April 2020 - UNODC’s Independent Evaluation Section (IES) is committed to utilization-focused evaluations, using initiatives where Project Management and stakeholders leverage learning opportunities of an evaluation to strengthen project design, effectiveness and organizational accountability.

One good example of such is the evaluation of UNODC’s project GLOT60 which provided support to the work of the Conference of the Parties to the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. The evaluation results were presented in a workshop organized by Project Management on 16-17 April 2020. The aim of the workshop was to develop a Theory of Change for the follow-up initiative of the project.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the workshop could not be held in person in Vienna but was organized remotely, with 40 participants invited to collaborate. Despite the challenging circumstances, the virtual workshop moderated by the external monitoring expert Mr. James Dickson, allowed for the participation of stakeholders located both at HQ and in the field. The presentation of the methodology, results and recommendations of the evaluation proved to be a catalyst for the discussions held over two three-hour sessions. In fact, the workshop itself was part of an action plan to address the report’s first recommendation aimed at strengthening programmatic design.

The evaluation, followed by the theory of change workshop, provided an excellent opportunity to stop and reflect on how we can best serve our stakeholders and mainstream gender as well as human rights in the future programme, leaving no one behind. The COVID-19 crisis forced us to stay at home but did not stop us from learning and further developing our programmes.

- Ms. Riikka Puttonen, GLOT60’s project manager

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The global programme GLOT60 was developed to provide sustained support to the work of the Conference of Parties (COP) of the UN Convention against Transnational Organised Crime (UNTOC); provide for the review of the implementation of the Convention; and provide a framework for the delivery of technical support.