## Costed evaluation plan – Mauritania – UNICEF country programme of cooperation, 2024–2027

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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Joint formative evaluation of the El Barka economic inclusion programme	Outcome 1	Goal Area 5	This is a joint evaluation with the national agency in charge of national social protection programmes, the General Delegation for National Solidarity and the Fight against Exclusion (TAAZOUR). The evaluation will focus on strategies for funding income-generating activities for disadvantaged youth and women and their impact on improving household living conditions as well as child development and protection. It will examine the targeting criteria and the operating methods used in the programme.	The direct users of the evaluation are TAAZOUR and the Ministry of Social Action for Children and the Family, both of which manage the two major economic inclusion programmes for youth and women. UNICEF and other United Nations agencies are secondary users of this evaluation, which will help to refine strategies to achieve programme outcomes for the most vulnerable youth and groups, and to encourage the scaling up of models promoted by the United Nations system, including the adolescent empowerment programme (SAFIA model).	Second quarter of 2024	30 000 (RR) 60 000 (OR) 90 000 (Total)

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			The economic and social inclusion of youth and women is a priority for the Cooperation Framework for Sustainable Development, 2024–2027 and the UNICEF programme, which promote the same strategies as El Barka. It is also part of UNICEF strategy to support government efforts to promote public policy evaluation.			
Evaluability assessment of the UNICEF Mauritania country programme, 2024–2027	Outcomes 1–4	Goal Areas 1–5	The goal of the assessment is to increase the evaluability of the cooperation programme implemented by UNICEF and the Government of Mauritania. This involves analysing the logic and consistency of the programme and analysing the adequacy of indicators, particularly at the output level, and of the monitoring	The evaluation findings will help to strengthen the consistency and measurability of the country programme. It will examine the consistency of the theory of change and the results framework. It will verify the monitoring system's capacity to generate evidence to ensure that the programme is evaluated according to UNICEF norms and standards. It will allow, if necessary, the country programme theory of	Fourth quarter of 2024	30 000 (RR) 0 (OR) 30 000 (Total)

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			system to measure and report on progress towards goals and outcomes. The assessment will also evaluate the availability of human and financial resources to monitor and evaluate the expected outcomes. It will provide guidance on questions for, and approaches to, the final programme evaluation.	change to be adapted/adjusted to the operational environment and context, and the monitoring and evaluation framework to be strengthened. It will inform the office about the monitoring, evaluation and knowledge- management capacities required to monitor a programme that promises a community-based approach.		
Evaluation of the humanitarian response to the Malian refugee crisis	Outcomes 1 and 2	Goal Areas 1–5	This formative evaluation aims to improve the design and performance of UNICEF humanitarian response to Malian refugees. It is intended to share and document good practices in response to the Malian refugee crisis and contribute to organizational learning. The evaluation also aims to inform donors and beneficiaries about the main outcomes of the response, including	The evaluation findings will be used to report to donors and to the groups and communities that the response is intended to serve. First, the evaluation will be used to determine whether the response achieved the expected outcomes or had unexpected outcomes. Second, it will foster the organizational learning needed to	First and second quarters of 2025	20 000 (RR) 60 000 (OR) 80 000 (Total)

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			any constraints and gaps.	strengthen resilient approaches. Third, the evaluation will inform strategic thinking by UNICEF and its national partners on cross- border and other approaches to strengthening cohesion between refugees and host communities.		
Formative evaluation of the youth component of the UNICEF Mauritania country programme, 2024–2027	Outcomes 1, 2 and 3	Goal Areas 1–5	This evaluation will focus on the programme's effects on the economic and social inclusion of adolescents and youth, particularly girls, in its intervention areas. It will examine the multisectoral approach adopted in the country programme to promote development of adolescents and youth It will examine the approaches and operating methods used to ensure that interventions are combined and integrated. It will document the lessons learned.	The evaluation findings and recommendations will be used to refine the implementation of the programme's youth strategies. In addition, the results of the evaluation will be used to promote accountability frameworks at community level. They will provide accountability to communities, especially youth, as well as to government authorities and donors. The evaluation will inform stakeholders, including youth of the main outcomes of the programme, particularly with regard to the	First quarter of 2026	30 000 (RR) 80 000 (OR) 110 000 (Total)

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				implementation of innovations. The evaluation will also stimulate organizational learning and knowledge-sharing on participatory, community-based approaches to drive change in social norms, including gender, and strengthen the governance of social sectors.		
Final evaluation of the UNICEF Mauritania country programme, 2024–2027	Outcomes 1, 2 and 3	Goal Areas 1–5	This evaluation is consistent with the standards defined in the UNICEF evaluation policy of 2018. and the draft policy of 2023. Country offices are required to conduct a country programme evaluation in at least one of the last two cooperation programmes, which was not the case for Mauritania.	The findings and recommendations of the evaluation will be used to guide the development of the next country programme for 2028– 2032. The evaluation will build organizational knowledge of good practices and innovations introduced in the country programme, 2024–2027.	Third and fourth quarters of 2026	30 000 (RR) 60 000 (OR) 90 000 (Total)
Total resources						140 000 (RR) 260 000 (OR) 400 000 (Total)