Evaluation in UNAIDS

44th meeting of UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board 25-27 June 2019
Monitoring and evaluation in UNAIDS

Tracking the epidemic and response

Performance monitoring

MOPAN and other reviews of UNAIDS

Increased emphasis on evaluation

38th PCB
June 2016

Stand-alone evaluation office

Independent evaluation function

UNIFIED BUDGET, RESULTS AND ACCOUNTABILITY FRAMEWORK ON THE FAST-TRACK TO END AIDS

AIDSinfo

2018
Key steps in the development of UNAIDS evaluation policy

- Engagement with Cosponsors, Member States, Civil Society and Partners
- Dedicated multi-stakeholder consultation on the draft evaluation policy
- Peer review of policy by the evaluation offices of UNAIDS Cosponsors
Key elements of UNAIDS evaluation policy

- Vision and purpose
- Decision-making, learning and accountability
- System-wide evaluations and UN reform
- UNEG and OECD/DAC norms and standards
- Responsibilities, competencies and quality assurance
Independence – a key aspect of evaluation

The UN Evaluation Group norms and standards identify **behavioural and organizational independence** as key aspects of evaluation.

This requires an **evaluation office** that is:
- responsible for **setting the evaluation agenda**
- able to carry out evaluations **without undue influence**
- provided with **adequate resources** to conduct its work
- positioned **independently** from management functions
Responsibility and accountability for evaluation

Civil society

Cosponsor evaluation group (UNEG)

Member States

Expert advisory committee

UNAIDS Joint Programme

UNAIDS Board

Evaluation office

Reports to

Nominate members

Reports to

Advice and guidance

Collaboration/joint work
Roles and responsibilities

Programme Coordinating Board
Approves the evaluation policy, plan and budget, considers annual reports on implementation and draws on evaluations for decisions
Appoints a geographically representative and gender balanced advisory committee and ensures required technical expertise

Expert Advisory Committee
An independent external body appointed by the Board which provides advice and guidance on the UNAIDS evaluation function
Consists of seven members, nominated by Member States (5), PCB NGO delegation (1) and Cosponsor evaluation offices (1)
Roles and responsibilities – cont.

**Cosponsor Evaluation Group**
Brings together and leverages the resources of the Cosponsor evaluation offices for HIV-related evaluations
Promotes and advises on system-wide and joint evaluations related to HIV and serves as a reference for HIV-related evaluations

**UNAIDS Executive Director**
Fosters an enabling environment for evaluation, safeguards the integrity and independence and ensures follow up to evaluations
Ensures resources for evaluation, provides management oversight of the evaluation function and promotes a culture of learning
Evaluation Office
Evaluates the work of the Joint Programme, i.e., the UNAIDS Secretariat and HIV-related activities of UNAIDS Cosponsors

A structurally and functionally independent unit with an overall budget corresponding to 1% of organizational expenditures

Director of Evaluation
Appointed by the EXD in consultation with the PCB Bureau; provides an independent report annually to the PCB.
- develops the evaluation policy, plans, guidance and tools
- manages evaluations and ensures use of findings and conclusions
- builds awareness, evaluation capacity and partnerships
Next steps towards the 45\textsuperscript{th} PCB meeting in December 2019

1. **Establishment of an expert advisory committee on evaluation**
   - PCB to nominate technical experts

2. **Consultative process to develop evaluation plan for 2020-2021**
   - to be approved by the PCB in December 2019

3. **System-wide evaluation of the UN response to AIDS**
   - i.e., evaluation of 2016-2021 Strategy and UBRAF