**Key Results of Mandated Areas of Work**

**World drug problem:** Improved measures to prevent and measurably reduce or eliminate illicit cultivation for the production of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances

**Organized crime:** Strengthened international and cross-border cooperation

**Corruption:** Effective use of regional platforms to harness common needs and characteristics amongst countries to “fast-track” the implementation of UNCAC

**Terrorism:** Improved investigation, prosecution and adjudication of counter-terrorism cases

**Criminal justice:** Criminal justice systems more gender- and human rights-responsive

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**Synthesis of Evaluation Recommendations**

**Efficiency Enablers:** Improving efficiencies and alignment between headquarters- and field-based work processes, such as strategic planning, programme/project design processes, results measurement, as well as structures and systems for staffing and cost sharing

**Delivering Together:** Ensuring systematic engagement of partners (through planning, policies, resources) towards the goal of maximized and sustained national, regional and subregional collaboration beyond the project boundaries

**UNODC Approach:** Use of advanced technological solutions to facilitate the delivery of interventions, as well as continuing to build diverse governmental actors’ buy-in and trust, break down silos and convene multidisciplinary teams

**Cross-Cutting Commitments:** Increased planning measures to ensure gender, human rights, and the “leave no one behind” principle are mainstreamed from project design to results measurement, ensuring adequate due diligence, needs assessments and stakeholder consultations take place

**Resource Mobilization:** UNODC to integrate its strategic vision into funding models with a long-term strategy aligning its financing, rather than supporting individual programmes

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The overall objective of the meta-synthesis approach at UNODC is to provide useful information, which is tailored to the wide range of needs of different audiences – including Member States, senior management and staff at large – and to offer insights into current trends stemming from evaluations and based on the UNODC Strategy 2021–2025. The approach remained similar to previous meta-syntheses, however a new codebook aligned with the updated strategy was tested and rigorously applied using the qualitative analysis software NVivo. In addition, the scope of analysis was expanded to include the findings, conclusions, lessons, best practices and recommendations in independent evaluation reports.

Download the full report from the UNODC website: www.unodc.org/evaluation
The 2021 Meta-Synthesis covers all evaluations undertaken in 2019–2021 and is the fourth analysis produced by IES, though based on a new codebook.

# of reports coded

- 29 Independent project evaluations
- 9 In-depth evaluations
- 1 Independent strategic evaluation

39 reports conducted through

- 5,196 Documents reviewed
- 3,073 Interview and FGD respondents
- 1,859 Survey respondents

Geographic distribution of reports

Number of total evaluators 2019–2021

- 48
- 45

Gender balance in evaluation teams

Average GEEW scores by year

- 2015: 5.5
- 2018: 6.94
- 2019: 7.09
- 2020: 7
- 2021: 7.73