

## Costed evaluation plan – Islamic Republic of Iran – UNICEF country programme of cooperation, March 2023–December 2027<sup>a</sup>

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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Evaluation of the response to the Afghan refugee crisis by UNICEF Islamic Republic of Iran	Outcomes 2 and 3	Goal Areas 1–5	Evaluation of humanitarian action	Enabling informed programming and timely modification of the ongoing humanitarian programme cooperation agreements to align the response type and modality to increase UNICEF accountability to the affected population. Proposed evaluation criteria: relevance, efficiency and coordination	First quarter (Q1) 2023	50 000 (OR)
Evaluation of UNICEF technical support to the Ministry of Energy, Islamic Republic of Iran, on water management	Outcome 3	Goal Area 4	Thematic evaluation	Fine-tune the technical support provided to the Government in the interest of increased relevance, adaptability with national priorities and needs (partly derived from a planned CLAC survey) and effectiveness based on global mandates. Proposed evaluation criteria:	First quarter (Q1) 2024	40 000 (OR)

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				effectiveness and relevance		
Islamic Republic of Iran country programme evaluation 2023–2027	Not applicable	Not applicable	Country programme evaluation	Given the context in the Islamic Republic of Iran, this evaluation is meant to enable informed programming to inform the mid-year review, including the required strategic shifts. Proposed evaluation criteria: effectiveness, efficiency, relevance and efficiency	Fourth quarter (Q4) 2024	70 000 (RR)
Evaluation of the joint programme of UNICEF and the Ministry of Health and Medical Education, Islamic Republic of Iran, on prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV	Outcome 2	Goal Area 1	Thematic evaluation	Adapt relevant interventions in the 2023–2027 country programme cycle and inter-agency partnership perspectives to needs based on the findings of the evaluation through incorporation of the management response into the next programme on prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV. Proposed evaluation criteria: efficiency,	Second quarter (Q2) 2025	50 000 (RR)

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				relevance and sustainability		
Evaluation of private sector partnership strategy	N/A	N/A	Sector evaluation	Acquire information on the weight and contribution of the private sector partnerships to enable decision-making on how to best strengthen the value chain by designing an enhanced partnership strategy. The evaluation can also increase the buy-in of the ministries by identifying the most efficient approaches for private sector engagement in the areas of need and mutual interest. Proposed evaluation criteria: relevance, efficiency, sustainability and effectiveness	Fourth quarter (Q4) 2025	30 000 (RR)
Evaluation of UNICEF/Iran’s Social Protection programme: Roll-out of Cash Plus	Outcome 1	Goal Area 5	Thematic evaluation	Adjust targeting and service delivery modality of the programme towards addressing the most inevitable needs of the most vulnerable population within UNICEF mandates and competencies and	First quarter (Q1) 2026	40 000 (OR)

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				to facilitate endorsement of the national road map. Proposed evaluation criteria: relevance, sustainability and connectedness		
Evaluation of the UNICEF Islamic Republic of Iran response to emergencies, such as floods and earthquakes, through water, sanitation and hygiene interventions	Outcome 4	Goal Areas 1–5	Evaluation of humanitarian action	Enable informed programming and modification of the interventions to better respond to the needs of the affected population. Proposed evaluation criteria: relevance, efficiency, effectiveness and coordination.	Third quarter (Q3) 2026	70 000 (OR)
Evaluation of UNICEF support to the nutrition surveillance system	Outcome 2	Goal Area 1	Thematic evaluation	As acknowledged by the national counterpart, there is a need to enhance the nutrition surveillance system. The finding of this evaluation would help to identify gaps and strengths and contribute to an improved design and application of the system by different stakeholders involved.  Proposed evaluation criteria: efficiency, effectiveness and sustainability	First quarter (Q1) 2027	50 000 (OR)

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<b>Total resources</b>						<b>150 000 (RR)</b> <b>250 000 (OR)</b> <b>400 000 (total)<sup>c</sup></b>

<sup>a</sup> The costed evaluation plan covers most aspects of the development part of the country programme and will be regularly reviewed to adapt to the changing environment and ensure that upcoming humanitarian situations are also evaluated.

<sup>b</sup> The sum of regular resources (RR) and other resources (OR) estimated for 2023–2027 is nearly \$20 million, and the total amount estimated for the cycle, including emergency (ORE), is \$40 million.

<sup>c</sup> There will be additional evaluation expenditures related to salary and activities related to national capacity-building on evaluation.