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AUDIT

OF

UN WOMEN COUNTRY OFFICE

IN

GEORGIA

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Report on the audit of UN Women Country Office in Georgia Executive Summary

The UNDP Office of Audit and Investigations (OAI) conducted an audit of the UN Women Country Office in Georgia (the Office) from 8 to 26 July 2015. The audit aimed to assess the adequacy and effectiveness of the governance, risk management and control processes relating to the following areas and sub-areas:

- (a) governance and strategic management (organizational structure and delegations of authority, leadership/ethics and values, risk management, planning, monitoring and reporting);
- (b) gender coordination (gender mainstreaming in development programming);
- (c) programme activities (programme and project management, partnerships and resource mobilization); and
- (d) operations (human resources, finance, procurement, information and communication technology, knowledge management, general administration, safety and security, UNDP support to Office).

The audit covered the activities of the Office from 1 January 2014 to 31 March 2015. The Office recorded programme and management expenditures totalling \$3.1 million. This was the first audit of the Office.

The audit was conducted in conformance with the *International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing*.

Overall audit rating

OAI assessed the Office as **satisfactory**, which means, "Internal controls, governance and risk management processes were adequately established and functioning well. No issues were identified that would significantly affect the achievement of the objectives of the audited entity."


The audit did not result in any high (critical) priority recommendations. There is one medium (important) priority recommendation, which means, "Action is required to ensure that UN Women is not exposed to risks that are considered moderate. Failure to take action could contribute to negative consequences for UN Women." This recommendation includes actions to address unclear guidance to UN Women field offices on gender mainstreaming in the development programming mandate.

The recommendation aims to ensure the effectiveness and efficiency of operations.

Management comments and action plan

The Director of UN Women's Coordination Division accepted the recommendation and is in the process of implementing it. Comments and/or additional information provided had been incorporated in the report, where appropriate.

Issues with less significance (not included in this report) have been discussed directly with management and actions have been initiated to address them.

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