

UNICEF report on the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit

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2023 JIU Activities

- **3 system-wide JIU reports and 1 note** directly relevant to UNICEF were issued, with
- **21 recommendations** for action
 - 4 for Executive Board (EB)
 - 17 for Executive Director (ED)

Reference:

- [JIU/NOTE/2022/1 Measures and Mechanisms for addressing racism and racial discrimination](#) (6)
- [JIU/2023/2 Internal pre-tribunal stage appeal mechanisms for staff](#) (1)
- [JIU/REP/2023/3 Accountability frameworks](#) (5)
- [JIU/REP/2023/4 Mental Health](#) (9)

UNICEF Actions on 2023 JIU Activities

Of the 21 recommendations,

- **16 accepted** by UNICEF
 - 7 *implemented the same year*
 - 9 *in progress*
- **04 Outside sole remit** as referring/ requiring inter-agency collaboration.
- **01 not accepted** related to Review of Accountability Frameworks. UNICEF already reports on accountability. On costing of accountability, recommendation not accepted as these are embedded throughout processes.

UNICEF Overall Status

- **Total of 11 recommendations in progress**
 - **9 recommendations from 2023**
 - 1 from *Measures and Mechanisms for addressing Racism and Racial Discrimination (by 2025)*
 - 8 from *Mental Health and well-being policies and practices (by 2025)*
 - **2 recommendations from 2022**
 - 1 from *Ethics report related to evaluating the effectiveness of “value for money” of financial disclosure and declaration of interest programmes (by 2025)*
 - 1 from *Implementing Partners (IP) report incorporating IP risks into the risk management framework (by 2024)*

Key Highlights

- No (0) long outstanding recommendations, a historic achievement
- UNICEF is the 3rd largest contributor to the JIU budget (**14.82%** percentage share in the costs of JIU for 2023) (WFP 1st, UN 2nd)
- As per the JIU’s annual report to the General Assembly, for the period 2015-2022 the UNICEF implementation rate was 96.8% while the acceptance rate was 83.9% (Source: [Report of the JIU to the General Assembly for 2023 and programme of work 2024 \(A/78/34, Annex II\)](#))

A young girl with dark skin and hair adorned with colorful beads and flowers stands in front of a building with grey stone walls and wooden shutters. She is wearing a blue and white checkered dress and a light blue UNICEF school bag. The bag features the UNICEF logo and the text "unicef" and "Tous les enfants, filles et garçons à l'école".

Thank you