

This final evaluation is essential to ensure accountability, extract lessons, and assess the Programme's overall achievements. The final findings will be presented to local governments, central authorities, UNDP, UNICEF, and the EU Delegation to the Republic of Moldova.

(4) Methodological Approach: Justify your suggested choice of approach or methodology

- ♦ *Identify target group, and what qualitative, quantitative and/or specific tools you anticipate will be used (note existing international standardized tools).*
- ♦ *Explain why you propose this approach, and what alternatives were considered.*
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The evaluation will be guided by norms and standards of the [United Nations Evaluation Group \(UNEG\)](#) and will be conducted in accordance with the principles outlined in the 'UNDP Handbook on Monitoring and Evaluating for Results' and 'Integrated Human Rights and Gender Equality in Evaluations'.

The final methodological approach including interview schedule, field visits and data to be used in the evaluation should be clearly outlined in the inception report and fully discussed and agreed between UNDP, UNICEF, key stakeholders and the Evaluation Team.

The evaluation should apply a mix of qualitative and quantitative processes and methodologies. The Evaluation Team is expected to provide evidence-based information, through rigorous triangulation, that is credible, reliable and useful.

The following methods will be used by the evaluators

- Desk review of relevant documents (e.g. annual progress reports, etc.);
- Discussions with the Senior Management and Programme staff of implementing UN agencies (UNDP and UNICEF);
- Briefing and debriefing sessions with EU Delegation to the Republic of Moldova and the Government, as well as with other donors and partners
- Interviews with partners and stakeholders (including gathering the information on what the partners have achieved and what strategies they have used), specifically but not limited to:
 - *Local governments (Cahul and Ungheni rayons, Cahul and Ungheni municipia, other communes from the two rayons)*
 - *Municipal enterprises in charge of local public services*
 - *Communities and community-based organizations (NGOs, Local Action Groups, volunteer groups, community groups, children, adolescents and youth and their parents).*
 - *Economic actors including urban and rural businesses*
 - *Central government ministries and institutions (e.g. Ministry for Infrastructure and Regional Development).*

All interviews with men and women will be undertaken in full confidence and anonymity. The final evaluation report will not assign specific comments to individuals.

- Field visits to selected project sites and discussions with programme beneficiaries.

(5) Capacity Strengthening and Inter-sectorality: Explain whether these are relevant to this activity

- ♦ *Describe the capacity strengthening and/or inter-sectoral aspects of this activity. If not relevant, write "N/A" in the box below. However, before doing so, consider whether the activity could be modified – at little additional cost – to include a national capacity strengthening component, or if it might benefit from an inter-sectoral perspective.*
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EU4Moldova: focal regions programme intervention is cross-sectorial, covering health, education, youth, social protection, WASH, communication (UNICEF component) and business development and infrastructure (UNDP component). Therefore, the evaluation will need to have a cross-sectorial approach and cover all the sectors UNICEF and UNDP are covering.

(6) Dissemination and advocacy plan

Confirm whether or not sufficient human and financial resources have been committed to disseminate results from this activity and if the findings will be placed in the public domain and/or published.

Elaborate on how findings will be communicated – publicly or privately – to policy makers, partners and/or caregivers, educators, justice officials, professionals, the general public, firms, etc.

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The findings will inform key stakeholders - including UNDP, UNICEF, the EU Delegation to Moldova, local and central governments-on the Programme's relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, sustainability, and impact. The results of the evaluation will guide decision-making and planning for future interventions aimed at fostering economic, territorial, and social cohesion in Moldova's focal regions of Cahul and Ungheni.

(7) Risks: Describe ethical considerations, political risks, and a mitigation plan

Describe ethical considerations, potential cultural, organizational or political risks (e.g., if findings may challenge cultural norms, or call existing policies into question). If relevant, describe the plan to mitigate risks and protect the reputation of UNICEF and its partners.

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Evaluations in UN agencies are conducted in accordance with the principles outlined in the United Nations Evaluation Group (UNEG) "[Ethical Guidelines for Evaluation](#)". The Evaluation team will take every measure to safeguard the rights and confidentiality of key information providers in the collection of data.

(8) Anticipated start date: 1 Feb and end date: 30 April 2025

Include the planning period. The end date should signify the date when the final report will become publicly available.

(9) Anticipated total budget (USD): 4,5000 Budget for UNICEF: 11000

Indicate any important details regarding the budget.

Separate contracts will be issues for International Team leader (UNDP) and 2 national consultants to assess UNDP component and UNICEF component , respectively.