

Voices from the Field

Evaluation and the SDGs

Stronger evaluation culture for 'Leaving no child behind' in Tanzania by Jaehwi Kim and Paul Quarles Van Ufford, UNICEF Tanzania

UNICEF Tanzania has revived its partnership with the [Tanzania Evaluation Association](#) (TanEA) to actively advise decision makers and parliamentarians on the importance of evaluation in the SDG era and to build evaluation capacity of evaluation managers in government and individual evaluators.



UNICEF is a strong advocate for integrating multi-dimensional child poverty in the government's key plans, strategies and budgeting. UNICEF has actively supported the government in localizing and integrating the SDGs into its second national five-year development plan. In this process, the key partners - Ministry of Finance, National Bureau of Statistics and President Office, Regional Administration and Local Government – have increased their capacity to generate, manage and utilize child-sensitive data and evidence for monitoring and evaluating the SDGs and the five-year development plan.

In localizing and implementing the SDGs, evaluation is vital to address the complexities of the SDGs. The country must build evidence for the value and effectiveness of policies, programmes and strategies, which impact on the multiple SDGs simultaneously. An example is UNICEF's support to impact evaluations of Tanzania's safety net programme, aimed at reducing poverty and supporting human development. On the one hand, these evaluations will help improve programme performance and contribute to building the evidence of the programme. On the other, it contributes to learning how to conduct and manage programme evaluations through national evaluation teams which is a practice that UNICEF systematically supports. For more details, please contact [Jaehwi Kim](#), Research and M&E Officer or [Paul Quarles Van Ufford](#), Chief, Social Policy, Research, and M&E, UNICEF Tanzania.



UNICEF Supports the Moroccan Government in the adoption and contextualization of the SDGs by Rachid Amri and Behzad Noubary, UNICEF Morocco



Morocco was one of 9 countries nominated to represent the Middle East and North Africa region in the global conversation on the post-2015 development framework based on the theme "The world we want". A national consultation on the 2015 development agenda took place in 2013

led by the Moroccan Ministry of Foreign Affairs with support from UNICEF and other UN agencies. These consultations gathered the opinions of about 800 people from all social categories of the population including women, children and young people.



In 2016, a national consultation on the contextualization of the [2030 Agenda](#) took place through collaboration between the Government and the United Nations system in Morocco. Parallel to this process, UNICEF organized a special full-day [consultation with children](#) and young people from different sociocultural backgrounds. The rich, extensive opinions and information collected through this consultation were used in shaping the government vision on the contextualization of SDGs. This vision was presented as part of Morocco's report at the [High-level Political Forum](#) on the SDGs held in July 2016.

Through the 2017-2021 Country Programme, UNICEF Morocco aims to continue supporting the government for better coherence between different social policies targeting children and the related SDG targets. The UN will also support government efforts in the monitoring, reporting and review of the SDGs. In this regard, UNICEF in collaboration with other UN Agencies and national partners are developing a joint programme to support the High Commission on Planning in the monitoring and reporting on SDGs. For more details, you can [watch this video](#) and also contact [Rachid Amri](#), Planning, M&E Officer, UNICEF Morocco.

UNICEF Supports Implementation of the 2030 Agenda in the East Asia and Pacific Region by *Riccardo Polastro, UNICEF EAPRO*

A regional training workshop “[Developing National Evaluation Capacities to Support the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda](#)” was held in Bangkok from 26-27 October 2016 with Government representatives from Fiji, Indonesia, Malaysia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines and Sri Lanka. The workshop was organized by [UNDP](#) and [UNITAR](#) in collaboration with [UNICEF](#) and [EVALSDGs](#).



Participants discussed the importance of strengthening evaluation and using its results for evidence-based decision-making to achieve the SDGs. The workshop provided an overview of the multi-level follow-up and review framework agreed by UN Member States for the SDGs. Participants also discussed opportunities and practical steps to include evaluation in SDG reviews. By the end of the training all six countries had generated action plans for SDG evaluation in their countries.

UNDP and UNICEF also decided to partner to conduct a series of country case studies aimed at identifying and documenting emerging practices on SDG evaluation. Malaysia and Thailand will be the first country case studies. The methodology and details will be available later. Watch that space! For more details, please contact [Riccardo Polastro](#), Regional Advisor Evaluation, UNICEF EAPRO.