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Evaluation reports and management responses

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* of the annual report for 2018 on the evaluation function in UNICEF ([E/ICEF/2019/14](#)) and its management response ([E/ICEF/2019/15](#)), and welcomes the timely implementation of the revised evaluation policy;
2. *Welcomes* that UNICEF had the highest number of evaluations since 2012, and takes note with appreciation of the addition of three senior evaluation specialists at the regional level and the increase in spending on evaluation to 0.8 per cent of total programme expenditure in 2018, and requests UNICEF to reach the target of 1 per cent by the end of 2019, in accordance with its decision 2018/10;
3. *Also welcomes* the continued coordination of the Evaluation Office within the United Nations development system and the good progress on the evaluation of UNICEF activities, but notes with concern a reduction in the evaluation rate in some regions and the substantial increase in management-response actions that are not yet started, and requests UNICEF to address these issues and report back to the Executive Board at the annual session of 2020;
4. *Further welcomes* the summary of corporate evaluations, evaluability assessments, syntheses and reviews completed in 2018 and requests UNICEF to hold an informal briefing on the evaluation on innovation on the margins of the second regular session of 2019 and to present the report and its management response at the first regular session of 2020;
5. *Requests* the Evaluation Office to demonstrate progress in building its capacity to undertake gender-based analysis in evaluations and include this analysis in summary reports to the Executive Board;
6. *Takes note* of the evaluation of the coverage and quality of the UNICEF humanitarian response in complex humanitarian emergencies, its executive summary ([E/ICEF/2019/16](#)) and its management response ([E/ICEF/2019/17](#));



7. *Requests* UNICEF to develop structured approaches to accountability towards affected populations and to country-level dialogue with implementing partners about humanitarian principles;

8. *Encourages* all country offices in complex humanitarian emergencies to make use of vulnerability analysis clearly identifying the girls and boys most in need;

9. *Requests* UNICEF to demonstrate progress towards resolving the dilemma of how to balance coverage and equity in complex humanitarian emergencies in the annual report for 2019 on the evaluation function in UNICEF, which will be presented to the Executive Board at its annual session in 2020.
