**UNDP MONGOLIA – COUNTRY PROGRAMME DOCUMENT 2023-2027**

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

**Rationale:**

The UNDP Mongolia CPD Evaluation Plan is an important strategic plan envisioning substantive information for decision-making and learning throughout the programme cycle. It is also an accountability and knowledge management instrument for the Country Office (CO) and stakeholders. It is designed as a strategic tool to inform decision-making at both project and programme levels. The evaluation plan covers evaluations, mandatory as per the UNDP’s new Evaluation Guidelines (June 2021), of 1) all projects with a budget of over 3 million USD and 2) those with a duration of more than five years, and 3) those entering the second phase. It also includes evaluations of all GEF/GCF-funded projects following donors’ evaluation policy.

The balanced distribution of the 7 evaluations during the years covered by the CPD is as follows: 2023: 2; 2024: 4; and 2025: 1. Among them, 1 evaluation is under CPD outcome 1, 3 evaluations are under CPD Outcome 2; 2 are under CPD Outcome 3. During the CPD implementation, new evaluations will be added as soon as new projects are developed/finalized. There is 1 evaluation for the UNDP programme funded by the EU. The IEO-led Independent Country Programme Review informed the formulation of the new CPD. The UNSDCF evaluation to be jointly conducted with the UNCT will assess the achievements of the UNSDCF and UN/UNDP’s contribution to national priorities. Gender evaluation for all outcome areas will be conducted in 2023 to align its recommendations and actions with the findings of the Gender Seal exercise that is to be completed at the end of 2022.

Project mid-term evaluations will help identify lessons learned and facilitate adjustments or course corrections of ongoing projects as may be needed, while project final evaluations will build knowledge and learning in the respective portfolios as well as the whole CPD.

These evaluations will be conducted in close coordination with UNDP’s key Government counterpart entity, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Light Industry. The CO will organize a series of stakeholder consultations to receive feedback to improve the programme and enhance knowledge-sharing among a broader group of stakeholders.

As a minimum, this Evaluation Plan will be reviewed, monitored and updated on an annual basis to ensure that it is aligned with the programmatic developments.

**Evaluation plan scheduling**

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| Number of evaluations planned |
|  |  | **Year 1****2023** | **Year 2****2024** | **Year 3****2025** | **Year 4****2026** | **Year 5****2027** | **Total** |
| CPD Outcomes | Outcome 1 evaluation (SDGs employment and budgeting project) |  | 2 |  |  |  | **2** |
| Outcome 2 evaluation (pollution, GCF and GEF project) | 1 | 1 |  |  |  | **2** |
| Outcome 3 evaluation ( SDG employment and budgeting and Gender project) | 1 | 1 | 1 |  |  | **3** |
| GEFGCF | GEF terminal evaluation |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| GCF midterm evaluations |  |  |  |  |  | **7** |
|  | Thematic evaluation (all outcomes for gender equality) | 1 |  |  |  |  | **1** |
| **TOTAL** | **3** | **4** | **1** |  |  | **7** |

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| **No.** | **UNSDCF Outcome** | **UNDP Strategic Plan (2022-2025) Outcome** | **Evaluation Title** | **Partners** | **Evaluation commissioned by (if not UNDP)** | **Type of evaluation** | **Planned Evaluation Completion date** | **Estimated cost (USD)** | **Provisional source of funding** |
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| **I.** | **Thematic Evaluation (Total: 1)** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 |  **(UNDP CPD outcome 1):** By 2027, the Mongolian economy is more diversified, innovative, productive, inclusive, green and geographically balanced enabling decent livelihoods, especially for women and youth, building 21st century skills, and promoting low-carbon development**(UNDP CPD outcome 2)**: By 2027, communities and ecosystems in Mongolia are more resilient to climate change with improved capacity for evidence-informed and gender-responsive sustainable natural resource management and disaster risk reduction**(UNDP CPD outcome 3):** By 2027, policy-making and implementation in Mongolia is more gender-responsive, participatory, coherent, evidence-informed and SDG-aligned; governance institutions at all levels are transparent and accountable; and people, especially the marginalized groups, have access to justice and rule of law for full realization of human rights | **UNDP SP Outcome 1**: Structural transformation accelerated, particularly green, inclusive and digital transitions.**UNDP SP Outcome 2:** No one left behind, centering on equitable access to opportunities and a rights-based approach to human agency and human development.**UNDP SP Outcome 3**: Resilience built to respond to systemic uncertainty and risk. | Thematic Evaluation on Gender Equality across 3 CPD outcomes | All relevant UNDP Implementing Partners | UNDP  | Thematic Evaluation | May 2023 | 15,000 |  CO Programme budget and shared by Projects |
| **II.** | **UNDPProgramme Evaluations (Total: 1)** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **2** |  **(UNDP CPD outcome 1):** By 2027, the Mongolian economy is more diversified, innovative, productive, inclusive, green and geographically balanced enabling decent livelihoods, especially for women and youth, building 21st century skills, and promoting low-carbon development | **UNDP SP Outcome 2:** No one left behind, centering on equitable access to opportunities and a rights-based approach to human agency and human development. | Final evaluation of the Joint Programme on “SDG-Aligned Budgeting to transform Employment in Mongolia” | Ministry of Finance (MOF), Ministry of Labour and Social Protection (MLSP), ILO, FAO  | UNDP as a lead agency | UN Joint Programme | Jan-24 | $25,000 | Project budget |
|  **(CPD outcome 3):** By 2027, policy-making and implementation in Mongolia is more gender-responsive, participatory, coherent, evidence-informed and SDG-aligned; governance institutions at all levels are transparent and accountable; and people, especially the marginalized groups, have access to justice and rule of law for full realization of human rights |
| **III.** | **UNDP Project Evaluations - ongoing projects (Total: 4)** |  |  |  |   |   |  |  |  |
| 3 |  **(UNDP CPD outcome 2)**: By 2027, communities and ecosystems in Mongolia are more resilient to climate change with improved capacity for evidence-informed and gender-responsive sustainable natural resource management and disaster risk reduction | **UNDP SP Outcome 3**: Resilience built to respond to systemic uncertainty and risk. | Final evaluation of the global project on “UNDP Health, environment and pollution – Advancing health and environmental sustainability through action on pollution” | Ministry of Environment and Tourism (MET), Ministry of Health (MoH) | UNDP global team and UNDP Mongolia | EU project | Sep-23 | 0 | Global fund  |
| 4 |  **(UNDP CPD outcome 3):** By 2027, policy-making and implementation in Mongolia is more gender-responsive, participatory, coherent, evidence-informed and SDG-aligned; governance institutions at all levels are transparent and accountable; and people, especially the marginalized groups, have access to justice and rule of law for full realization of human rights | **UNDP SP Outcome 1**: Structural transformation accelerated, particularly green, inclusive and digital transitions. | Final evaluation of the project on “Promoting gender equality in public decision-making and women’s empowerment in Mongolia” | General Election Commission (GEC), Parliament Secretariat, MLSP, National Committee on Gender Equality (NCGE) | UNDP and KOICA | KOICA project | Nov-24 | $25,000 | Project Budget |
| 5 |  **(UNDP CPD outcome 2)**: By 2027, communities and ecosystems in Mongolia are more resilient to climate change with improved capacity for evidence-informed and gender-responsive sustainable natural resource management and disaster risk reduction | **UNDP SP Outcome 3**: Resilience built to respond to systemic uncertainty and risk. | Mid-term evaluation of the project on “Improving Adaptive Capacity and Risk Management of Rural Communities in Mongolia” | MET, Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Light Industry (MoFALI), National Agency Meteorology and Environmental Monitoring (NAMEM), Provincial governments of Zavkhan, Khovd, Dornod and Sukhbaatar | UNDP, MET and MoFALI | GCF Project | Nov-24 | $50,000 | Project Budget |
| 6 |  **(UNDP CPD outcome 2)**: By 2027, communities and ecosystems in Mongolia are more resilient to climate change with improved capacity for evidence-informed and gender-responsive sustainable natural resource management and disaster risk reduction | **UNDP SP Outcome 3**: Resilience built to respond to systemic uncertainty and risk. | Final evaluation of the project on “Ensuring Sustainability and Resilience (ENSURE) of Green Landscapes in Mongolia” | MET, MoFALI, NAMEM, Provincial governments of Zavkhan, Gobi-Altai, Arkhangai and Bayankhongor | UNDP and MET | GEF Project | Jun-25 | $35,125 | Project Budget |