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

The evaluation plan of the Maldives Country Programme 2022-2026 aims to capture results and lessons learned, as well as ensure transparency and accountability while meeting corporate evaluation requirements. The evaluations outlined in this plan are listed based on the 3 CPD outcomes and include project, thematic, and country programme evaluations.

Projects funded by vertical trust funds will have mid-term and terminal evaluations per policy. All ongoing and future projects, including projects entering a subsequent phase and initiatives being considered for scaling up, that meet the mandatory evaluation thresholds under the UNDP Evaluation Guidelines will likewise have mid-term and/or terminal evaluations. The midterm country programme evaluation will be conducted at the beginning of Q2 2024 to assess the attainment of the country programme’s intended results across all outcome areas and inform the adjustments to country programme strategies and directions. A Decentralized Country Programme Evaluation (DCPE) is likewise scheduled in the penultimate year of the country programme in case the Country Office is not selected by the IEO to undergo an Independent Country Programme Evaluation (ICPE). The findings from the DCPE or the ICPE will serve as inputs to the process of developing the new UNSDCF and UNDP country programme.

A gender thematic evaluation is envisioned to be a formative evaluation that will assess the current status of gender equality and women’s empowerment results across the 3 CPD outcomes. It is expected to produce lessons and recommendations that would support the implementation of the CO’s gender seal action plan.

Country office evaluation capacity will be strengthened by ensuring that programme team leaders and programme staff performing a project oversight function complete the IEO evaluation certification course to enable them to effectively design and manage evaluations. The CO will likewise seek to have a dedicated M&E/RBM team to support the implementation of evaluations.

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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** |
| **UNSDCF Outcome 1**: By 2026, youth, women and others at risk of being left behind, contribute to and benefit from inclusive, resilient, sustainable economic and human capital development, fostering innovation, entrepreneurship and decent work. | Outcome 1 – Structural Transformations, Outcome 2 – Leaving no one behind | Final Project Evaluation: The Project for Developing Sustainable Agricultural Economy (PDSAE) | Ministry of Economic Development (MED), Ministry of Fisheries, Marine Resources and Agriculture (MoFMRA) | UNDP | Project Evaluation | July 2024 | 25,000 | Project budget |
| **UNSDCF Outcome 3**: By 2026, national and sub-national institutions and communities in Maldives, particularly at-risk populations, are better able to manage natural resources and achieve enhanced resilience to climate change and disaster impacts, natural and human-induced hazards, and environmental degradation, inclusively and in a sustainable manner.[[1]](#footnote-2) | *Outcome 3 – Resilience Building* | Final Project Evaluation: GCF-Managing climate change induced water shortages | Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Technology. | GEF | Project Evaluation | September 2022 | 40,000 | Project budget |
| **UNSDCF Outcome 3** | *Outcome 3 – Resilience Building* | Mid-term Evaluation: Eliminating POPs through sound management of chemicals | Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Technology. | GEF | Project Evaluation | August 2022 | 20,000 | Project budget |
| **UNSDCF Outcome 3** | *Outcome 3 – Resilience Building* | Terminal Evaluation: Eliminating POPs through sound management of chemicals | Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Technology. | GEF | Project Evaluation | November 2024 | 20,000 | Project budget |
| **UNSDCF Outcome 3** | *Outcome 3 – Resilience Building* | Mid-Term Evaluation of GEF-7 Regional Project (national component) Implementing Sustainable Low and non-Chemical Development in SIDS (ISLANDS) | Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Technology. | GEF | Project Evaluation | June 2024 | 12,000 | Project budget |
| **UNSDCF Outcome 3** | *Outcome 3 – Resilience Building* | Terminal Evaluation of GEF-7 Regional Project (national component) Implementing Sustainable Low and non-Chemical Development in SIDS (ISLANDS) | Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Technology. | GEF | Project Evaluation | April 2026 | 12,000 | Project budget |
| **UNSDCF Outcome 4:**By 2026, Maldives has strengthened decentralized and accountable governance under the rule of law where people are empowered, meaningfully participate in transparent and transformative processes for public policy and fully enjoy access to justice, public services, human rights, gender equality and women’s empowerment in a tolerant and peaceful society | *Outcome 1 – Structural Transformations, Outcome 2 – Leaving no one behind* | Final Project Evaluation of Integrated Governance Programme II | President Office, Elections Commission, Parliament, Local Government Authority, Local Councils, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Youth, Community Empowerment and Sports, Civil Society, Supreme Court and other courts, Attorney General Office, Prosecutor General Office, Human Rights Commission, Ministry of Gender  Japan, UK, EU, DFAT/ AusAid | UNDP | Project Evaluation | January 2022 | 10,000 | Project budget |
| **UNSDCF Outcome 4:** | *Outcome 1 – Structural Transformations, Outcome 2 – Leaving no one behind* | Final Project Evaluation of the Operationalizing Integrated National Financing Framework | UNICEF, UNFPA, WHO, RCO | UNDP | Project Evaluation | May 2022 | 10,000 | Project budget |
| **UNSDCF Outcome 1,3,4** | *Outcome 1,2, 3* | Gender thematic evaluation | Government of Maldives | UNDP | Thematic evaluation | January 2023 | 20,000 | TRAC |
| **UNSDCF Outcome 1,3,4** | *Outcome 1,2,3* | Mid-term Country Programme Evaluation | Government of Maldives; Civil society | UNDP | Programme Evaluation | May 2024 | 20,000 | TRAC |
| **UNSDCF Outcome 1,3,4** | *Outcome 1,2,3* | Decentralized Country Programme Evaluation | Government of Maldives; Civil society | UNDP | Programme Evaluation | October 2025 | 50,000 | TRAC |
| **UNSDCF Outcome 1,2,3,4** | *Outcome 1,2,3* | UNSDCF Evaluation | UN Agencies | RCO | UNSDCF Evaluation | January 2026 | 50,000 | N/A |

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1. Mid-term and Terminal evaluations for Regional GEF projects involving the Maldives CO will be conducted: Mid-Term Evaluation and Terminal Evaluation of GEF-7 Regional Project (regional components) - Implementing Sustainable Low and non-Chemical Development in SIDS [June 2024 and April 2026]; and Mid-Term Evaluation and Terminal Evaluation of GEF-7 Regional Project Supporting Sustainable Inclusive Blue Economy Transformation in AIO SIDS [June 2024 and April 2026] [↑](#footnote-ref-2)