

## **Agenda Item 8**

### **Plan for Global Evaluations, 2022-2025**

Thank you Chair.

I am speaking on behalf of the European Union as a donor.

We welcome the Plan for Global Evaluations, 2022-2025, which is quite comprehensive and illustrates UNICEF's commitment to make a better use of evidence to inform its policies and programme delivery.

We note that the Plan will look at the main areas of work of UNICEF, including all five Goal Areas, as well as the change strategies and enablers which are crucial to better respond to emerging needs of children. We expect that this Plan will help you and your partners better measure the impact of your actions in order to focus on outcomes, in line with the strategic approach defined in the Strategic Plan, 2022–2025, and accelerate progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals.

We note with interest that the Plan will focus on addressing emerging lessons learned and recommendations from the 2020 MOPAN assessment of UNICEF and that it was also informed by the recent independent reviews of UNICEF's evaluation function. We welcome the integration of the corresponding recommendations as well as the input from UNICEF regional and country offices to identify topics for evaluation.

We appreciate that the Plan incorporates a humanitarian lens into all evaluations, given UNICEF's important role in the humanitarian

response. We welcome that gender, disability and other sources of vulnerability and exclusion will be mainstreamed throughout evaluations of each Goal Area of the Strategic Plan.

We support the planned evaluations of all Level 3 emergencies and the intended focus on localization, preparedness, risk-informed programming and accountability to affected populations in the humanitarian evaluation portfolio.

We welcome your intention to enhance joint and inter-agency evaluations. We strongly recommend increasing this kind of evaluations, not only for greater cost efficiency but also for enhanced joint lessons learning that can then feed into a strengthened collective response. We also commend UNICEF's continued engagement in the ongoing development of the UN system-wide evaluation function, in accordance with the report of the Secretary General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 75/233 on the QCPR. Furthermore, we strongly support your commitment to continue developing evaluation partnerships with non-UN partners, which were fostered during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Considering that a large part of the planned evaluations are to be funded by other resources than the regular resources and thus subject to fundraising efforts, we do hope that you will succeed in mobilising the necessary funds for putting in place this ambitious programme and we look forward to being informed about its implementation and possible adjustments during the Annual sessions of the Board.

Thank you.