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- The United States notes and welcomes the evaluation of UNICEF social protection responses towards universal child benefits and its management response.
- We are encouraged by the positive evaluation and look forward to hearing from UNICEF of ways to join forces and improve partnerships, technical assistance, and local capacity building to ensure the sustainability of child benefits, reduce exclusion, and increase local government's support for establishing and or expanding child benefits.
- We encourage UNICEF to provide annual updates to the Executive Board on the progress of implementation of recommendations from the evaluation.