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Asia-Pacific Regional training on UN Coordination accountability frameworks

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Country context

- ✓ Year of most recent UNCT-SWAP comprehensive assessment: 2019.
 - Indicator 2.1 on gender mainstreaming in Joint Programmes scored as "meeting minimum requirements"

- ✓ Responsibility for UNCT-SWAP implementation (including action plan):
 - The **UN Albania Gender Thematic and Results Group (GTRG)** is responsible for the implementation of the UNCT SWAP implementation, under the leadership of UN Women Albania, working jointly with the Resident Coordinator's Office.
 - This year, the UNCT SWAP Action Plan is merged with the GTRG Workplan for streamlining planning and reporting.
 - The Gender Thematic and Results Group is chaired by UN Women, and it comprises of **14 UN agencies**.

- ✓ Technical and financial support available for gender mainstreaming within the UNCT:
 - **Staff time at UNW CO & minimal core funds**

Gender Mainstreaming in Joint Programmes

2. PROGRAMMING AND M&E

INDICATOR 2.1 | JOINT PROGRAMS CONTRIBUTE TO REDUCING GENDER INEQUALITIES

Approaches Minimum Requirements	Meets Minimum Requirements	Exceeds Minimum Requirements
<p>a) Gender equality is visibly mainstreamed into at least 50 percent of JPs operational at the time of assessment.</p> <p>or</p> <p>b) A Joint Program on promoting gender equality and the empowerment of women is operational over current UNDAF period in line with SDG priorities including SDG 5.</p>	<p>a) Gender equality is visibly mainstreamed into all JPs operational at the time of assessment.</p> <p>and</p> <p>b) A Joint Program on promoting gender equality and the empowerment of women is operational over current UNDAF period in line with SDG priorities including SDG 5.</p>	<p>Meets minimum requirements</p> <p>and</p> <p>c) A system is in place to ensure gender mainstreaming in JPs.</p>

Gender Mainstreaming in Joint Programmes

Selected UNCT-SWAP Performance Indicators	Annual Reporting	Comprehensive Reporting 2019 (baseline)
2.1 Joint Programmes contribute to reducing gender inequalities	<p>2021: Exceeds Minimum Requirements, Foreseen result for 2022: Exceeds minimum requirements</p>	<p>Meets Minimum Requirements, 2019</p>

Please indicate the criteria met based on the scoring criteria above:

- An institutionalized JP Gender screening tool is in place and will be piloted at the earliest possible convenience
- GTRG ensures that gender work is mainstreamed and supported during UNDAF implementation, planning, monitoring and reporting
- Joint Work Plans include information on gender marker at the output level
- All nine JPs operating in 2022 are gender marked and four JPs have a unique focus on gender equality in 2022: EAW Joint Programme; EU 4 Gender Equality; Earthquake response; Leave No One Behind. In addition, UN Women is implementing the GREAT project jointly with FAO as implementing partner.

Gender Mainstreaming in Joint Programmes

- ✓ In view of improving its score in UNCT SWAP indicator 2.1, UN Albania developed the **Gender Equality Screening Tool for Joint Programmes**.
- ✓ Prior to the availability of the tool, elements to ensure gender mainstreaming in UNCT programming existed. However, there was no formal mechanism for gender mainstreaming and quality assurance in Joint Programmes.

The screening tool formalizes existing quality assurance and gender mainstreaming practices, and enhances the overall accountability of the UN system to promote GEWE across its joint programmatic interventions.

The Gender Equality Screening Tool for Joint Programmes: Assessing the Integration of a Gender Equality Perspective in UNCT Joint Programmes

- ✓ The tool is structured around **five dimensions** to identify the extent to which key GEWE considerations are addressed in the JP:
 1. Joint Programme Analysis
 2. Joint Programme results
 3. Monitoring and evaluation
 4. Partnerships
 5. Management and implementation arrangements

- ✓ Points are allocated based on a *Yes/No* response model which mirrors the criteria set forth in the **Gender Equality Marker (GEM)**

The Gender Equality Screening Tool for Joint Programmes

When to use the tool?

- During the design phase of the JP & the peer review processes
- If the JP undergoes significant changes in scope or in the results framework

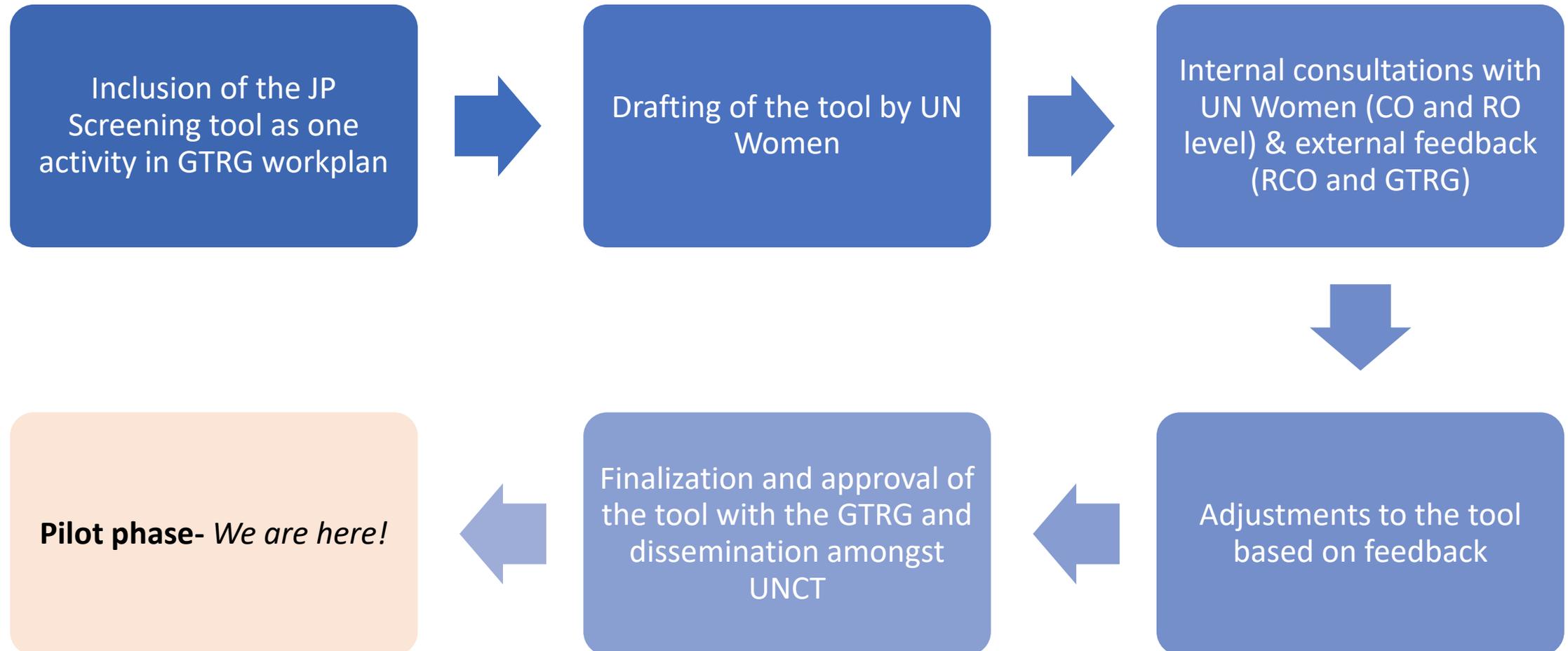
Who should use the tool?

- Gender equality focal points in UN agencies
- All UN personnel in charge of the design, implementation and monitoring of the JP
- The UN Albania GTRG

How to use the tool?

- The programme coordinator/project officer together with the agency Gender Focal Point checks the JP vis a vis the tool, providing a yes/no answer to each question
- Once the tool is complete, the programme coordinator/officer and gender focal point can calculate the total score and overall assessment of the JP from a gender perspective.

Development process for the Gender Equality Screening Tool for Joint Programmes



The Gender Equality Screening Tool for Joint Programmes

✓ **Resources required** for the development of the tool:

- Staff time

✓ Strategies to secure **buy-in from different levels of the UNCT**:

- Leverage the UN-SWAP scorecard scoring: P.I. 2.1 was amongst the lowest score for UN Albania during the last assessment.
- Highlight the need to ensure a formal mechanism for quality assurance of JPs in general and on gender specifically

Lessons learned

How is the tool working in practice & key challenges?

UNCT Albania has not yet started the development process for any new JPs- therefore, its practical use is still to be tested and lessons learned have not been collected yet

Any tip for success for other UNCTs beginning to develop a system for mainstreaming gender in JP?

- Leverage the UN SWAP scorecard exercise and its scores
- Harmonize the tool with the new UNDG JP guidance
- Role of RCO is critical to ensure the success of the exercise

Anything you would change about the tool?

- Ensure full alignment with UNDG JP guidance- which is still to be finalized

Thank you!!



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