

MANAGEMENT RESPONSE AND TRACKING	
Evaluation title	An Evaluation of the Work of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS and HIV sensitive Social Protection 2018-2022
Office/Region	Global level and six regions
Year of the report	2023
Overall response to the evaluation	<p>Please include an assessment of the process and outcomes of the evaluation, adequacy of evidence and concurrence with findings. Were there limitations in the process and/or outcomes? Are there any additional insights not articulated in the recommendations?</p> <p>This evaluation provides a useful and rich documentation of the UNAIDS Joint Programme's HIV sensitive social protection work between 2018 and 2022. Readers will need to understand that there was limited leadership in 2022/2023 as UNAIDS Secretariat worked on recruiting a social protection lead at the global centre, who is on board in 2023.</p> <p>Regarding the sampling, the report may have presented a different picture with inclusion of more countries from sub Saharan Africa where social protection is required in the context of poverty and high HIV burden than the majority of settings included in the evaluation. It is also important to note the constrained financial resource environment including a current significant shortfall below the minimum UBRAF budget. Full implementation of the recommendations depends on closing that gap and ultimately on full funding of the UBRAF's budget of US\$ 210 million per annum.</p>
Planned use of evaluation	<p>Please describe the process to facilitate the intended use, focusing on how evaluation findings will affect the programme and contribute to evidence-based decision making</p> <p>The evaluation report will be one of the key resources in designing the 2024-2025 social protection workplan in consultation with UNAIDS Country Offices, Regional Support Teams, civil society and Cosponsors. Recommendations of the report will be used while developing the global strategy on HIV/AIDS and the UBRAF 2027 – 2031. Systems like the global UN Inter Agency Task Teams (IATTs) and other regional bodies could be set up and feed into the development of a global strategy. In the interim, a roadmap could be developed for 2024-2025. This would also give more time to ensure that the global strategy on HIV/AIDS and the work on HIV sensitive social protection would include the leveraging of other platforms which will only get more important as time goes on and HIV-specific financial resources dwindle.</p>

Recommendations and responses						Tracking	
No	Recommendation	Management response	Actions planned	Responsible	Timeframe	After six months	After one year
	<i>Please list the recommendation from the Evaluation Report</i>	<i>Please indicate if:</i> - Accepted - Partially accepted (please report reasons) - Not accepted (please report reasons)	<i>Please indicate the concrete actions planned by UNAIDS and partners to implement the recommendations</i>	<i>Please be specific and indicate who (Staff or Unit/Office) in UNAIDS is responsible for the actions. If it is a joint response it should list who these are specifically</i>	<i>Please be specific and indicate a completion date (the overall timeframe is usually one year)</i>	<i>Please indicate status of implementation and actions taken. If an action is no longer relevant due to a changed context, please provide a justification and indicate if it should be cancelled or reformulated.</i>	<i>Please indicate status of implementation and actions taken</i>
Global level							
1	Clarify the future of the social protection position at the UNAIDS Secretariat and consider its inclusion in a broader area of work of the Secretariat, such as in eliminating stigma and discrimination, and its connection with the data for impact department (linked to conclusions I, II, IV, XI, XII and XIII).	Accepted	Link with other areas which increases uptake of social protection is useful; show how role intersects with inequalities work (gender equality, stigma and discrimination, human rights, structural factors), cost effectiveness; design monitoring indicators	UNAIDS secretariat	6 months (January 2024 - June 2024)		
2	Articulate a common understanding of HIV-sensitive social protection as an area of work of the UNAIDS Joint Programme, and reinforce the roles of the UNAIDS Secretariat and each of its relevant Cosponsors in the implementation and evaluation of efforts in supporting all HIV-vulnerable groups through sustained linkage to available social protection programmes (linked to conclusions III, IV, XIII).	Partially accepted	Develop and share secretariat workplan. Revise global UN Interagency Task Team (IATT) on HIV and Social Protection/reference group terms of reference	Members of the global UN Interagency Task on HIV and social protection (UNAIDS, ILO, WFP, UNICEF, World Bank, UNESCO, UN Women, UNDP)	6 months (January 2024 - June 2024)		
3.1	In collaboration with UNAIDS Country Offices and national stakeholders, promote ownership of the monitoring of HIV-sensitive social protection, and the use of the related data for planning and monitoring actions at the country level. Identify and leverage existing survey mechanisms to extract or embed monitoring indicators; utilise these data to provide evidence of the Joint Programme's impact on HIV-sensitive social protection. Where possible, disaggregate data by key population and other priority populations. Disaggregation will provide insights into the inequalities faced by different groups and their level of access to different social protections (linked to conclusion VI).	Accepted	Harmonise data from multiple sources; strengthen effective and timely dissemination of HIV sensitive social protection data to influence country planning/priority setting; support UNAIDS Country Offices to follow and review evidence base for use in advocacy	Members of the global UN Interagency Task on HIV and social protection (UNAIDS, ILO, WFP, UNICEF, World Bank, UNESCO, UN Women, UNDP)	1 year (January 2024 - January 2025)		
3.2	Coverage of people living with HIV was not always and fully included in the work of HIV sensitive social protection in countries. The way forward could be a collaboration of UN entities/ Joint UN Team on AIDS to commission studies on HIV-sensitive social protection as relevant, with data on coverage to inform advocacy work related to the ongoing reform of the social protection system and to strengthen the availability of data on social protection for key populations.	Partially accepted	Commission HIV-sensitive social protection studies in outstanding countries and include coverage data	Members of the global UN Interagency Task on HIV and social protection (UNAIDS, ILO, WFP, UNICEF, World Bank, UNESCO, UN Women, UNDP)	2 years (January 2024 - December 2025)		
4	In collaboration across UNAIDS Joint Programme, review the UNAIDS Social Protection Assessment Tool and revise guidance for its implementation to optimise efficiency, as well as guidance for data analysis and use. For sustainability and considering implementation challenges in the past, the review should consider integration in other tools designed and systematically applied by UNAIDS Joint Programme or more broadly across relevant UN agencies (linked to conclusions VI, and IX).	Accepted	Global UN Interagency Task on HIV and social protection to convene and commission a study to assess scope of harmonisation/integration and facilitate a revision consultative workshop	Members of the global UN Interagency Task on HIV and social protection (UNAIDS, ILO, WFP, UNICEF, World Bank, UNESCO, UN Women, UNDP)	1 year (January 2024 - January 2025)		
5	In collaboration with UNAIDS Regional Support Teams, establish geographic priorities for the work of UNAIDS Joint Programme in HIV-sensitive social protection on the basis of challenges (e.g., high HIV prevalence, criminalization) and opportunities (e.g., social protection reform and expansion) in countries. Enhance collaboration across UNAIDS Joint Programme in those regions and/or countries.	Accepted	Convene regional meetings/workshops to set priorities	Members of the global UN Interagency Task on HIV and social protection, UNAIDS Regional Support Teams, ERA focal points	6 months (June - December 2024)		
6	UNAIDS Joint Programme must explore all opportunities to engage with social protection programmes, policies, schemes, conferences, etc., to ensure that HIV concerns are highlighted. This recommendation is applicable at the global, regional and country levels.	Accepted	Resume global UN Interagency Task Team on HIV and Social Protection reference group quarterly meetings; develop ToRs for platform at regional and country levels with the main objective to review Cosponsors' project reports, share emerging evidence and innovations, and identify ways of influencing projects planned by Cosponsors	Members of the global UN Interagency Task on HIV and social protection (UNAIDS, ILO, WFP, UNICEF, World Bank, UNESCO, UN Women, UNDP), RSTs, UCOs	6 months (June - December 2024)		
Regional level							
7	Once concepts and tools have been revised, tap into opportunities at the regional level (facilitated by the UNAIDS Regional Support Teams) to provide training in HIV-sensitive social protection, with a view to strengthening existing HIV and social protection expertise at the country level among UNAIDS Country Offices, civil society/ community based organisations, national government and other partners, including the development of various skillsets required, and the matching of skills to contexts and programme aims	Accepted	Disseminate revised assessment tool to regional offices together with guidelines and training; capacitate regional civil society through workshops to use the data from these tools for advocacy	Members of the global UN Interagency Task on HIV and social protection (UNAIDS, ILO, WFP, UNICEF, World Bank, UNESCO, UN Women, UNDP) UNAIDS SP lead; UNAIDS and Cosponsor RSTs, ERA focal points	2 years (January 2024 - December 2025)		

National level						
8	UNAIDS Country Offices should concentrate efforts in advocacy on improved accessibility of social protection and provision of appropriate and adequate benefits and programmes for people living with, at risk of or affected by HIV, including key population groups (including sexual- and gender-minority populations, people who use or inject drugs, and young people), in connection with broader advocacy work on universal social protection (Linked to conclusions IV and VIII).	Accepted	Capacitate UNAIDS Country Offices to leverage existing data sources; provide knowledge products covering emerging evidence, innovations and best practices; UNAIDS Country Offices to communicate gaps in need of expertise, innovations, and best practices	UNAIDS global centre lead, focal person from UNAIDS Country Offices	1 year (January 2024 - January 2025)	
9	UNAIDS Country Offices, in collaboration with UNAIDS Joint Programme/members of the Joint UN Team on AIDS in country, should engage national social protection programmes and advocate for the voices of key and vulnerable populations to be included at all stages in the conceptualization, design, analysis, planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of social protection schemes at the country level (Linked to conclusion XIII).	Accepted - several countries are already engaging with stakeholders and Cosponsors	UNAIDS Country Offices to engage stakeholders in existing social protection national coordination mechanisms and platforms to avoid an isolated, parallel, unsustainable workstream of HIV sensitive social protection; UNAIDS Country Offices to regularly share emerging evidence on gaps and successes for advocacy on these platforms	Social Protection focal person from UNAIDS Country Offices	1 year (January 2024 - January 2025)	
10	UNAIDS Country Offices, in collaboration with UNAIDS Joint Programme/ Joint UN Team on AIDS in countries, should engage representatives of key and other vulnerable populations, including groups that are most neglected in the country, to identify barriers to accessing available social protection services and to collaborate in finding appropriate solutions (Linked to conclusions IV, V, XIII and XIV).	Accepted - several countries are already engaging with stakeholders and Cosponsors	UNAIDS Country Offices to engage stakeholders in existing social protection national coordination mechanisms and platforms to avoid an isolated, parallel, unsustainable workstream of HIV sensitive SP; UNAIDS Country Offices to regularly share emerging evidence on gaps and successes for advocacy on these platforms	Social Protection focal person from UNAIDS Country Offices	1 year (January 2024 - January 2025)	
11	UNAIDS Country Offices to provide technical support and other resources to civil society/ community based organisations to enhance their role in documenting coverage and access to social protection programmes and to removing barriers among community members across the life course (Linked to conclusions IV, V, VI and XVII).	Accepted - efforts are already underway in a number of countries through Community Led Monitoring	UNAIDS Country Offices to strengthen Community Led Monitoring by supporting capacity building of community organisations; constraints include limited staff and financial resources requiring additional financial and technical assistance	UNAIDS Secretariat - Global centre lead on HIV and Social Protection; focal person from UNAIDS Country Offices	1 year (January 2024 - January 2025)	