

Costed evaluation plan – Liberia – UNICEF country programme of cooperation, 2020–2024

The table draws from the Integrated Monitoring and Evaluation Plan to cover present evaluations planned for the duration of the programme cycle. Additional guidance on financial resources for evaluation are outlined in the revised Evaluation Policy (E/ICEF/2018/14).

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1. Evaluability assessment of UNICEF country programme, 2020–2024 for Liberia	By 2024, the most vulnerable and excluded groups have improved quality of life with rights-based, gender-sensitive, inclusive, equitable access and utilization of essential social services in an environment free from discrimination and violence, including in humanitarian situations.	Goal Areas 1–5	Evaluation readiness of country programme document (CPD) according to coverage criteria set out in the revised evaluation policy of UNICEF of 2018	Establish the readiness and feasibility of a summative evaluation focusing on the CPD result and resources framework and theory of change, as documented in the CPD and programme strategy notes. The evaluability assessment is scheduled for last quarter of 2019 and will conclude in early 2020 to allow the country office to adopt the assessment findings early in the first year of the country programme cycle. The country programme will be evaluated by the end of the fourth year of the implementation.	2020	95 000 (RR)
2. Evaluation of the UNICEF-supported Child Friendly Community (CFC) approach in Liberia	By 2024, the most vulnerable and excluded groups have improved quality of life with rights-based, gender-sensitive, inclusive, equitable access and utilization of essential social services in an environment free from discrimination and violence, including in humanitarian situations.	Goal Area 1: Girls and boys, especially those who are marginalized and those living in humanitarian conditions, have access to high-impact health, nutrition, HIV and early childhood development interventions from pregnancy to adolescence.	Before programme replication, to ensure adequate understanding of successful and hindering factors as well as risks and limitations, and a long period of unevaluated programme implementation	Overall, the evaluation will provide inputs for the replicability of the CFC approach in other counties with or without certain modifications. In particular, the evaluation will give the following inputs to inform decision-making on the adoption and replication of the approach: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide feedback on the cost effectiveness of the CFC approach - Contribute to enhanced learning by programme implementers and decision-makers to enable advocacy for the CFC approach to achieve sustainable outcomes for children - Accelerate progress in reaching the most disadvantaged children for the achievement of the regional key results for children (KRC) on 	2020	195 000 (OR)

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				<p>immunization (KRC 1) and birth registration (KRC 7).</p> <p>The conduct of the evaluation is expected to improve the capacity of implementing partners to conduct and manage future evaluations of multisectoral programmes.</p>		
3. Evaluation of the promotion of the Dietary Diversity Initiative in Liberia	By 2024, the most vulnerable and excluded groups have improved quality of life with rights-based, gender-sensitive, inclusive, equitable access and utilization of essential social services in an environment free from discrimination and violence, including in humanitarian situations.	Goal area 1: Girls and boys, especially those that are marginalized and those living in humanitarian conditions, have access to high-impact health, nutrition, HIV and early childhood development interventions from pregnancy to adolescence.	Programme replication or scale-up and extended period of programme implementation with no evaluation conducted, with more than \$10 million total expenditure	<p>Enhance UNICEF accountability to key stakeholders and contribute to learning and knowledge-sharing on the accelerated achievement of dietary diversity indicator as part of the regional key result for children on stunting prevention (KRC 2).</p> <p>The evaluation will inform and enable decision makers with respect to (a) the development of relevant policies on agriculture, trade and nutrition; (b) increasing budgetary allocations for relevant sectors; and (c) improving organizational effectiveness and lessons learned for future programme design.</p> <p>Implemented with a learning-oriented approach, the evaluation will develop the capacity of implementing partners to conduct and manage future evaluations and will foster a culture of evaluation within the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning and Ministry of Health.</p>	2021	180 000 (OR)
4. Evaluation of the birth registration process in Liberia	By 2024, Liberia consolidates, sustains peace and enhances social cohesion; has strengthened formal and informal institutions capable of providing access to inclusive, effective, equitable	Goal Area 3: Girls and boys, especially the most vulnerable and those affected by humanitarian situations, are protected from all forms of violence,	<p>Generate evidence on evaluation criteria of effectiveness, efficiency and sustainability of birth registration process in Liberia.</p> <p>Improve the understanding of</p>	This evaluation is expected to generate evidence on the effectiveness of the birth- registration process and strategies adopted by the Government of Liberia and UNICEF, and to generate lessons learned regarding the way in which the UNICEF-supported birth-registration process was implemented in Liberia. The evaluation is expected to inform	2022	170 000 (OR)

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	justice; and security services capable of promoting and protecting the human rights of all.	exploitation, abuse and harmful practices.	successful and hindering factors as well as risks and limitations Long period of unevaluated programme implementation	decision-making on the development of relevant policies on integrating the multisectoral approach and interoperable system (system-wide strengthening) and influence favourable budgetary allocation for a robust, vital registration system. The evaluation is also expected to develop the capacity of Ministries of Finance and Development Planning; Health; Justice; and Gender, Child and Social Protection to conduct and manage evaluation through a learning-oriented approach and foster a culture of evaluation. The enhanced understanding of the birth registration process will inform the implementation of the country programme for the remainder of the programme cycle and beyond and contribute to the accelerated achievement of the regional KRC on birth registration of children under 1 year of age (KRC 7).		
5. Evaluation of the implementation of the “Community Led Total Sanitation” (CLTS) water, sanitation and hygiene sector strategy in Liberia	By 2024, Liberia has diversified, and inclusive economic growth is underpinned by investments in sustainable and environmentally friendly agriculture, food security, job creation and improved resilience to climate change and natural disasters.	Goal Area 4: Sustained use of safe water and sanitation services and adoption of hygiene practices and strengthened systems for a clean and safe environment for all girls, boys and women, particularly the most disadvantaged and those affected by humanitarian situations	Programme replication or scale-up CLTS is also a key programme component, with total expenditure that has reached \$10 million	The enhanced understanding of evaluation will contribute to learning and knowledge-sharing with the Government, partners and regional UNICEF country offices on effectiveness, sustainability and gender-mainstreaming in four key outcomes of CLTS ((a) hygiene and sanitation practices; (b) quality of hygiene and sanitation conditions; (c) social attitudes, such as the feeling of privacy and security among women; (d) the capacity for collective action. The Government and partners are expected to inform and contribute to the accelerated achievement of open- defecation-free communities in Liberia, in line with the UNICEF	2023	155 000 (OR)

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				<p>regional KRC on open-defecation-free community (KRC 8).</p> <p>Inform decision-making on policies for an enhanced role for communities and decentralization; influence budgetary allocations on sanitation and hygiene education (behaviour change communication) and improve organizational effectiveness and programme design.</p> <p>The evaluation, conducted using a learning-oriented approach, is also expected to develop the capacity of implementing partners to conduct and manage future evaluations and foster a culture of evaluation within the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning and the Ministry of Public Works.</p>		
6. Evaluation of the UNICEF-supported Out-of-School- Children (OOSC) Initiative in Liberia	By 2024, the most vulnerable and excluded groups have improved quality of life with rights-based, gender-sensitive, inclusive, equitable access and utilization of essential social services in an environment free from discrimination and violence, including in humanitarian situations.	Goal Area 1: Girls and boys, especially those who are marginalized and those living in humanitarian conditions, have access to high-impact health, nutrition, HIV and early childhood development interventions from pregnancy to adolescence.	<p>Programme replication or scale-up of UNICEF-supported Out-of-School-Children Initiative through Government and partners across the country</p> <p>Programme component expenditure has reached \$10 million</p>	<p>The evaluation is meant to facilitate reflection and learning among education managers responsible for programming on out-of-school-children issues in all participating agencies. A revision of implementation strategies aimed at improving programme coherence is anticipated. Policy makers and government counterparts are expected to use evidence from the evaluation to deepen their understanding of the issues facing out-of-school children at all levels of the education system, as well as to mobilize stakeholders in key sectors, such as the social services sector.</p> <p>The evaluation is expected to enhance UNICEF accountability to key stakeholders and contribute to learning and knowledge- sharing with the Government, partners, and regional UNICEF country offices on relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, sustainability</p>	2023	160 000 (OR)

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				<p>and gender-mainstreaming, in order to support the accelerated achievement of the regional KRC on reduction in the proportion of out-of-school children (KRC 3).</p> <p>The evaluation is expected to develop the capacity of implementing partners to conduct and manage evaluation through a learning-oriented approach to evaluation and foster a culture of evaluation within the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning and the Ministry of Education.</p>		
7. Evaluation of UNICEF country programme, 2020–2024 for Liberia	By 2024, the most vulnerable and excluded groups have improved quality of life with rights-based, gender- sensitive, inclusive, equitable access and utilization of essential social services in an environment free from discrimination and violence, including in humanitarian situations.	Goal Areas 1–5	<p>Evaluate the country programme according to the coverage criteria of the revised evaluation policy of UNICEF of 2018.</p> <p>Assess the effectiveness and identify lessons learned to inform the next programme cycle.</p>	<p>Improve organizational learning to inform decision-making for the Liberia country programme, 2025–2029</p> <p>Improve organizational effectiveness.</p> <p>Inform the strategic direction of the partnership with the national Government.</p> <p>Enhance accountability to the Government, donors and implementing partners.</p> <p>The evaluation of the country programme will be informed by the findings of the 2019–2020 evaluability assessment, which will provide baseline data through which to monitor and track certain indicators throughout the country programme. This data will supplement the evidence to address some of the key country programme evaluation questions.</p>	2023-2024	250 000 (RR)

Note: All evaluations included in the costed evaluation plan will be conducted with the additional objective of the development of the national capacity to design and manage evaluations and undertake appropriate actions. The evaluation objects are selected to cover the relevant regional key results for children. The evaluations listed above will also inform the voluntary national review on the Sustainable Development Goals during the programme cycle and contribute to the accelerated achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.