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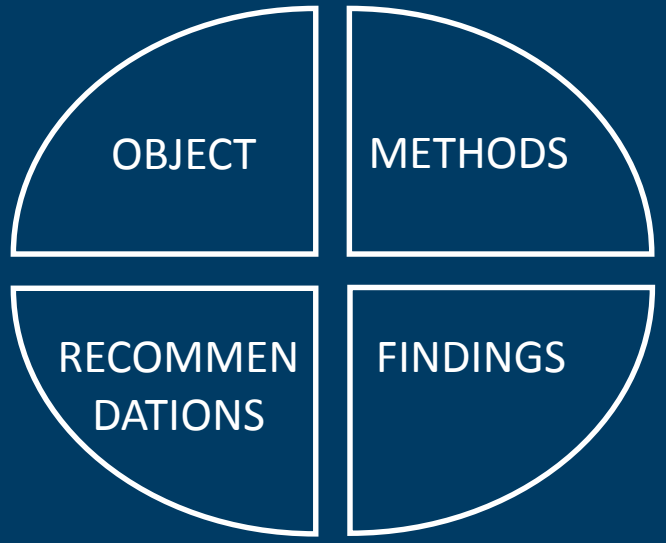

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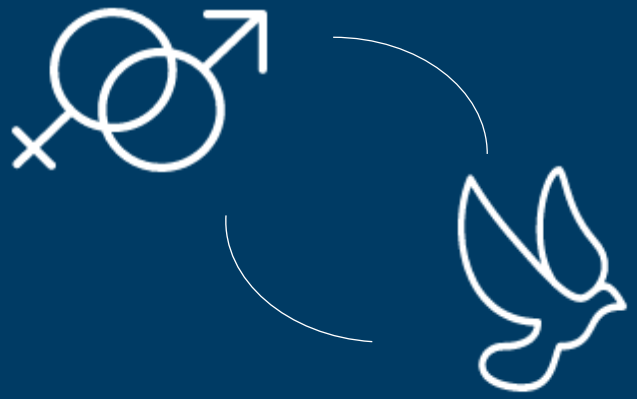
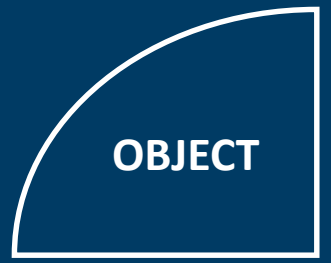
- Gender equality (SDG 5)
- Peaceful and inclusive societies (SDG 16)
- Interdependent goals in post-conflict contexts





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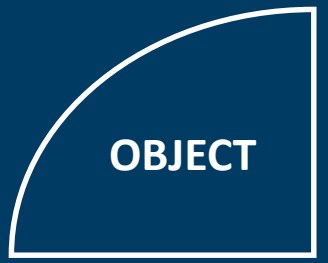
To what extent does gender mainstreaming in German development cooperation result in projects that contribute to gender equality in post-conflict contexts?



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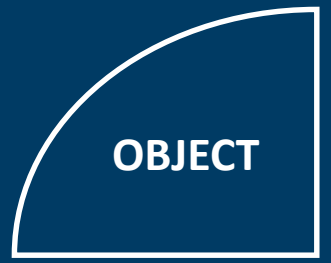
Gender mainstreaming:

- Systematic integration of a gender perspective
- Into all development policy strategies and projects
- To address context-specific gender aspects



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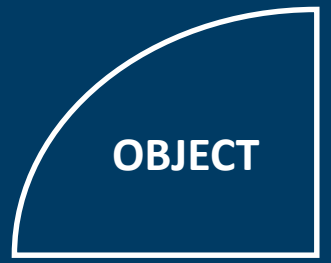
Two dimensions

- **Process**, including planning and activities
- **Outcome**



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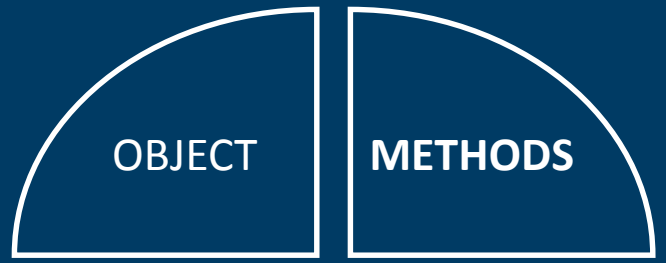
- Theory-based
- Gender-responsive
- Conflict-sensitive



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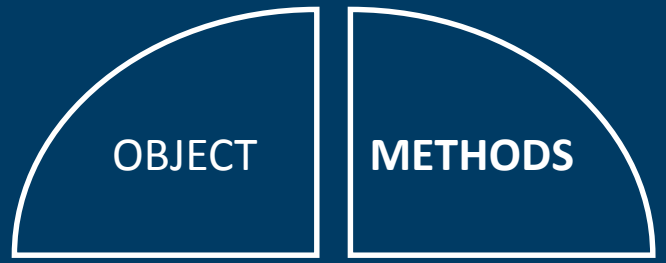
- 11 post-conflict contexts
- 4 country case studies
- 47 projects



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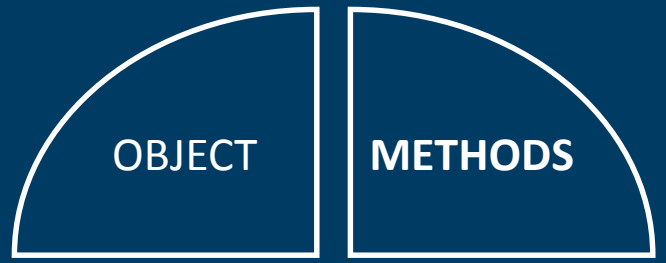
- Portfolio analysis
- Case studies
- Content analysis
- Storytelling



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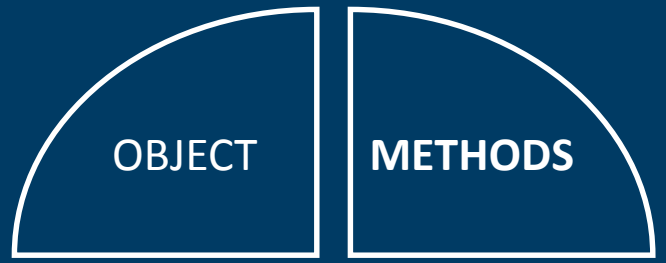
- 302 interviews
- 65 BMZ strategy papers and procedural documents
- 344 project documents
- 90 stories



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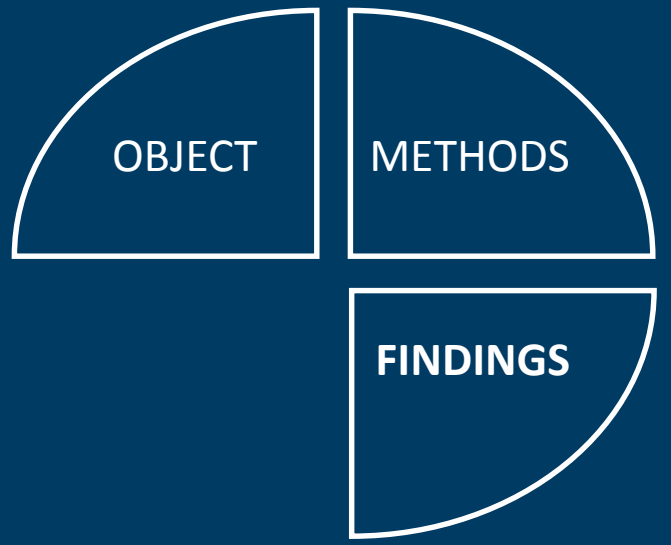
- Process of gender mainstreaming essentially adequate
- Gender-conflict nexus not consistently anchored in projects
- Potential of projects not maximized



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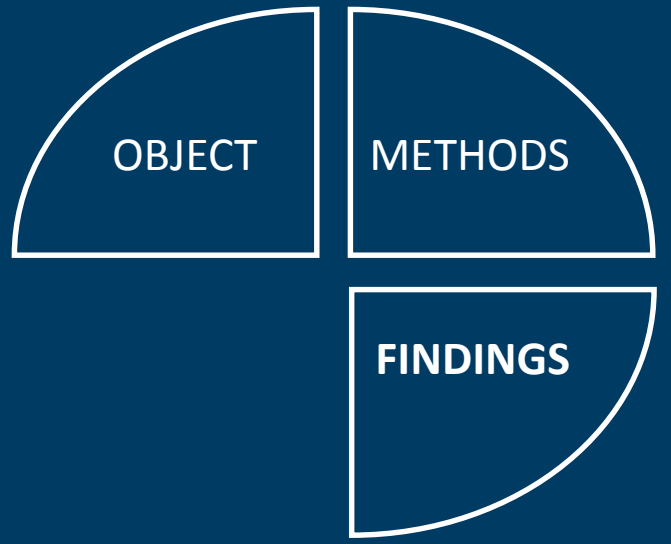
Steering

Structures and processes

Knowledge and competences



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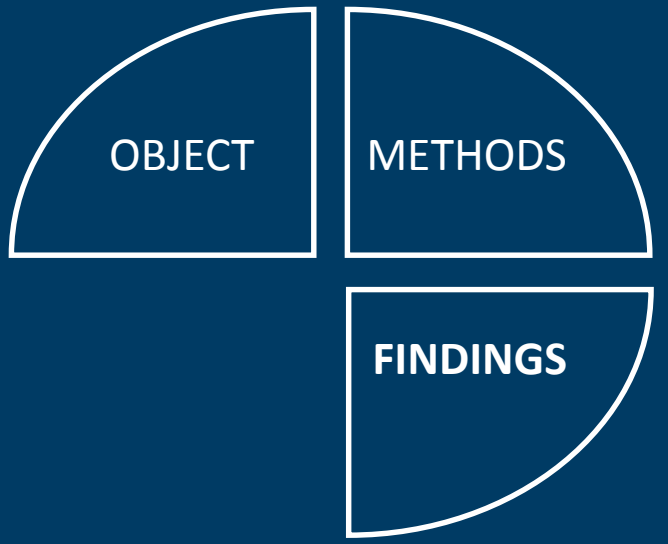
- Gender-conflict-nexus not sufficiently anchored in strategies
- Portfolio only partially reflects gender-conflict-nexus



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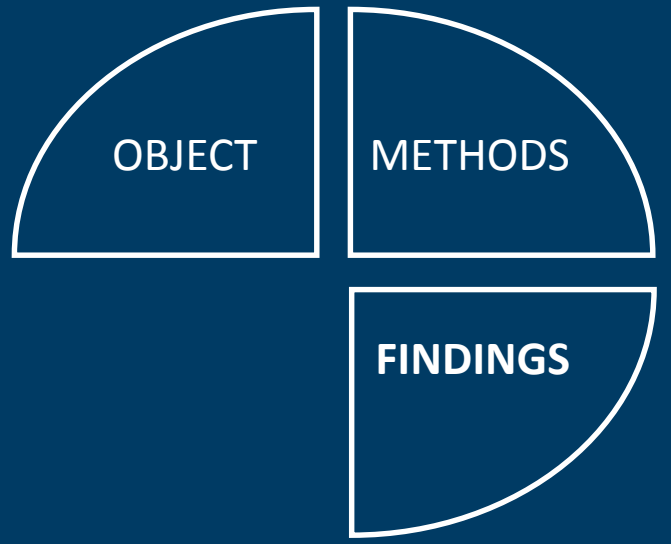
- Effective processual entry points exist, transformative potential lost
- Decisive factor: Implementing partners' gender-conflict-competence
- Gaps in complaint mechanisms



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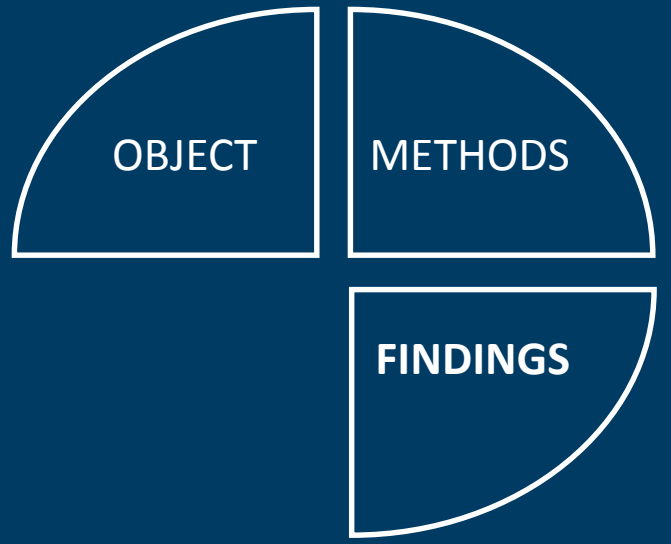
- Better informed staff tend to be better champions for gender equality
- Knowledge and practical experience not easily enough accessible



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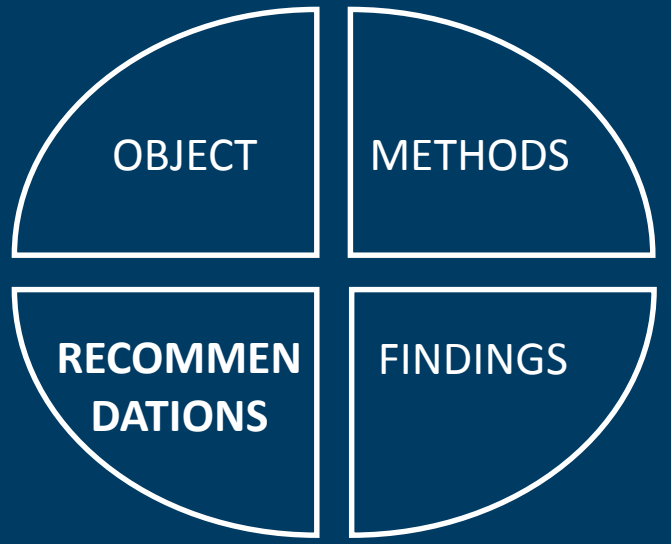
- Anchor gender-conflict-nexus in strategies
- Use country-wide gender analyses
- Consider projects promoting both gender equality and peace and security



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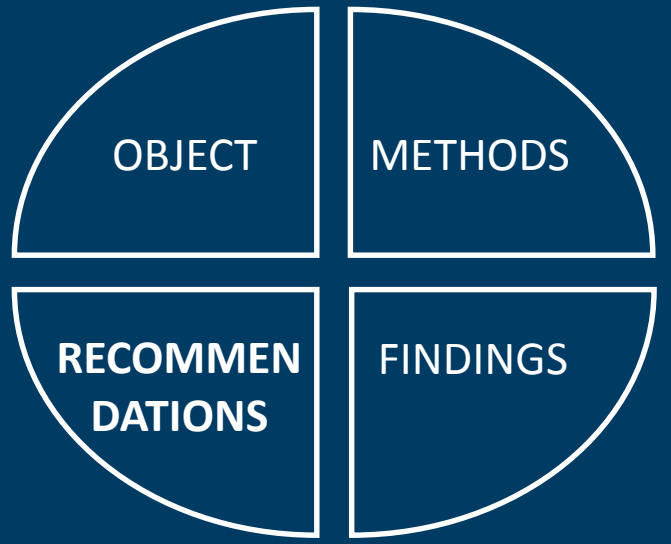
- Design gender-and-conflict-sensitive projects
- Select partners with gender-and-conflict competence
- Improve complaint mechanisms



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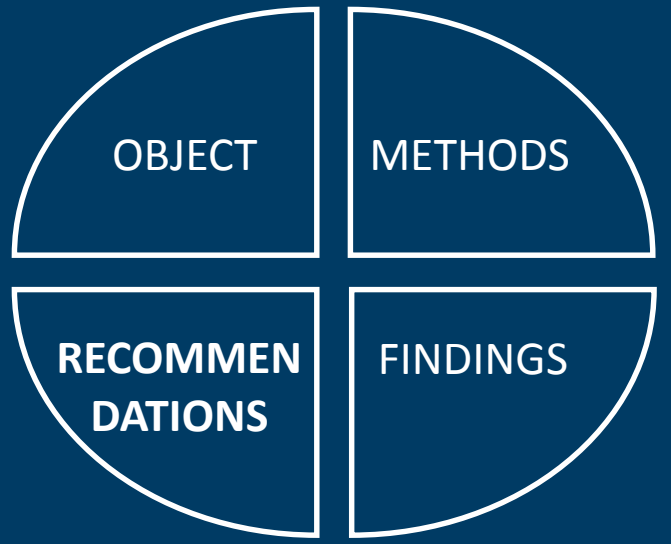
- Offer (mandatory) training courses
- Commission an application-oriented research project



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