

2008/4. UNICEF evaluation policy

The Executive Board

1. *Welcomes* the establishment of the evaluation policy contained in document E/ICEF/2008/4 as an important step towards creating a common institutional basis for further improving accountability, transparency, and programmatic effectiveness;

2. *Calls on* UNICEF to continue to conduct evaluations of operations at the country level in close consultation with national Governments and to assist Governments in the development of national evaluation capacities;

3. *Approves* the UNICEF Evaluation Policy as presented in document E/ICEF/2008/4, and *notes* that the mandate of the evaluation function is to evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of UNICEF programmes and results;

4. *Resolves* that the Executive Board provide oversight to the evaluation function;

5. *Requests* the evaluation office to:

(a) Submit a biennial work plan to the Executive Board for information, while bearing in mind the importance of clear linkages between its programme of work and UNICEF's strategic frameworks;

(b) Report annually to the Executive Board on the evaluation function and evaluation findings and recommendations;

6. *Requests* the Executive Director to:

(a) Safeguard the integrity and independence of the evaluation function;

(b) Ensure that the process of appointment of the director of evaluation is done in a fully transparent manner;

(c) Provide adequate resources at global, regional and country levels for evaluation;

(d) Ensure the preparation and availability of management responses for all evaluation reports;

(e) Ensure that evaluation findings and recommendations are systematically incorporated into all relevant policy and strategic documents, including country programme documents;

7. *Requests* the Executive Director to submit a review of the "Evaluation Policy" (E/ICEF/2008/4), at the second regular session in 2009.

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