

Costed evaluation plan – Malawi – UNICEF country programme of cooperation, 2024–2028

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](#)).

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Formative Evaluation of the Child Protection Programme	Outcome 3	Goal Area 3	<p>Long period of unevaluated programme implementation</p> <p>Strategic priority area for new country programme</p>	<p>The child protection programme has been leading some key initiatives, such as birth registration and prevention of violence against children, for the past two cycles of country programmes, which have not been evaluated. Considering that there are many unevaluated programme components under the child protection programme, which will also continue to run in the current country programme, the Malawi County Office would like to evaluate the entire child protection programme under the full Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development/Development Assistance Committee criteria to assess the efficiency, effectiveness, coherence and sustainability of the programme and its various components. The evaluation will assess the theory of change proposed and propose amendments and course corrections as needed. It will review and inform priority areas such as violence against children, sexual and reproductive health, child marriage, etc. The evaluation will be used to advocate for evidence-based system strengthening, care seeking, enhancing services, child protection case management, and strengthening the social service workforce across all the districts of Malawi.</p>	2024	<p>100 000 (RR)</p> <p>100 000 (OR)</p>
Evaluation of Social and Behaviour Change Programme	<p>Outcome 3</p> <p>Contributing to Outcome 1</p>	All Goal Areas	Important cross-cutting strategy for all programme areas	<p>The evaluation will cover the social and behaviour change (SBC) agenda and initiatives under all UNICEF programmes to assess the relevance, coherence, effectiveness and sustainability of SBC approaches. It will also fill critical</p>	2024	200 000 (RR)

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				knowledge gaps about norms and behaviours across culture and society in Malawi that act as barriers to change. The results and recommendations will be used to strengthen gender-transformative, child-centred, youth-led SBC strategies across all programmes and adapt them to Malawi’s different regions and cultures. The evaluation will help improve SBC strategies and identify effective new ones.		
Country-led Evaluation of Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) Programme	Outcome 3 Contributing to outcome 1 – related to food and nutrition security	Goal Area 1	Long period of unevaluated programme implementation	In collaboration with the Government of Malawi, the IYCF programme has been running for the past CPD cycles and will continue in the current CPD. Therefore, to ensure that it is fit for purpose for the current country programme, the evaluation will assess the programme approach and lessons learned and provide recommendations for programme improvement and course corrections in collaboration with the relevant government counterparts. The evaluation will inform nutrition programming on addressing infant and child malnutrition and advocating with the Government for strengthened institutionalization of IYCF within health and community systems and sustainable scaling up. It will be conducted through a robust and participatory methodology to ensure a successful country-led evaluation process.	2025	200 000 (OR)
Evaluation of the Hygiene, Sanitation, Water and Climate (HSWC) programme	Outcome 3 Contributing to outcome 4	Goal Area 4	Measuring strategic shifts in programme approach, in line with ongoing environmental shocks	This evaluation has a twofold purpose. It aims to look backwards to assess the strategic shifts, effectiveness and impacts of the last water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) programme (2019–2023), focusing particularly on the climate-resilient WASH approaches, and look forward to seeing how the new scope of the HSWC programme could work most effectively under the new country programme. It would build on lessons and	2025	200 000 (OR)

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				recommendations from the previous evaluation of 2019 that informed revised sanitation strategies on the sanitation marketing approach. The evaluation will inform the Malawi Country Office and its partners on the effectiveness and orientation to the intended impact of the climate-resilient WASH approach for the targeted population.		
Outcome Evaluation of the Community Health Programme	Outcome 3	Goal Area 1	Strategic priority of new country programme	The outcome evaluation of the Community Health Programme will help determine how the multisectoral community health plans, strategies and activities led to achieving planned targets and results. The evaluation will determine the extent to which the programme has achieved the intended outcomes and identify areas that need improvement to ensure results are achieved for children. Moreover, UNICEF will use the evaluation to advocate for wider adoption of the best practices under the programme and to establish an investment case with the Government and development partners.	2026	150 000 (OR)
Value for money evaluation – operations	Outcome 3	All Goal Areas	Strategic area for programme-operations integration	The value-for-money analysis and findings will help inform UNICEF whether the programme structure and its programmes are indeed fit for purpose and benefit the children of Malawi in the most efficient and effective way possible.	2027	200 000 (RR)
Outcome evaluation of key thematic areas under the Education and Adolescent Development Programme	Outcome 3 Contributing to outcome 1 (skills development for out-of-school adolescents)	Goal Area 2	Strategic priority of the new country programme	The outcome evaluation will help to assess the coherence, effectiveness, efficiency and sustainability of key interventions running under the programme, particularly long-term projects such as the teacher development interventions; SAFE school programme; integrated and inclusive education services, to understand the outcomes of these long-term initiatives and their contribution to the strategic programmatic outcomes. The evaluation	2028	200 000 (OR)

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				will be used by UNICEF to advocate for the wider adoption of inclusive education services and to establish an investment case with the Government and the development partners for the next CPD.		
Total resources						500 000 (RR) 850 000 (OR) 1 350 000 (Total)