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## United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

**Annual session 2022**

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Agenda item 7

### Draft decision submitted to the Executive Board

### Evaluation reports and management responses

#### *The Executive Board*

1. *Takes note* of the annual report for 2021 on the evaluation function in UNICEF ([E/ICEF/2022/17](#)) and its management response ([E/ICEF/2022/18](#));
2. *Also takes note* of the evaluation of the UNICEF role as cluster lead/co-lead agency, its summary ([E/ICEF/2022/19](#)) and its management response ([E/ICEF/2022/20](#));
3. *Encourages* UNICEF to take the necessary steps to further strengthen the evaluation function, including by timely implementation of those elements as included in the management response;
4. *Requests* UNICEF to brief the Executive Board at the annual session of 2023 on the progress UNICEF has made towards the timely implementation of the actions outlined in the management response to the evaluation of the UNICEF role as cluster lead/co-lead agency;
5. *Looks forward* to the updated UNICEF evaluation policy and the process leading towards the adoption of this updated policy, including the results of the independent peer review;
6. *Takes note with appreciation* of the increase in overall evaluation expenditure to 0.91 per cent of total programme expenditure in 2021, which brings the 1 per cent goal within reach;
7. *Welcomes* the evaluation function's continuous focus on outcome- and impact-level evaluations and organizational follow-through on evaluations and encourages UNICEF to increase the number of impact-level evaluations;
8. *Recalls* its decision 2021/10, paragraph 9, and requests UNICEF to provide, in the annual report for 2022 on the evaluation function, updates on the application of innovative technologies and approaches, including a discussion of associated risks and UNICEF management plans to address them;



9. *Encourages* UNICEF to increase the number of joint evaluations conducted at global and decentralized levels and to strengthen the organizational follow-up, including through joint management responses;

10. *Takes note with concern* of the modest progress made in strengthening national capacities for evaluation and requests UNICEF to accelerate progress.

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