

Closure Stage Quality Assurance Report

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Overall Rating: Satisfactory

Decision:

Portfolio/Project Number: 00088397

Portfolio/Project Title: Project to support the Leading the Way for Gender Equality

Portfolio/Project Date: 2017-01-01 / 2021-03-31

Strategic

Quality Rating: Satisfactory

1. Did the project pro-actively identified changes to the external environment and incorporated them into the project strategy?

- ☐ 3: The project team identified relevant changes in the external environment that may present new opportunities or threats to the project's ability to achieve its objectives, assumptions were tested to determine if the project's strategy was valid. There is some evidence that the project board considered the implications, and documented the changes needed to the project in response. (all must be true)
- ☒ 2: *The project team identified relevant changes in the external environment that may present new opportunities or threats to the project's ability to achieve its objectives. There is some evidence that the project board discussed this, but relevant changes did not fully integrate in the project. (both must be true)*
- ☐ 1: The project team considered relevant changes in the external environment since implementation began, but there is no evidence that the project team considered these changes to the project as a result.

Evidence:

Throughout the implementation period, the project team identified changes, and these were discussed with the Board. Adjustments were made to the project's approach and strategy to capacity development. External threats caused by the covid-19 pandemic also resulted in changes in how the project conducted its activities on the ground.

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2. Was the project aligned with the thematic focus of the Strategic Plan?

- ☐ 3: The project responded to at least one of the development settings as specified in the Strategic Plan (SP) and adopted at least one Signature Solution. The project's RRF included all the relevant SP output indicators. (all must be true)
- ☒ 2: *The project responded to at least one of the developments settings1 as specified in the Strategic Plan. The project's RRF included at least one SP output indicator, if relevant. (both must be true)*
- ☐ 1: While the project may have responded to a partner's identified need, this need falls outside of the UNDP Strategic Plan. Also select this option if none of the relevant SP indicators are included in the RRF.

Evidence:

Strong alignment with UNDP's country programme, UNDAF, Cambodia's SDGs and Cambodia's Rectangular Strategy and National Strategic Development Plan. It responded to UNDP strategic plan output 2.1 and indicator 2.1.1 as explicitly described in the RR F.

The project responded to the UNDP Country Programme (CPD) 2019-2023, under the 'Peace' pillar focusing on the participation and accountability. Working with the Ministry of Women's Affairs to address social norms that discriminate against women, and to promote their economic empowerment, leadership and participation in decision-making.

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3. Were the project's targeted groups systematically identified and engaged, with a priority focus on the discriminated and marginalized, to ensure the project remained relevant for them?

- ☐ 3: Systematic and structured feedback was collected over the project duration from a representative sample of beneficiaries, with a priority focus on the discriminated and marginalized, as part of the project's monitoring system. Representatives from the targeted groups were active members of the project's governance mechanism (i.e., the project board or equivalent) and there is credible evidence that their feedback informs project decision making. (all must be true)
- ☒ 2: *Targeted groups were engaged in implementation and monitoring, with a priority focus on the discriminated and marginalized. Beneficiary feedback, which may be anecdotal, was collected regularly to ensure the project addressed local priorities. This information was used to inform project decision making. (all must be true to select this option)*
- ☐ 1: Some beneficiary feedback may have been collected, but this information did not inform project decision making. This option should also be selected if no beneficiary feedback was collected
- ☐ Not Applicable

Evidence:

The project aims to develop an enabling environment for GE, women's empowerment and feminist leaderships in Cambodia through enhanced capacities of the Gender Machinery. Mostly through the policy works through MoWA and line ministries with minimal direct engagement with targeted women beneficiaries.

Women with disabilities, elderly women, women from ethnic minority groups, LGBTQI were identified in the CEDAW Concluding Remarks as the most at risk of being left behind and facing gender inequalities. The project supported MoWA to establish a Technical Working Group on vulnerable groups to mainstream/integrate these issues and priorities to MoWA units and line ministries. The needs of these groups have been incorporated into the analysis of the Neary Rattanak V. Action research was conducted to understand their challenges and needs and analysis was included in a dedicated chapter on vulnerable groups in the Cambodia's Gender Assessment.

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4. Did the project generate knowledge, and lessons learned (i.e., what has worked and what has not) and has this knowledge informed management decisions to ensure the continued relevance of the project towards its stated objectives, the quality of its outputs and the management of risk?

- ☐ 3: Knowledge and lessons learned from internal or external sources (gained, for example, from Peer Assists, After Action Reviews or Lessons Learned Workshops) backed by credible evidence from evaluation, corporate policies/strategies, analysis and monitoring were discussed in project board meetings and reflected in the minutes. There is clear evidence that changes were made to the project to ensure its continued relevance. (both must be true)
- ☒ 2: *Knowledge and lessons learned backed by relatively limited evidence, drawn mainly from within the project, were considered by the project team. There is some evidence that changes were made to the project as a result to ensure its continued relevance. (both must be true)*
- ☐ 1: There is limited or no evidence that knowledge and lessons learned were collected by the project team. There is little or no evidence that this informed project decision making.

Evidence:

The project was designed based on the PGE III mid-term review recommendations and existing national and international frameworks such as Neary Ratanak, national priorities, and CEDAW. The project also conducted the MTR in late 2019 and the project final evaluation in early 2021. A substantive adjustment was made after the mid-term evaluation especially with regards to the project's strategy and approach to capacity development. The final evaluation highlighted that the project is highly relevant and contributes to the national development priorities, Sustainable Development Goals, and UNDP country program.

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5. Was the project sufficiently at scale, or is there potential to scale up in the future, to meaningfully contribute to development change?

- ☐ 3: There was credible evidence that the project reached sufficient number of beneficiaries (either directly through significant coverage of target groups, or indirectly, through policy change) to meaningfully contribute to development change.
- ☒ 2: *While the project was not considered at scale, there are explicit plans in place to scale up the project in the future (e.g. by extending its coverage or using project results to advocate for policy change).*
- ☐ 1: The project was not at scale, and there are no plans to scale up the project in the future.

Evidence:

The project's intervention was at a high level of policy and system change. To meaningfully contribute to development change requires significant investment in the implementation of these policies and national strategies and programmes.

Reference to the project's final evaluation, it was strongly recommended to ensure that the momentum for gender equality is not lost, UNDP in partnership with MoWA continues support for the passage and implementation of the National Gender Policy. UNDP's long history working on gender equality with MoWA and the significance of a strong gender policy framework in achieving the SDGs makes UNDP a valuable partner in supporting the policy implementation. Through the coordination of RCO, there was a pipeline to have a UN Joint Programme to promote Gender Equality in Cambodia.

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Principled

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6. Were the project's measures (through outputs, activities, indicators) to address gender inequalities and empower women relevant and produced the intended effect? If not, evidence-based adjustments and changes were made.

- ☒ **3:** *The project team gathered data and evidence through project monitoring on the relevance of the measures to address gender inequalities and empower women. Analysis of data and evidence were used to inform adjustments and changes, as appropriate. (both must be true)*
- ☐ **2:** The project team had some data and evidence on the relevance of the measures to address gender inequalities and empower women. There is evidence that at least some adjustments were made, as appropriate. (both must be true)
- ☐ **1:** The project team had limited or no evidence on the relevance of measures to address gender inequalities and empowering women. No evidence of adjustments and/or changes made. This option should also be selected if the project has no measures to address gender inequalities and empower women relevant to the project results and activities.

Evidence:

The project is Gen3. Its main objective is to strengthen national capacity (at policy, institutional and individual levels) to address gender issues and to empower women in Cambodia. Research has been a core foundation for technical assistance on policy formulation (e.g. Cambodia gender assessment and action research on vulnerable women were completed prior to the formulation of the Gender Policy and Neary Ratanak Strategy). The improvement of the capacity of the MoWA Department of Information resulted in an increase in social media coverage of MoWA and positive interaction with the public concerning gender equality issues. The project regularly collect data and evidence as part of its monitoring activities. And the project also tracks changes in people's perception of gender equality. Through the work with youth, the project's activities have been adjusted through the annual workplan.

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7. Were social and environmental impacts and risks successfully managed and monitored?

- ☐ 3: Social and environmental risks were tracked in the risk log. Appropriate assessments conducted where required (i.e., Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) for High risk projects and some level of social and environmental assessment for Moderate risk projects as identified through SESP). Relevant management plan(s) developed for identified risks through consultative process and implemented, resourced, and monitored. Risks effectively managed or mitigated. If there is a substantive change to the project or change in context that affects risk levels, the SESP was updated to reflect these changes. (all must be true)
- ☒ 2: *Social and environmental risks were tracked in the risk log. Appropriate assessments conducted where required (i.e., Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) for High risk projects and some level of social and environmental assessment for Moderate risk projects as identified through SESP). Relevant management plan(s) developed, implemented and monitored for identified risks. OR project was categorized as Low risk through the SESP.*
- ☐ 1: Social and environmental risks were tracked in the risk log. For projects categorized as High or Moderate Risk, there was no evidence that social and environmental assessments completed and/or management plans or measures development, implemented or monitored. There are substantive changes to the project or changes in the context but SESP was not updated. (any may be true)

Evidence:

The project was identified as a low risk on the social and environmental risk.

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8. Were grievance mechanisms available to project-affected people and were grievances (if any) addressed to ensure any perceived harm was effectively mitigated?

- ☐ 3: Project-affected people actively informed of UNDP's Corporate Accountability Mechanism (SRM/SECU) and how to access it. If the project was categorized as High or Moderate Risk through the SESP, a project -level grievance mechanism was in place and project affected people informed. If grievances were received, they were effectively addressed in accordance with SRM Guidance. (all must be true)
- ☒ *2: Project-affected people informed of UNDP's Corporate Accountability Mechanism and how to access it. If the project was categorized as High Risk through the SESP, a project -level grievance mechanism was in place and project affected people informed. If grievances were received, they were responded to but faced challenges in arriving at a resolution.*
- ☐ 1: Project-affected people was not informed of UNDP's Corporate Accountability Mechanism. If grievances were received, they were not responded to. (any may be true)

Evidence:

The project was categorized as low risk. Line ministries were the direct beneficiaries of the project. Information on UNDP accountability mechanism was shared with the project's affected people. The project was implemented in close cooperation with Government agencies, UN agencies, development partners, and CSOs. This was to ensure that it was inclusive and to minimize potential issues that could arise from a lack of information and participation.

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Management & Monitoring

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9. Was the project's M&E Plan adequately implemented?

- ☒ 3: *The project had a comprehensive and costed M&E plan. Baselines, targets and milestones were fully populated. Progress data against indicators in the project's RRF was reported regularly using credible data sources and collected according to the frequency stated in the Plan, including sex disaggregated data as relevant. Any evaluations conducted, if relevant, fully meet decentralized evaluation standards, including gender UNEG standards. Lessons learned, included during evaluations and/or After-Action Reviews, were used to take corrective actions when necessary. (all must be true)*
- ☐ 2: The project costed M&E Plan, and most baselines and targets were populated. Progress data against indicators in the project's RRF was collected on a regular basis, although there may be some slippage in following the frequency stated in the Plan and data sources was not always reliable. Any evaluations conducted, if relevant, met most decentralized evaluation standards. Lessons learned were captured but were used to take corrective actions. (all must be true)
- ☐ 1: The project had M&E Plan, but costs were not clearly planned and budgeted for, or were unrealistic. Progress data was not regularly collected against the indicators in the project's RRF. Evaluations did not meet decentralized evaluation standards. Lessons learned were rarely captured and used. Select this option also if the project did not have an M&E plan.

Evidence:

The project M&E framework is costed. There were baselines and targets set. Data were regularly collected and progress was updated through the quarterly report, annual progress report, project completion reports, MTR and final project evaluation. Lessons learned were documented and informed subsequent work plans.

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10. Was the project's governance mechanism (i.e., the project board or equivalent) function as intended?

- ☐ 3: The project's governance mechanism operated well, and was a model for other projects. It met in the agreed frequency stated in the project document and the minutes of the meetings were all on file. There was regular (at least annual) progress reporting to the project board or equivalent on results, risks and opportunities. It is clear that the project board explicitly reviewed and used evidence, including progress data, knowledge, lessons and evaluations, as the basis for informing management decisions (e.g., change in strategy, approach, work plan.) (all must be true to select this option)
- ☒ 2: *The project's governance mechanism met in the agreed frequency and minutes of the meeting are on file. A project progress report was submitted to the project board or equivalent at least once per year, covering results, risks and opportunities. (both must be true to select this option)*
- ☐ 1: The project's governance mechanism did not meet in the frequency stated in the project document over the past year and/or the project board or equivalent was not functioning as a decision-making body for the project as intended.

Evidence:

The project's steering committee chaired by the Minister regularly met as per requirement and minutes were filed. Progress, challenges, and lessons learned were presented to the board and discussed. It informed the decision of the subsequent year's work plan.

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11. Were risks to the project adequately monitored and managed?

- ☐ 3: The project monitored risks every quarter and consulted with the key stakeholders, security advisors, to identify continuing and emerging risks to assess if the main assumptions remained valid. There is clear evidence that relevant management plans and mitigating measures were fully implemented to address each key project risk and were updated to reflect the latest risk assessment. (all must be true)
- ☒ 2: *The project monitored risks every year, as evidenced by an updated risk log. Some updates were made to management plans and mitigation measures.*
- ☐ 1: The risk log was not updated as required. There was may be some evidence that the project monitored risks that may affected the project's achievement of results, but there is no explicit evidence that management actions were taken to mitigate risks.

Evidence:

Risks were regularly monitored and actions were taken to mitigate the risk. In addition, the project risk log was updated regularly (quarterly and annually). The board was also informed and discussed the risks and issues faced by the project. The project also provides regular update management responses on MTR and final project evaluation.

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Efficient**Quality Rating: Satisfactory**

12. Adequate resources were mobilized to achieve intended results. If not, management decisions were taken to adjust expected results in the project's results framework.

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

Evidence:

Enough resources were mobilized to implement the project from UNDP and the Government of Sweden.

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13. Were project inputs procured and delivered on time to efficiently contribute to results?

- ☐ 3: The project had a procurement plan and kept it updated. The project quarterly reviewed operational bottlenecks to procuring inputs in a timely manner and addressed them through appropriate management actions. (all must be true)
- ☒ 2: *The project had updated procurement plan. The project annually reviewed operational bottlenecks to procuring inputs in a timely manner and addressed them through appropriate management actions. (all must be true)*
- ☐ 1: The project did not have an updated procurement plan. The project team may or may not have reviewed operational bottlenecks to procuring inputs regularly, however management actions were not taken to address them.

Evidence:

The procurement plan was developed annually and updated in PROMPT. It was regularly monitored on a quarterly basis. The project also reviewed challenges faced in procurement and took necessary action to ensure inputs were procured on time or to minimize the delay.

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14. Was there regular monitoring and recording of cost efficiencies, taking into account the expected quality of results?

- ☐ 3: There is evidence that the project regularly reviewed costs against relevant comparators (e.g., other projects or country offices) or industry benchmarks to ensure the project maximized results delivered with given resources. The project actively coordinated with other relevant ongoing projects and initiatives (UNDP or other) to ensure complementarity and sought efficiencies wherever possible (e.g. joint activities.) (both must be true)
- ☒ 2: *The project monitored its own costs and gave anecdotal examples of cost efficiencies (e.g., spending less to get the same result,) but there was no systematic analysis of costs and no link to the expected quality of results delivered. The project coordinated activities with other projects to achieve cost efficiency gains.*
- ☐ 1: There is little or no evidence that the project monitored its own costs and considered ways to save money beyond following standard procurement rules.

Evidence:

The project partly used UNDP's procurement system which follows the cost-efficiency principle. Under MoWA's execution, it follows MoWA's procedure with inputs and supports from UNDP. It also mobilized support and collaborated with other projects and agencies to implement joint activities or to optimize the impact of the activities.

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Effective**Quality Rating: Highly Satisfactory**

15. Was the project on track and delivered its expected outputs?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Evidence:

The project delivered its expected outputs by-and-large. There were challenges at the beginning (due to overly ambitious scope of results framework taking into account budget available and timeline), and at the end (mostly due to the covid-19 pandemic). There were course corrections to results framework and work plan following mid-term evaluation. The Board decided on a three-month no cost extension to complete the expected outputs.

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16. Were there regular reviews of the work plan to ensure that the project was on track to achieve the desired results, and to inform course corrections if needed?

- ☒ 3: Quarterly progress data informed regular reviews of the project work plan to ensure that the activities implemented were most likely to achieve the desired results. There is evidence that data and lessons learned (including from evaluations /or After-Action Reviews) were used to inform course corrections, as needed. Any necessary budget revisions were made. (both must be true)
- ☐ 2: There was at least one review of the work plan per year with a view to assessing if project activities were on track to achieving the desired development results (i.e., outputs.) There may or may not be evidence that data or lessons learned were used to inform the review(s). Any necessary budget revisions have been made.
- ☐ 1: While the project team may have reviewed the work plan at least once over the past year to ensure outputs were delivered on time, no link was made to the delivery of desired development results. Select this option also if no review of the work plan by management took place.

Evidence:

The project developed a multi-year work plan and an annual work plan which was reviewed and endorsed by the Project Board. The project also undertook a monthly review of its progress and bottlenecks. The budget revision took place as needed.

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17. Were the targeted groups systematically identified and engaged, prioritizing the marginalized and excluded, to ensure results were achieved as expected?

- ☐ 3: The project targeted specific groups and/or geographic areas, identified by using credible data sources on their capacity needs, deprivation and/or exclusion from development opportunities relevant to the project's area of work. There is clear evidence that the targeted groups were reached as intended. The project engaged regularly with targeted groups over the past year to assess whether they benefited as expected and adjustments were made if necessary, to refine targeting. (all must be true)
- ☒ 2: *The project targeted specific groups and/or geographic areas, based on some evidence of their capacity needs, deprivation and/or exclusion from development opportunities relevant to the project's area of work. Some evidence is provided to confirm that project beneficiaries are members of the targeted groups. There was some engagement with beneficiaries in the past year to assess whether they were benefiting as expected. (all must be true)*
- ☐ 1: The project did not report on specific targeted groups. There is no evidence to confirm that project beneficiaries are populations have capacity needs or are deprived and/or excluded from development opportunities relevant to the project area of work. There is some engagement with beneficiaries to assess whether they benefited as expected, but it was limited or did not occurred in the past year.
- ☐ Not Applicable

Evidence:

The project aimed to promote gender equality and empower women (GEN3 project). To ensure no one is left behind, the project targeted five priority disadvantaged groups (older women, females from LGBT community, disabled women and girls, Muslim and indigenous women and girls). These groups were identified in the CEDAW Concluding Remarks as those most at risk of being left behind and facing gender inequalities. A MoWA Technical Working Group on vulnerable groups was established to mainstream/integrate these issues and priorities to MoWA units and line ministries. The needs of these groups have been incorporated into the analysis of the Neary Rattanak V, in dedicated a chapter on vulnerable groups in the CGA and in PSLWGE activities, such as the campaigns and debates under Outcome 2. The programme also has a highly relevant and specific focus on working to raise the consciousness of the next generation of women and men in Cambodia. This work with the successor generation is important, especially when working in countries where public administration reform is ongoing.

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Sustainability & National Ownership

Quality Rating: **Satisfactory**

18. Were stakeholders and national partners fully engaged in the decision-making, implementation and monitoring of the project?

- ☐ 3: Only national systems (i.e., procurement, monitoring, evaluation, etc.) were used to fully implement and monitor the project. All relevant stakeholders and partners were fully and actively engaged in the process, playing a lead role in project decision-making, implementation and monitoring. (both must be true)
- ☒ 2: *National systems (i.e., procurement, monitoring, evaluation, etc.) were used to implement and monitor the project (such as country office support or project systems) were also used, if necessary. All relevant stakeholders and partners were actively engaged in the process, playing an active role in project decision-making, implementation and monitoring. (both must be true)*
- ☐ 1: There was relatively limited or no engagement with national stakeholders and partners in the decision-making, implementation and/or monitoring of the project.
- ☐ Not Applicable

Evidence:

The project was implemented by the Ministry of Women's Affairs (MoWA) in line with National Implementation Modality (NIM). UNDP provided technical support and some procurement support. MoWA minister chaired the Board and MoWA led and played an active role in project decision making including the procurement, monitoring, and evaluation etc.

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19. Were there regular monitoring of changes in capacities and performance of institutions and systems relevant to the project, as needed, and were the implementation [arrangements](#)⁸ adjusted according to changes in partner capacities?

- ☐ 3: Changes in capacities and performance of national institutions and systems were assessed/monitored using clear indicators, rigorous methods of data collection and credible data sources including relevant HACT assurance activities. Implementation arrangements were formally reviewed and adjusted, if needed, in agreement with partners according to changes in partner capacities. (all must be true)
- ☒ 2: *Aspects of changes in capacities and performance of relevant national institutions and systems were monitored by the project using indicators and reasonably credible data sources including relevant HACT assurance activities. Some adjustment was made to implementation arrangements if needed to reflect changes in partner capacities. (all must be true)*
- ☐ 1: Some aspects of changes in capacities and performance of relevant national institutions and systems may have been monitored by the project, however changes to implementation arrangements have not been considered. Also select this option if changes in capacities and performance of relevant national institutions and systems have not been monitored by the project.
- ☐ Not Applicable

Evidence:

At the beginning of the project, a capacity development framework was developed and implemented. To address MoWA's project management (inc. financial management) challenges, various capacity development activities took place. The change was regularly monitored and updated (through quarterly and annual reports and in the mid-term and final evaluations). Adjustments were also made to the capacity development approach e.g. from in-classroom training style to coaching and mentoring etc. (see final evaluation pages 27 - 30).

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20. Were the transition and phase-out arrangements were reviewed and adjusted according to progress (including financial commitment and capacity).

- ☐ 3: The project's governance mechanism regularly reviewed the project's sustainability plan, including arrangements for transition and phase-out, to ensure the project remained on track in meeting the requirements set out by the plan. The plan was implemented as planned by the end of the project, taking into account any adjustments made during implementation. (both must be true)
- ☒ 2: *There was a review of the project's sustainability plan, including arrangements for transition and phase-out, to ensure the project remained on track in meeting the requirements set out by the plan.*
- ☐ 1: The project may have had a sustainability plan but there was no review of this strategy after it was developed. Also select this option if the project did not have a sustainability strategy.

Evidence:

UNDP has supported MoWA for more than 15 years. The PSLWGE 4 started in March 2017 as DIM (while negotiation with Sida was underway). An agreement was reached with Sida at the end of 2017 and the project was changed to NIM with a revised project document signed in February 2018. Moving away from a direct implementation approach and towards NIM allowed MoWA to demonstrate their ability in project management and implementation. The shift to the NIM modality also required MoWA to take ownership. MoWA was able to rise to this challenge and, despite some significant delays, has achieved good results in the area of project management and implementation.

To ensure that the momentum for gender equality is not lost, MoWA developed an exit strategy in partnership with UNDP to outline future ways of working. MoWA has established strong relationships with line ministries and other institutions working on gender equality. An exit strategy would provide a roadmap to guide MoWA to effectively promote gender equality in Cambodia.

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QA Summary/Final Project Board Comments

This was the fourth phase of UNDP's support to build national capacity, especially the Ministry of Women's Affairs to perform their roles. This fourth phase used a different approach from the first three phases in terms of capacity development and coordination. MoWA team showed great commitment and leadership in coordinating and leading the execution of the project while UNDP provided technical assistance when required. Despite the slow progress at the beginning of the project and the challenges it faced during the final year due to the covid-19 pandemic, the project completed its intended activities and outputs, following adjustments after mid-term evaluation.