

Costed evaluation plan – Nicaragua – UNICEF country programme of cooperation, 2024–2028

The table draws from the Integrated Monitoring and Evaluation Plan to cover present evaluations planned for the duration of the programme cycle. Additional guidance on financial resources for evaluation is outlined in the revised evaluation policy of UNICEF ([E/ICEF/2018/14](#)).

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1. Evaluation of the Government’s Child Development Centres Programme		Goal Area 1 All children, including adolescents, survive and thrive with access to nutritious food, quality primary health care, appropriate parenting practices and essential resources.	The Child Development Centres Programme is a flagship government programme. It is the only proposed evaluation of a government programme. The programme has nationwide coverage and has been implemented for decades. It has never been evaluated.	The evaluation will be used to redirect and adjust the programme in terms of effectiveness and efficiency. It will review the monitoring system, its performance indicators and the national indicators (National Poverty Plan) to which it contributes.	2024	40 000 (RR) 30 000 (OR)
2. Evaluation of the SAHTOSO Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Programme on the Caribbean Coast and in the Dry Corridor; case study in Nicaragua (SAHTOSO: Methodology of Sanitation and Total and Sustainable Hygiene (<i>Metodología de Saneamiento e</i>		Goal Area 4 All children, including adolescents, have access to safe and equitable water, sanitation and hygiene services, and live in a safe and sustainable climate and environment.	This evaluation is promoted by the Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Office (LACRO). The evaluation is subregional for Central American countries. It will evaluate the performance of the programme already	It is proposed as an impact/outcome evaluation that assesses the programme’s capacity to bring about changes in the lives of children and adolescents and their families. It will contain quantitative and qualitative analyses and its results will help to design the programme’s scale-up.	2024	0 000 (RR) 0 000 (OR) The evaluation will be fully funded by LACRO.

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<i>Higiene Total y Sostenible))</i>			implemented in the subregion and recently implemented in Nicaragua with major success. The evaluation will assess the conditions for scaling up the programme.			
3. Evaluation of the Country Programme's Social and Behavioural Change Strategy		Strategies for change. Community participation and social and behavioural change.	The strategy has been implemented since the previous 2019–2023 country programme. Its evaluation was planned but not carried out. The strategy contains four strategies related to programme support. One of them will be chosen for evaluation. The strategy to be evaluated will be decided during the course of the programme.	One of the four strategies under way will be selected. Its monitoring mechanism will be reviewed in terms of its efficiency and its usefulness for reorienting communication strategies and messages according to their capacity to produce change. The extent to which people change their knowledge, attitudes and practices and the ability of the programming to change perceptions and social norms in favour of UNICEF programmes will be assessed.	2028	50 000 (RR) 0 000 (OR)
4. Evaluation of the Disaster Risk Preparedness Programme for the Caribbean Coast		Goal Area 4 All children, including adolescents, have access to safe and	The programme is funded by the European Union for a five-year period	The evaluation will be used for donor and programme orientation. It will analyse some of the	2027	0 000 (RR) 60 000 (OR)

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		equitable water, sanitation and hygiene services, and live in a safe and sustainable climate and environment.	and its implementation ends in 2027. An external evaluation is required at the end of programme implementation.	United Nations Evaluation Group’s (UNEG) standard evaluation criteria, mainly relevance, efficiency, effectiveness, sustainability and the development nexus. The results of the evaluation will inform the future UNICEF interventions on the Caribbean Coast related to disaster preparedness.		
5. Strengthening institutional capacity for evaluation (National Evaluation Capacity Development NECD programme)		Strategies for change. 3. Data, research, evaluation and knowledge management.	The country’s Development Plan proposes strengthening its evaluation capacities. The Presidency’s Secretariat of Planning is the civil service’s planning, monitoring and evaluation body. These tasks will be carried out in coordination with it.	The NECD programme will focus on innovation that will strengthen national institutions’ capacity for evaluation. This will enable a better link between planning, budget implementation and results with the main government institutions involved.	2024–2028	70 000 (RR) 0 000 (OR)
6. Country Programme Midterm Review		Strategies for change. 3. Data, research, evaluation and knowledge management.	The previous 2019–2023 programme has been evaluated, but the country office did not	The midterm review will focus on the aspects that have become more important during the course of the	2026	50 000 (RR) 0 000 (OR)

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			conduct country programme document (CPD) evaluations for many years. A midterm review of the CPD will enable the country office to strengthen evaluation capacities.	programme. It will focus on precise evaluation criteria and issues, mainly related to efficiency and effectiveness. It will allow for an evaluability analysis, reviewing the correct functioning of the monitoring system.		
Total resources						210 000 (RR) 90 000 (OR) 300 000 (Total)

* There is no United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework for Nicaragua.