each evaluation finding.** Besides the rigorous methods utilized to validate, analyze and triangulate the mid-term evaluation findings, the manner of presentation stresses the continued importance of gender analysis at all scales (from local to national) and across all sectors. The volume of practical insights offered for mid-course corrections, in both programme design and beneficiary monitoring systems, is the report’s primary strength.

### INNOVATIVE EVALUATIONS



Bangladesh, [Final Evaluation of Partnership for a Tolerant, Inclusive Bangladesh \(PTIB\) project](#)



**The PTIB evaluation report is a good example of the type of innovations** expected from evaluation in order to build back better: methodologically adaptive and innovative, proactively inclusive, comprehensively committed to “leaving no one behind” and willing to go the extra mile beyond standard performance measures and benchmarks in order to produce forward-looking learning and effectively communicating lessons for decision-making.



South Sudan, [Final Evaluation Peace and Community Cohesion Project](#)



The Peace and Community Cohesion Project in the South Sudan evaluation **report puts mixed methods approaches at the service of giving voice and visibility to programme participants as protagonists** telling a human story from which valuable lessons can be extracted.

