

UNICEF and WFP Global Impact Evaluation Forum 2024 at the United Nations



PARALLEL SESSION 2

Theme 1

Gender and human rights

OVERVIEW OF SESSION

This session will explore the gendered causes and impacts of conflict and polycrisis and the critical need for gender-sensitive impact evaluations in fragile contexts. Despite challenges, including ethical and political complexities, building evidence on what works to promote gender equality and safeguard human rights is essential. The session will present four case studies on gender-, protection- and rights-themed interventions, framed as a discussion on why such evaluations are necessary and how to leverage analytical advances to drive demand for rigorous evaluations. Key topics will include innovative methodological and ethical approaches, overcoming institutional challenges and involving populations with lived experiences in the research process. A policy discussant will reflect on the importance of these findings for smart investments in fragile settings and future gaps in gender equality and human rights. The session will conclude with panelists sharing recommendations to advance quality and scope of gender-sensitive evaluations in fragile settings.

MODERATOR

Amber Peterman, *Research Associate Professor at UNC & Consultant at UNICEF*

DISCUSSANT

Inga Kaplan, *Chief of Independent Evaluation Service, UN Women*

SPEAKERS

Andrés Moya, *Associate Professor of Economics, University of the Andes, Bogotá*

Jeannie Annan, *Chief Research and Innovation Officer, International Rescue Committee (IRC); Co-founder and Lead, Airbel Impact Lab*

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