Joint Evaluation of the Common Chapter to the 2018-2021 Strategic Plans of UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF & UN Women

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BACKGROUND

UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF and UN Women have committed to working better together, with a view to achieving greater coherence in support of results. This commitment is embodied in a Common Chapter of their respective Strategic Plans for 2018-2021.

The Executive Boards for UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF and UN Women have asked the evaluation offices of the four agencies to establish a process for jointly evaluating the implementation modalities, and initial results arising from the agreed joint actions in the ‘key collaborative areas’ set out in the common chapter.
EVALUATION & JOINT PROGRAMMING:

- Joint Programme on Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting (FGM/C): Accelerating Change (UNFPA, UNICEF 2013)
- Joint Evaluation of Joint Programme on Gender Equality in the UN System, (UN WOMEN, UNICEF, UNFPA, UNDP 2014)
- Joint Evaluation of the GEF Small Grants Programme (GEF, UNDP 2015)
- Inter agency humanitarian evaluations (IAHE): Typhoon Haiyan response (2014), CAR and South Sudan (2016),
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EVALUATIONS PLANNED: UNFPA & UNICEF

- Joint programme on the abandonment of female genital mutilation
- Joint Global Programme to Accelerate Action to End Child Marriage
- Evaluation of the H4+ Joint Programme (UNFPA, UNICEF, WHO, UNAIDS, UN Women, and the World Bank) to advance the Every Woman Every Child (EWEC) Global Strategy
JOINT EVALUATION AIMS:

1. Evaluate the ‘ways of working’ agreed in the Common Chapter, implemented through joint programming and actions, in terms of coherence, coordination, effectiveness and efficiency, within the broader context of UN Development System repositioning.

2. Evaluate progress and results on joint accelerator initiatives:
   - UN / EU Partnership: Elimination of violence against women and girls
   - UN Pacific Strategy (2018-2022)
   - Sahel UNISS Support Plan
   - Data (availability and use of disaggregated data)
   - Others (as and when agreed)

3. Draw lessons and provide recommendations with a view to informing the development of the 2022-2025 strategic plans of the four agencies.
EVALUATION GOVERNANCE

Executive Boards
- Will receive periodic updates, and formally consider joint evaluation report(s)

(4) Agency Management
- Will periodically meet with the Evaluation Management Team to discuss common chapter progress and will review / comment on draft evaluation reports prior to wider circulation

Evaluation Office Directors
- Will providing oversight, and final approval on all evaluation deliverables

Evaluation Management Team
- Senior evaluation advisors from the 4 agencies have been selected and are jointly managing the evaluation process and reporting

External Reviewers
- External experts (4) will be hired to critique the evaluation process and report content
**JOINT EVALUATION TIMEFRAME**

**June 2019**
- JE Approach and Terms of Reference

**June 2020**
- Evaluation reports on Accelerator Initiatives

**January 2021**
- Joint Evaluation of the Common Chapter