

## **Break the cycle of violence evaluation management response**

**Evaluation Title:** Final evaluation of the Peacebuilding fund (PBF) Project: Break the cycle of violence (BCV) – Rehabilitating justice and accountability mechanisms for the transformation of survivors and perpetrators of violent conflict into agents for peace

**Region:** ESAR

**Office:** South Sudan

**Evaluation Year:** April 03, 2022

**Person-In-Charge for Follow-up to Management Response:** Modi Charles

**Overall Response to the Evaluation:** Overall all the three intervening UN agencies (UNICEF, UNDP & OHCHR) concur with the findings and recommendations of this evaluation. The evaluation was conducted independently under the management of the UNICEF Planning, Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting section and foreseen by the evaluation reference group (ERG) which comprises of representatives from all the convening UN agencies. The evaluation was conducted in accordance with the UNEG norms and standards and ethical procedures.

**Planned Use of Evaluation:** The evaluation intended to assess the degree to which the project met its objectives, provide key lessons learnt about the project that can be used in future programming and for accountability purposes as it was a donor requirement.

**Evaluation Management Response Templates**

**RECOMMENDATIONS and ACTIONS**

**Evaluation Recommendation or Issue 1: The joint UN agencies should strengthen the Diversion program for children in conflict with the law and include mobile courts to support the line ministries responsible for access to justice**

**Management Response: (Agree, Partially Agree, Disagree): Agree**

**If recommendation is rejected or partially accepted, report reasons:**

<b>Actions planned</b>	<b>Responsible Office</b>	<b>Responsible Person</b>	<b>Expected completion date</b>	<b>Implementation stage: Not started, Underway Completed, Cancelled</b>	<b>Actions taken</b>	<b>Supporting documents</b>
<b>Action 1:</b> Continue with the mobile court initiative, ensuring inclusion of both adults and juveniles' access to justice in both urban and remote locations based on appropriate schedules.	UNDP	Pyry Salomo Paulasari	30 Jun 2023	Underway		
<b>Action 2:</b> Work with established adolescents and youth centers to provide reintegration and vocational services for children in conflict with the law diverted from the criminal justice system	UNICEF	Solla Asea	30 August 2023	Underway		

**Evaluation Recommendation or Issue 2: - The UN convening agencies should operationalize the Justice for Children Strategic Framework by the relevant Government line ministries and justice actors.**

**Management Response: (Agree, Partially Agree, Disagree): Agree**

**If recommendation is rejected or partially accepted, report reasons:**

<b>Actions planned</b>	<b>Responsible Office</b>	<b>Responsible Person</b>	<b>Expected completion date</b>	<b>Implementation stage: Not started, Underway Completed, Cancelled</b>	<b>Actions taken</b>	<b>Supporting documents</b>
<b>Action 1:</b> Conduct costing of justice for children strategic framework.	UNICEF	Solla Asea	30 Jun 2023	Not Started		
<b>Action 2:</b> Facilitate relevant approval of the Justice for Children strategic framework by the council of ministries.	UNICEF	Solla Asea	30 Dec 2023	Not Started		

**Evaluation Recommendation or Issue 3: The UN convening agencies should strengthen the Community Structures through continued training and capacity building to enhance governance and justice for better impact of access to justice by the children and other vulnerable community members.**

**Management Response: (Agree, Partially Agree, Disagree): Agree**

**If recommendation is rejected or partially accepted, report reasons:**

Actions planned	Responsible Office	Responsible Person	Expected completion date	Implementation stage: Not started, Underway Completed, Cancelled	Actions taken	Supporting documents
<b>Action 1:</b> Continue with capacity-building activities for youth-led Police and Community Relations Committees (PCRCs) at the community level; and ensure inclusion of children justice issues.	UNDP	Pyry Salomo Paulasaari	30 Jun 2023	Underway		
<b>Action 2:</b> Train customary courts to respond to access to justice needs of vulnerable groups (including children) from a human rights and gender lens.	UNDP	Pyry Salomo Paulasaari	30 Jun 2023	Underway		

**Evaluation Recommendation or Issue 4: Enhance Inter-agency coordination and collaborations**

**Management Response: (Agree, Partially Agree, Disagree): Disagree**

**If recommendation is rejected or partially accepted, report reasons: There is evidence of inter-agency coordination and collaboration highlighted by the evaluation in all the phases of this project, this recommendation contradicts the findings.**

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**Evaluation Recommendation or Issue 5: The UN convening agencies to support the government to standardize the cost of procedures in access to justice**

**Management Response: (Agree, Partially Agree, Disagree): Disagree**

**If recommendation is rejected or partially accepted, report reasons: Government has its own standards and procedures making difficult for the agencies to influence any changes.**

Actions planned	Responsible Office	Responsible Person	Expected completion date	Implementation stage: Not started, Underway Completed, Cancelled	Actions taken	Supporting documents

**Evaluation Recommendation or Issue 6: The UN agencies should support the Government in establishing Reformatory Centres and Juvenile Courts to develop a reformatory curriculum in line with the international standards.**

**Management Response: (Agree, Partially Agree, Disagree): Agree**

**If recommendation is rejected or partially accepted, report reasons:**


<b>Actions planned</b>	<b>Responsible Office</b>	<b>Responsible Person</b>	<b>Expected completion date</b>	<b>Implementation stage: Not started, Underway Completed, Cancelled</b>	<b>Actions taken</b>	<b>Supporting documents</b>
<b>Action 1:</b> Strengthen the capacity at existing Juvenile Reformatory Centres and Juvenile Courts	UNDP	Pyry Salomo Paulasaari	30 Jun 2023	Underway		
<b>Action 2:</b> Coordinate with other UN Agencies (UNMISS, OHCHR) to check status on reformatory curriculum and seek application and use at the Reformatory centers.	UNDP	Pyry Salomo Paulasaari	31 Dec 2023	Underway		
<b>Evaluation Recommendation or Issue 7: The UN agencies should strengthen the Juvenile Justice Management Information Systems (MIS) to ensure provision of appropriate and timely case management.</b>						
<b>Management Response: (Agree, Partially Agree, Disagree): Partially agree</b>						
<b>If recommendation is rejected or partially accepted, report reasons:</b>						
<b>Actions planned</b>	<b>Responsible Office</b>	<b>Responsible Person</b>	<b>Expected completion date</b>	<b>Implementation stage: Not started, Underway Completed, Cancelled</b>	<b>Actions taken</b>	<b>Supporting documents</b>
<b>Action 1:</b> Incorporate gender and age-disaggregated data in criminal case management system work.	UNDP	Cheryl Sembie	30 Jun 2023	Underway		

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