UNICEF report on the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit

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## 2023 JIU Activities

- 3 system-wide JIU reports and 1 note directly relevant to UNICEF were issued, with
- 21 recommendations for action
  - 4 for Executive Board (EB)
  - 17 for Executive Director (ED)

Reference:
- JIU/NOTE/2022/1 Measures and Mechanisms for addressing racism and racial discrimination (6)
- JIU/2023/2 Internal pre-tribunal stage appeal mechanisms for staff (1)
- JIU/REP/2023/3 Accountability frameworks (5)
- JIU/REP/2023/4 Mental Health (9)

## UNICEF Actions on 2023 JIU Activities

Of the 21 recommendations,
- 16 accepted by UNICEF
  - 7 implemented the same year
  - 9 in progress
- 04 Outside sole remit as referring/requiring inter-agency collaboration.
- 01 not accepted related to Review of Accountability Frameworks. UNICEF already reports on accountability. On costing of accountability, recommendation not accepted as these are embedded throughout processes.

## UNICEF Overall Status

- Total of 11 recommendations in progress
  - 9 recommendations from 2023
    - 1 from Measures and Mechanisms for addressing Racism and Racial Discrimination (by 2025)
    - 8 from Mental Health and well-being policies and practices (by 2025)
  - 2 recommendations from 2022
    - 1 from Ethics report related to evaluating the effectiveness of “value for money” of financial disclosure and declaration of interest programmes (by 2025)
    - 1 from Implementing Partners (IP) report incorporating IP risks into the risk management framework (by 2024)

## Key Highlights

- No (0) long outstanding recommendations, a historic achievement
- UNICEF is the 3rd largest contributor to the JIU budget (14.82% percentage share in the costs of JIU for 2023) (WFP 1st, UN 2nd)
- As per the JIU’s annual report to the General Assembly, for the period 2015-2022 the UNICEF implementation rate was 96.8% while the acceptance rate was 83.9% (Source: Report of the JIU to the General Assembly for 2023 and programme of work 2024 (A/78/34, Annex II)
Thank you