

Costed evaluation plan – Costa Rica – UNICEF country programme of cooperation, March 2023–December 2027

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 are outlined in the revised Evaluation Policy ([E/ICEF/2018/14](#)).

<i>Evaluation title</i>	<i>United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (or equivalent) outcome</i>	<i>UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2022–2025 Goal Area</i>	<i>Criteria used for selection</i>	<i>Intended use of evaluation findings</i>	<i>Expected start date (month and year, or year only)</i>	<i>Anticipated cost and provisional source of funding (regular resources (RR) or other resources (OR)) in United States dollars</i>
Joint evaluation of the National Child Care and Development Network	<p>Outcome 1: An inclusive Costa Rica that renews its social contract by embracing its multi-ethnic and multicultural identity, guaranteeing the full and non-discriminatory exercise of human rights, gender equality and the empowerment of women, girls and young people in their diversity.</p> <p>Outcome 2: National and local governance centred on people and their rights, with efficient, fair, transparent, sustainable public services and broad and dynamic spaces for participation and dialogue that empower people, especially women in their diversity and vulnerable populations throughout the country.</p>	<p>Goal Area 1: Every child, including adolescents, survives and thrives, with access to nutritious diets, quality primary health care, nurturing practices and essential supplies.</p> <p>Goal Area 2: Every child, including adolescents, learns and acquires skills for the future.</p> <p>Goal Area 3: Every child, including adolescents, is protected from violence, exploitation, abuse, neglect and harmful practices.</p> <p>Goal Area 5: Every child, including adolescents, has access to inclusive social protection and lives free from poverty.</p>	This thematic evaluation focuses on increasing coverage and quality of the National Child Care and Development Network services.	<p>Findings will inform the National Child Care and Development Network decision-making, enhance UNICEF accountability to key stakeholders and contribute to learning and knowledge-sharing.</p> <p>The Network was created with the aim of establishing a childcare and development system with public, universal access and a shared financing mechanism that articulates the different modalities of public and private provision of services to strengthen and expand comprehensive childcare alternatives. UNICEF Costa Rica has contributed in a sustained manner through technical and financial cooperation, so that the Network has the necessary tools and capacity to deliver quality work. This evaluation will review the needs of the population (boys, girls, mothers, fathers and caregivers), the work provided by the National Child Care and Development Network and the institutional response to improve coverage and the quality of services.</p> <p>This evaluation will also assess the childcare modality called “Casas de la Alegría” focused on indigenous migrant children. The objective of this innovative model, based on an alliance between the public and private sectors, is the protection of children whose parents work in coffee farms through the</p>	January 2023	<p>50 000 (OR) 15 000 (RR) 65 000 (Total)</p>

				<p>provision of early childhood development services. This intervention seems to have improved the health status of children (e.g., it has decreased the infant mortality rate), promoted cognitive development and significantly reduced child labour. “Casas de la Alegría” began its implementation in 2014. After four years, a new management model was generated for its replication in other areas. An evaluation with a measurement analysis of the contributions of the actors will assess the scope and work results, which will lead to recommendations and criteria for the improvement and scaling-up of services.</p> <p>This evaluation will be carried out in partnership with the National Child Welfare Agency, the National Child Care and Development Network and the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Policy.</p>		
<p>Joint evaluation of educational environments to guarantee inclusive and quality learning for children and adolescents</p>	<p>Outcome 1: An inclusive Costa Rica that renews its social contract by embracing its multi-ethnic and multicultural identity, guaranteeing the full and non-discriminatory exercise of human rights, gender equality and the empowerment of women, girls and young people in their diversity.</p> <p>Outcome 2: National and local governance centred on people and their rights, with efficient, fair, transparent, sustainable public services and</p>	<p>Goal Area 2: Every child, including adolescents, learns and acquires skills for the future.</p> <p>Goal Area 5: Every child, including adolescents, has access to inclusive social protection and lives free from poverty.</p>	<p>Joint thematic evaluation managed with the Ministry of Education focusing on inclusive quality education (a national development plan priority and a UNICEF programme component)</p>	<p>Evaluation results will inform decision-making on educational policies, organizational effectiveness and programme design of inclusive and quality learning for children and adolescents, as well as enhance UNICEF accountability to key stakeholders and contribute to learning and knowledge-sharing.</p> <p>According to the 2021 State of Education Report, the 2018–2020 strikes and the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic have dramatic consequences on the educational system and child learning. Quality education improvements and learning acceleration programmes are critical to meet the country’s development goals, including the Sustainable Development Goals.</p>	<p>January 2024</p>	<p>40 000 (OR) 15 000 (RR) 55 000 (Total)</p>

	broad and dynamic spaces for participation and dialogue that empower people, especially women in their diversity and vulnerable populations throughout the country.			This evaluation will generate recommendations for national and subnational policies and programmes, dialogues and agreement on the improvements needed to establish inclusive, multicultural and relevant learning environments for children and adolescents. This evaluation will be done in partnership with the Ministry of Public Education and the University of Costa Rica.		
Joint evaluation of the National Policy for Children and Adolescents 2022–2033	<p>Outcome 1: An inclusive Costa Rica that renews its social contract by embracing its multi-ethnic and multicultural identity, guaranteeing the full and non-discriminatory exercise of human rights, gender equality and the empowerment of women, girls and young people in their diversity.</p> <p>Outcome 2: National and local governance centred on people and their rights, with efficient, fair, transparent, sustainable public services and broad and dynamic spaces for participation and dialogue that empower people, especially women in their diversity and vulnerable populations throughout the country.</p> <p>Outcome 4: People, communities and institutions are resilient</p>	<p>Goal Area 1: Every child, including adolescents, survives and thrives, with access to nutritious diets, quality primary health care, nurturing practices and essential supplies.</p> <p>Goal Area 2: Every child, including adolescents, learns and acquires skills for the future.</p> <p>Goal Area 3: Every child, including adolescents, is protected from violence, exploitation, abuse, neglect and harmful practices.</p> <p>Goal Area 4: Every child, including adolescents, has access to safe and equitable water, sanitation and hygiene services and</p>	<p>Joint evaluation managed with the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Policy and the National Child Welfare Agency focusing on a core national development plan and country programme component</p> <p>To inform decision-making on national policy for children and adolescents</p>	<p>This evaluation will draw on lessons learned to better implement the National Policy for Children and Adolescents and inform policies, programmes and budgets.</p> <p>The National Policy for Children and Adolescents expired in 2021. The National Council for Children and Adolescents, together with the National Child Welfare Agency and with the support of UNICEF, is finalizing the development of the new policy, which incorporates a new methodological scheme and a participatory methodology involving many actors in its development process, including children and adolescents from all regions. This is the country’s first national policy with a regional focus. During the first semester of 2023, the design of the policy’s action plan will be completed and, after completion of both products, it will be important to initiate a design evaluation that allows the incorporation of improvement elements during its execution.</p> <p>This evaluation will be carried out in partnership with the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Policy and the National Child Welfare Agency, with the support of the University of Costa Rica.</p>	January 2025	30 000 (OR) 15 000 (RR) 45 000 (Total)

	capable of building a systematic response that generates sustainability and security in the face of the multiplicity of risks and the multiple and complex systemic crises of global and local scope that feed off each other, exacerbating its negative impacts on people and the planet.	supplies, and lives in a safe and sustainable climate and environment. Goal Area 5: Every child, including adolescents, has access to inclusive social protection and lives free from poverty.				
Evaluation of the country programme of cooperation, March 2023–December 2027	<p>Outcome 1: An inclusive Costa Rica that renews its social contract by embracing its multi-ethnic and multicultural identity, guaranteeing the full and non-discriminatory exercise of human rights, gender equality and the empowerment of women, girls and young people in their diversity.</p> <p>Outcome 2: National and local governance centred on people and their rights, with efficient, fair, transparent, sustainable public services and broad and dynamic spaces for participation and dialogue that empower people, especially women in their diversity and the vulnerable populations throughout the country.</p>	<p>Goal Area 1: Every child, including adolescents, survives and thrives, with access to nutritious diets, quality primary health care, nurturing practices and essential supplies.</p> <p>Goal Area 2: Every child, including adolescents, learns and acquires skills for the future.</p> <p>Goal Area 3: Every child, including adolescents, is protected from violence, exploitation, abuse, neglect and harmful practices.</p> <p>Goal Area 4: Every child, including adolescents, has access to safe and equitable water,</p>	<p>Evaluation of the strategic positioning of UNICEF in Costa Rica</p> <p>Organizational effectiveness evaluations of the country programme results and the management of critical partners, and/or how UNICEF is adjusting to the larger context.</p>	<p>This evaluation will inform UNICEF strategic positioning in Costa Rica and the design of the next country programme outcomes and associated strategies.</p> <p>It will look at organizational effectiveness when implementing the country programme, contributing to UNICEF organizational learning and enhancing UNICEF accountability to key stakeholders, including the Government, donors and other United Nations agencies.</p> <p>The evaluation will also aim to identify good practices and lessons learned from the implementation of the nexus approach to inform future planning and implementation.</p> <p>The country programme of cooperation, March 2023–December 2027, incorporates several innovative elements that must be reviewed and evaluated, including recommendations for the improvement of UNICEF cooperation with an upper-middle-income country such as Costa Rica. Another consideration is that elements that have been incorporated also arise from the evaluation of the country programme of cooperation 2018–February 2023, so it is</p>	February 2026	30 000 (OR) 25 000 (RR) 55 000 (Total)

	<p>Outcome 3: Development of a vibrant creative, innovative, inclusive, circular, competitive and sustainable economy that generates decent work, opportunities and social and economic prosperity for all people, including women in their diversity and vulnerable populations throughout the country.</p> <p>Outcome 4: People, communities, institutions and the country are resilient and capable of building a systemic response that generates sustainability and security in the face of the multiplicity of risks and the multiple and complex systemic crises of global and local scope that feed off each other, exacerbating its negative impacts on people and the planet.</p>	<p>sanitation and hygiene services and supplies, and lives in a safe and sustainable climate and environment.</p> <p>Goal Area 5: Every child, including adolescents, has access to inclusive social protection and lives free from poverty.</p>		<p>important to assess whether they were incorporated. UNICEF Costa Rica has made an alliance with the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Policy to improve UNICEF accountability mechanisms before the main parties, contributing to the learning and knowledge exchange.</p> <p>This evaluation will be carried out in partnership with Ministry of National Planning and Economic Policy and the National Child Welfare Agency, with the support of the University of Costa Rica.</p>		
Total resources						<p>150 000 (OR) 70 000 (RR) 220 000 (Total)</p>