AGENDA ITEM 7: EVALUATION

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2022 Highlights

Evaluations of the Joint Programme

- Efficient and Sustainable Financing
- Key Populations
- Country Envelopes (ongoing)
- Social Protection (ongoing)
- Lesotho and Mali

Evaluations of UNAIDS Secretariat

- Data Hubs
 - Evaluations not carried out:
- Policy Work and Influence postponed
- Covid-19 included in other evaluations







"The PCB considers strategic evaluations and draws on them for the purposes of governing the organization. Evaluation reports are not as a rule presented to the PCB for approval" (extract from Evaluation Policy, 2019)

Key populations evaluation – recommendations

- Increase the prioritization and strategic focus of work for and with key populations
- 2. Strengthen support to community-led programming
- Intensify support to ensure sustainability of key population responses
- 4. Accelerate data generation for key population programming including through the JPMS
- 5. Enhance the operational effectiveness of the work of the Joint Programme





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Follow up to evaluations and other activities

- Dissemination of evaluation reports, summaries, briefs and key messages
- Development of a management response by concerned managers
- Tracking the implementation of evaluation recommendations





Follow up to evaluations – management response

A requirement "to strengthen the use of evaluations, facilitate strategic consideration of evaluation results and appropriate follow-up actions" (extract from Evaluation Policy, 2019)

Suggested actions	Management response	Actions planned	Responsible	Timeframe
	- Accepted	Concrete actions	Secretariat,	Indicate a
	- Partially	planned to implement	Cosponsors	completion date
	accepted	the recommendations	(global, region,	(one year max.)
	- Not accepted	and suggested actions	countries)	
Rec: Urgently	increase the pric	pritization and strategic fo	ocus of the work fo	r and with key pop
Suggested ac	tions			
Suggested ac Prioritize a	t ions Partially	Work closely with the	All relevant	The end of 2023
		Work closely with the Interagency Working	All relevant Cosponsors, as	The end of 2023 is the shortest
Prioritize a	Partially	-		
Prioritize a set of	Partially accepted. KPs	Interagency Working	Cosponsors, as	is the shortest



Budget implementation (US\$)

Main categories	Original budget*	Revised budget **	Expenditures ***	%
Evaluations and activities	997 000	608 900	504 480	83%
Staff costs	879 000	676 000	671 520	99%
Emerging needs	90 000	0	0	0%
Total	1 996 000	1 284 900	1 176 000	92%

* Amount representing 1% of operational expenditures as per evaluation policy

** Total funding allocated from core budget and non-core funds secured to date
*** Expenditures to date and projected expenditures as of 31 December 2022



Governance and management

The **Board approves the evaluation plan** and **considers annual reports** on evaluation.

The **Expert Advisory Committee** provides **advice and guidance** to UNAIDS Evaluation Office.

The **Cosponsor Evaluation Offices** provide **support** and participate in **joint evaluations**.

The **Evaluation Office** is responsible for conducting all **evaluations and monitoring follow up**.





Expert Advisory Committee on Evaluation

- 1. Dr. Elizabeth Moreira dos Santos, researcher and independent consultant (Latin America and Caribbean), Chair;
- 2. Mr. Raymond Yekeye, Chair of the National AIDS Council of Zimbabwe (Africa);
- **3. Dr. Zunyou Wu**, Chief Epidemiologist, Chinese Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (Asia-Pacific);
- **4. Ms. Sigrid Vorobjov,** Senior Researcher, National Institute for Health Development, Estonia (Eastern Europe);
- **5. Professor Till Bärnighausen**, Director of the Heidelberg Institute of Global Health (Western European and Other Countries);
- **6. Ms. San Patten**, independent research and evaluation consultant (NGO Delegation);
- **7. Mr. Marco Segone**, Director of the UNFPA Evaluation Office (Cosponsor Evaluation Group).



Joint Programme evaluations in 2023

- Integration of HIV into Primary Health Care
- Human Rights and HIV

UNAIDS Secretariat evaluations in 2023

- Community-led Monitoring
- Policy Work and Influence
- Programme Review Committee
- Partnership with the Global Fund



Looking ahead to 2023

- Independent review of the evaluation policy after four years
- Review of the evaluation function as part of the MOPAN assessment
- Relocation and reestablishment of the Evaluation Office
- 4. Presentation of UNAIDS next evaluation plan and annual report to the PCB



MOPAN CRITERIA

- ✓ A corporate independent evaluation function exists
- ✓ Consistent, independent evaluation of results
- ✓ Systems applied to ensure the quality of evaluations
- Demonstration of evidence in the design new interventions
- Clear accountability system ensures follow-up to evaluations
- ✓ Uptake of lessons learned and best practices from evaluations

Conclusion

Good progress in implementing the evaluation plan, despite financial constraints, and the value of evaluations acknowledged

Conducting all evaluations and activities in the 2022-2023 evaluation plan will be difficult with the current level of staffing and funding

Disruptions in implementation of the evaluation plan need to be minimized during a period of transition and relocation of the Evaluation Office

Conclusions and recommendations of the MOPAN assessment and policy review should guide the work of the Evaluation Office going forward

