







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

Workshop, 2 December 2019

Purpose of the Workshop

To hear from Member States representatives on expectations for evaluating the Strategic Plan Common Chapter of UNDP, UNICEF, UNFPA & UN Women

BACKGROUND on the Common Chapter

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.

THE COMMON CHAPTER

Identical section of the strategic plans 2018-2021 of UNICEF, UNDP, UN Women and UNFPA calling for:

• Enhanced collaboration in 6 key areas of work:

- Eradicating poverty
- Addressing climate change
- Improving adolescent and maternal health
- Achieving gender equality and empowerment of women and girls
- Ensuring greater availability and use of disaggregated data and sustainable development
- Peacebuilding and sustaining peace in conflict and post conflict situation

• Strengthening how the 4 agencies work together

- Planning
- Implementing programmes
- Multi-stakeholder partnerships
- Enhance efficiency

EVALUATION AIMS:

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• Establish a baseline understanding of joint programming and cooperation across the four agencies and consider the evaluability of the common chapter.

• Evaluate the 'ways of working' agreed in the Common Chapter, implemented through joint programming and actions, in terms of coherence, coordination, effectiveness and efficiency

 Consider progress and results on joint programming and actions, including joint accelerator initiatives, drawing lessons and providing recommendations with a view to informing the development of the 2022-2025 strategic plans of the four agencies

Joint Evaluation Timeframe

June 2019

JE Approach and Terms of Reference

June 2020

> Evaluability and Baseline Assessment

January 2021

 Joint Evaluation of the Common Chapter

Baseline study: scope

Information on the status (level and quality) of current cooperation in the key areas envisaged in the Common Chapter

Further clarity on the operationalization of the Common Chapter's constituents

A technical assessment of the basic parameters that will make it possible to fully evaluate both the results of the Common Chapter's implementation and the processes that have led to these results

Baseline study - Methodology

Analysis of data related to joint programs implemented in the period 2014-17;

Meta-analysis of evaluations of joint programs and coordination modalities implemented in the period 2014-17;

Desk review of strategic and programmatic documents to define an inventory of existing coordination mechanisms, and new modalities created because of the adoption of the Common Chapter;

Interviews with UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, and UNFPA Senior Management at Headquarters and Regional level;

Interviews with key representatives of United Nations entities that have a system-wide coordination mandates;

Interviews with a selected sample of Member States representatives;

Web-based survey of regional and (a sample of) country-level programme staff.

Workshop Questions:

- What were the drivers for creating a common chapter? What do Board members expect the agencies to be doing differently as a result?
- Are you aware of any major changes to the ways the four agencies are collaborating during the current strategic plan cycle (since 2018)?
- How does/should the common chapter add value to the UNDS repositioning?
- How can Members States further support common chapter operationalisation? Have interactions changed with the four agencies to facilitate/promote better collaboration?
- The Common Chapter indicates 6 areas where collaboration should be enhanced. Which of these areas are of particular interest for the evaluation to assess?
- Would you like to make any recommendations for implementing /evaluating the common chapter?