

Evaluation Management Response Document

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Overall response to evaluation

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Recommendations and Actions

No.	Recommendations/Actions	Responsible Section (Action)	Responsible Person Name (Action)	Expected Completion (Action)	Mgt Response / Implementation Stage	Reason/Action Taken
1	Strengthen the results framework by including relevant indicators to ensure more result-oriented implementation and monitor outcome results.				Partially Agree	
1.1	1.1. PMR teams from UNDP and UNICEF meet and review the program indicators	UNDP and UNICEF’s PME team	Hoa Ngo	9/8/2022	Completed	
1.2	1.2 MOJ, UNDP, UNICEF, EUD and relevant national partners, review and validate the new log-frame indicators (to ensure more result-oriented implementation and monitor outcome results), then include the updated log-frame in Rider 4 (for 18-month extension)	EU JULE team (MOJ, UNDP, UNICEF, EUD and relevant)	Lesley Miller	11/29/2022	Completed	
2	Ensure that the perception of the impact is balanced across the main stakeholders, ensuring that there is a mutual understanding of what the goal of the EUJULE is and how this success and change should be measured towards the end of the Programme				Agree	
2.1	2.1 Develop common messages on programme impacts (to be presented in 2022 annual PSC meeting) in order to ensure the mutual understanding of the overall objective, specific objectives as well as expected results of the EUJULE among main stakeholders.	EU JULE team	Lesley Miller	11/29/2022	Completed	
2.2	2.2 Common messages on EUJULE impacts are used for EU JULE events’ opening remarks, press releases and other communication channels.	EU JULE team	Lesley Miller	11/29/2022	Completed	
3	Consider introducing relevant best EUMS or EU and CoE best practices to leverage the EU-added value				Agree	

3.1	3.2. Consult international experts to identify best child justice practices/models from EUMS to introduce to national counterparts and reflect in relevant studies/research to inform legal and institutional reform	UNICEF Child Protection Programme	Le Hong Loan	12/29/2022	Completed	
4	Discuss with the Human Rights Institute the possibilities of creating a digital Human Rights Library to sustain the wealth of knowledge and research developed within the EUJULE. The Human Rights Institute could serve as a custodian and sustain the efficient, effective, and sustained use of these resources. Once established, the development partners could consult the digital library and update the necessary tools instead of duplicating the efforts				Partially Agree	
4.1	4.1 Discuss with MOJ, propose a joint meeting between MOJ, JIFF Secretariat and UNDP, UNICEF with Human Rights Institute	EU JULE team	Le Hong Loan	12/27/2022	Completed	A discussion took place between UNDP, UNICEF, JIFF and the HR Institute early 2023
5	A) Consider support to Juvenile Justice Reform and activation of Juvenile Courts through strengthening the Human Resources Management of the activated courts B) To sustain the operability of the activated juvenile courts, building the capacity of the administrative staff to train, retain and maintain the necessary staff, matching the workload with the workforce, etc. The continuous legal and professional education should be part of future engagements, ensuring that relevant courses are mandatory.				Agree	
5.1	6.1. Discuss with MOJ, SPC, and other relevant partners on strategic support for continued child justice reform to be included in the EUJULE Phase II, including the development of a comprehensive Law on Justice for Children and acceleration of the national roll-out of Family and Juvenile Court	UNICEF Child Protection Programme	Le Hong Loan	12/29/2022	Completed	Under UNICEF's new Country Programme Document (CPD) for Viet Nam, 2022-2026, UNICEF will continue supporting the implementation of Government's child justice reforms toward holistic, child-friendly coherent and effective justice systems. Specifically, UNICEF will advocate and support for a comprehensive Law on Justice for Children to (i) guide the treatment of children in conflict with the law at all stages of the administrative and criminal justice process, and to (ii) provide special procedural measures for protection of child victims and witnesses. UNICEF has been supporting a formative evaluation of the Family and Juvenile Courts (F&JC) to inform the national roll-out of the Family and Juvenile Courts (F&JC), especially to district level. In addition, UNICEF will support sustainable pre-service and professional capacity building through supporting integration of child justice in curricula of legal and professional training institutions. The MTR recommendations, therefore, fully ali
5.2	6.2. Support a formative evaluation of the Family and Juvenile Courts (F&JC) with a view to assessing the progress, identifying existing bottlenecks and barriers, and proposing best ways for further promotion of F&JC, including through strengthened human resource management	UNICEF Child Protection	Le Hong Loan	12/29/2022	Completed	A formative evaluation of the F&JC was conducted and completed in April 2023.

5.3	6.3. Discuss with MOJ, SPC, SPP and MPS and their legal training institutes for inclusion of child justice continuous legal and professional education as part of the new phase of the EU JULE; advocacy and support for mandatory courses as relevant, e.g. the child justice course for family and juvenile judges	UNICEF CP program	Le Hong Loan	12/29/2022	Completed	
6	A) Support the development of a comprehensive probation system for the juveniles and humanisation of function to reduce the prison population. B) Conduct thorough identification and formulation mission by a team of experienced experts (national and international) to define all determinants and bottlenecks that could present smooth implementation of the future programming. C) Based on the analyses, consider designing a pilot project and initiative country-wide study on recidivism among the children in the areas where juvenile courts are operating or planning to operate should be considered.				Agree	
6.1	7.1 Support the development of a Feasibility study on Social Work for Children in Justice Settings to inform policy reform, with concrete recommendations on roles of social workers in diversion, probation, and other mechanisms for community-based rehabilitation of children in conflict with the law	UNICEF Child Protection Program	Le Hong Loan	8/30/2022	Completed	Promoting diversion and alternatives to detention to keep children out of the criminal justice system and detention is one of UNICEF focus areas under the new CPD 2022-2026. UNICEF is advocating and supporting for the development of social work profession, including social work for children in justice settings, as a back bone of community-based rehabilitation programmes. UNICEF will also support a study, pilot models, and documentation of outcomes for children to inform continued reform on child justice with a view to reducing children population in detention centres and prisons.
6.2	7.2. Support MOJ (Legal Research Institute) to conduct a study on diversion and community-based rehabilitation for minors in conflict with the law by a team of experienced experts (national and international) to define all determinants and bottlenecks and propose measures for strengthened diversion and alternatives to detention	UNICEF Child Protection Program	Le Hong Loan	8/30/2022	Completed	
6.3	7.3. Discuss with MOJ and other relevant counterparts for inclusion in EU JULE Phase II support for the design and implementation of a pilot project for strengthened diversion and community-based rehabilitation of minors in conflict with the law to inform law reform and national scaling-up	UNICEF Child Protection Program	Le Hong Loan	8/30/2022	Completed	