

## WHY EVALUATION MATTERS

Ensuring accountability and transparency.

Generating knowledge about what works and what doesn't.

Providing opportunities for open dialogue and integrating the voices of all stakeholders.

Promoting organizational learning.

Supporting evidence-based decision-making.



## EVALUATION IN THE LARGER CONTEXT

We engage through UNEG in a strategic dialogue on system-wide initiatives and efforts to further strengthen the normative framework for evaluation, in the context of the UN reforms and the SDGs.

We liaise with UN Resident Coordinators to facilitate joint work.

We engage with other Oversight bodies to ensure complementarity of work.



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INDEPENDENT EVALUATION SECTION

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## EVALUATION AT UNODC

We, at the Independent Evaluation Section (IES) deliver products and services in line with our three strategic pillars of mandated work. We conduct gender-responsive evaluations of projects, programmes and strategies related to drugs, crime and terrorism, lead and facilitate the aggregation of evaluation results, develop innovative evaluation-based knowledge management systems and products, and support evaluation capacity development.



## QUICK IES FACTS

- Re-established in 2010 as an independent evaluation function at UNODC.
- Mandated by the Commission for Narcotic Drugs and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.
- Reports directly on evaluation results to the UNODC Executive Director and to Member States.
- Active member of the UN Evaluation Group (UNEG), contributing to system-wide evaluation norms, systems and structures.
- Over 170 independent evaluations since 2011, including over 35 strategic In-Depth Evaluations, carried out by over 280 independent evaluators and technical experts and generating over 2000 recommendations and over 1100 lessons learned.
- Gender parity of independent evaluation teams reached and maintained since 2017.
- 100% of evaluation reports are rated as "Good" or "Very Good" since 2018, as per external Quality Assurance.

## EVALUATION RESULTS

- We provide accountability to Member States by ensuring methodologically sound, high quality and independent evaluations of UNODC’s work.
- We conduct participatory gender-responsive evaluations of UNODC initiatives, strategies and policies to inform decision-making at all levels.
- We develop tailored evaluation guidance and tools for high-quality evaluations in UNODC’s mandated area of work.



IES undertakes 1) strategic In-Depth Evaluations (IDEs), which examine broader initiatives and are of high strategic interest to UNODC and Member States, and 2) Independent Project Evaluations (IPEs), which examine the performance of individual projects. All evaluations are carried out by independent evaluators and technical experts with substantive expertise in Human Rights and Gender Equality.



## CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

- We support Member States and our partners in delivering technical assistance for strengthening national evaluation capacity (NEC).
- We also engage in capacity building for various stakeholders through technical support and assistance on evaluation in UNODC’s mandated area of work.



Next to a variety of capacity building tools, we also develop evaluation guidelines, templates and tools and use each evaluation for tailored on-the-job training.



## KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT, COMMUNICATION AND INNOVATION

- We develop innovative evaluation-based knowledge management systems – Unite Evaluations - and products to foster the use of evaluation results.
- We communicate evaluation results, lessons learned and good practices to internal and external stakeholders to inform decision-making and policy dialogue.



At the heart of this is our evaluation management system, Unite Evaluations. This is where we manage UNODC’s evaluation portfolio as well as individual evaluations from start to finish and beyond, allowing us to aggregate evaluation results and track the implementation of recommendations. This information is used for Meta-Syntheses on evaluation results related to countering drugs, crime and terrorism.

