

Management response to the evaluation of UNICEF social protection responses towards universal child benefits

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Evaluation underscores relevance & effectiveness of UNICEF social protection work

“UNICEF has achieved remarkable progress” working effectively with Governments and other partners to progressively expand child benefit programmes



Child benefits are critical to reducing child poverty and improving multiple child outcomes

Central to Strategic Plan Goal Area 5 and UNICEF contribution to SDG 1, as well as leaving no one behind across Goal Areas

Overview of the management response



Agree with four overarching recommendations to further strengthen:

- Evidence-based advocacy
- Support enhancing national investments in social protection
- Expansion of UNICEF technical support to government capacity to implement child benefits and social protection delivery systems
- UNICEF's catalytic role in mobilizing partnerships to harmonize approaches among external partners in the sector



Overview of the management response



13 management actions:

- 77% under way
- Majority to be completed by end 2025, 2 by end 2024



Conclusions

01.

Reconfirms strategic relevance and achievements of Goal Area 5 to reduce child poverty through social protection and influencing public financing

02.

Management actions commit to further strengthening social protection advocacy, national financing, capacity-building and partnerships

03.

Resource mobilization required to further leverage UNICEF's effective support to expanding national cash benefit programmes for children and families



Thank you.