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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