**RPD Evaluation Plan 2021-2025**

This Evaluation Plan focuses on the Regional Programme Document and Project types of evaluation to support accountability and accumulate learning experience and knowledge for UNDP to strengthen its work in the Arab region. A variety of evaluation approaches will be used to capture a broad spectrum of results during the four-year cycle.

The Plan anticipates a total of five evaluations, which will be updated annually while new projects are expected to be approved and launched within the framework of the RPD cycle. Pertinent evaluations will be integrated in the Evaluation Plan accordingly.

Following is a list of the foreseen evaluations:

Programme Evaluation:

1. A mid-term review of the Regional Programme Document covering all projects and interventions under the four outcome areas. It will be held by mid-cycle to take stock of the achievements by then, and redirect the course, if necessary, for yielding improved results before the end of the cycle.
2. A final evaluation covering all four outcome areas to inform the design and formulation of the subsequent regional programme cycle.

Evaluations related to Projects, mostly funded by donors, will contribute to the learning process for the Regional Programme at large, in addition to assessing the projects’ course of action in line with other initiatives falling under the same outcome area.

1. Mid-term Evaluation of the Regional Project on Knowledge *(RP outcome 1).*
2. Final Evaluation of the Project on Anti-Corruption and Integrity in Arab Countries *(RP outcome 2).*
3. Final Evaluation of the Project on SDG Climate Facility: Climate Action for Human Security *(RP outcome 3).*

Focus on those left furthest behind in the areas of poverty and inequality, governance accountability, and climate change is key. All evaluations alike will be gender and youth responsive in both their implementation and analysis.

**ANNEX**. **FULLY-COSTED EVALUATION PLAN**

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| **UNDAF (or equivalent)**  **Outcome** | **UNDP Strategic Plan Outcome** | **Evaluation Title** | **Partners (joint evaluation)** | **Evaluation commissioned by (if not UNDP)** | **Type of evaluation** | **Planned Evaluation Completion Date** | **Estimated Cost** | **Provisional Source of Funding** |
| **Programme Evaluation** | SP outcome 1, 2 and 3 | Mid-term Review of the Regional Programme for Arab States 2022 - 2025 | Coordinated internally between the RBM team at MSU and project staff |  | Programme:  Mid-term Review | May 2023 | USD 15,000 | M&E budget (TRAC) |
| Final Evaluation of the Regional Programme for Arab States 2022 - 2025 |  |  | Programme:  Final Programme Evaluation | April 2025 | USD 50,000 | M&E budget (TRAC) |
| **RP outcome 1.** Poverty and inequality reduced through enhanced regional cooperation | SP outcome 1 | Mid-term Evaluation of UNDP RBAS Regional Project on *Knowledge* |  | Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Knowledge Foundation (MBRF) | Project | December 2025 | USD 20,000 | Donor (MBRF) |
| **RP outcome 2.** Governance accountability increased to foster more resilient communities | SP outcome 2 and 3 | Final Project Evaluation of UNDP RBAS Regional Project on *KOICA Anti-Corruption and Integrity in Arab Countries* |  | Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) | Project | September 2023 | USD 30,000 | Donor (KOICA) |
| **RP outcome 3.** Impact of climate change reduced through sound water management and improved access to sustainable energy | SP outcome 1 | Final Project Evaluation of UNDP RBAS Regional Project on *SDG Climate Facility: Climate Action for Human Security* | LAS, AWC, UNEP-FI, UN-Habitat, UNDRR, WFP | Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) | Project | September 2022 | USD 50,000 | Donor (Sida) |
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