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Annual report for 2024 on the evaluation function in UNICEF, and management response

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* of the annual report for 2024 on the evaluation function in UNICEF ([E/ICEF/2025/23](#)) and its management response ([E/ICEF/2025/24](#));
2. *Takes note with appreciation* of the strong integration of the role of the evaluation function in the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2026–2029: draft for review, including in advancing accountability, learning and change processes;
3. *Welcomes* the intention of UNICEF to further strengthen the role of the evaluation function within UNICEF governance, risk management and oversight, and encourages continued efforts to foster an evaluation culture across the organization, with support and commitment from leadership;
4. *Requests* the UNICEF Evaluation Office to present its costed annual workplans to the Executive Board at the first regular session starting in 2026;
5. *Reiterates* the importance of the full independence of the evaluation function and its direct access to the Executive Board, and encourages UNICEF management to ensure the adequate and sustainable funding and staffing of the function.

