**ANNEX**. **FULLY-COSTED EVALUATION PLAN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC 2023-2027**

UNDP will implement a comprehensive Evaluation Plan from 2023-2027 to ensure systemic, participatory, gender-responsive and independent evaluation of outcomes, thematic portfolios and projects. The evaluations will follow the established guidelines of the UNDP Evaluation Policy and will measure relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, coherence and sustainability, and contribution of UNDP’s work to outcome level results. In the spirit of participatory evaluations and to foster national ownership of the results, key public, private and civil society stakeholders and international community will be involved at various stages of evaluations. Most importantly, UNDP will ensure close engagement and participation of beneficiary populations. Findings, recommendations, lessons and best practices identified through evaluations will be used for internal learning and adaptive management and will nurture key decisions related to project and programme design and implementation. These will also be shared with key stakeholders to inform policies; ensure accountability to stakeholders; foster partnerships and resource mobilization; and promote UNDP’s added value and comparative advantages in the achievement of CPD and UNSDCF results.

At the **programmatic** level, UNDP will partner with the United Nations Country Team for the **UNSDCF Evaluation**, planned for 2027, especially focusing on the four outcomes that UNDP is contributing and adding value to. UNDP will commission a **Mid-Term CPD Evaluation**, to assess the validity of the original Theory of Change and make any course adjustments as appropriate. Learning from the experience from the previous programmatic cycle, whereby UNDP refrained from the final evaluation of the CPD respecting UNCT´s recommendation and could not obtain valuable lessons and assessment of the programme, UNDP will reach out to the Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) to secure an **Independent Country Programme Evaluation (ICPE)** in 2026 assuring complementary focus with the UNSDCF Evaluation.

At the **Outcome and Thematic** level, UNDP will carry out one **thematic gender-responsive evaluation of UNDP Support to MSME development** to assess different modalities of UNDP support to Micro, Small and Medium enterprises, especially during and in the aftermath of Covid-19, with emphasis on MSMEs led by or benefitting women and vulnerable populations. The evaluation will pay special attention to the application of diverse digitalization measures in light of UNDP’s innovation and digitalization strategy spearheaded by the Accelerator Lab. This summative and formative evaluation will extract valuable lessons and innovative practices that will inform UNDP’s future efforts to support resilient and inclusive growth in the Dominican Republic that leaves no one behind. UNDP will also partner with the IEO in the framework of the **IEO-led Thematic Evaluation of UNDP’s support to Social Protection**, in which the Dominican Republic was selected as one of the two case study countries in Latin America and the Caribbean.

UNDP will conduct evaluations of at least 4 **projects**, of which one is funded by GEF. Three of these evaluations will be terminal whereby UNDP will provide key partners and international community with final findings and conclusions in full compliance with donor policies and requirements as appropriate. The fourth evaluation will be conducted mid-way in the project implementation to assess the progress towards the achievement of results and make necessary adjustments in the implementation strategy. UNDP will update the Evaluation Plan to reflect new project approvals and changes in the programmatic priorities based on the situation monitoring and/or requests from counterparts/partners.

UNDP, in coordination with the Ministry of Economy, Planning and Development (MEPyD), will strengthen **national evaluation capacities** to generate robust evidence through different methodologies, including impact evaluations. As part of this commitment, UNDP will support the MEPYyD-led evaluation of the National Care Policy providing technical assistance for the development of Terms of Reference and methodological approach and tools.

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| **UNSDCF** **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** |
| ALL OUTCOMES  | Outcome 1: Structural transformation Outcome 2: No-one left behindOutcome 3: Resilience building | Mid-term Evaluation of UNDP Country Programme Document of Dominican Republic  | UN organizations, government partners | Government | CPD | October 2025 | $40,000 | TRAC, Government cost-sharing |
| ALL OUTCOMES  | Outcome 1: Structural transformation Outcome 2: No-one left behindOutcome 3: Resilience building | Terminal Evaluation of UNDP Country Programme Document of Dominican Republic  | UN organizations, government partners | Government | CPD | March 2027 |  | Independent Evaluation Office |
| OUTCOME 1: The State strengthens a comprehensive response to the reduction of poverty and inequalities with a multidimensional, rights, gender equality and territorial approach, leaving no one behind. | Outcome 2: No one left behind, centering on equitable access to opportunities and a rights-based approach to human agency and human development. | Project terminal evaluation: Institutional Strengthening of MINERD 2.0 | Ministry of Education | Government | Project evaluation | October 2024 | $30,000 | Project budget |
| OUTCOME 1: The State strengthens a comprehensive response to the reduction of poverty and inequalities with a multidimensional, rights, gender equality and territorial approach, leaving no one behind. | Outcome 2: No one left behind, centering on equitable access to opportunities and a rights-based approach to human agency and human development. | Project terminal evaluation: Institutional Strengthening INABIE | National Institute of Student Welfare | Government | Project evaluation | October 2024 | $30,000 | Project budget |
| OUTCOME 1: The State strengthens a comprehensive response to the reduction of poverty and inequalities with a multidimensional, rights, gender equality and territorial approach, leaving no one behind. | Outcome 2: No one left behind, centering on equitable access to opportunities and a rights-based approach to human agency and human development. | Support to impact evaluation of National Care Policy by MEPyD | MEPyD | Government | Impact evaluation by national counterpart | October 2024 | $15,000 | Project budget |
| Outcome 2: The population, particularly those in situations of greater vulnerability, is empowered by their rights and has greater access to quality, universal, inclusive, resilient and non-discriminatory social goods and services throughout the territory. | Outcome 1: Structural transformation accelerated, particularly green, inclusive and digital transitions. | Evaluation of UNDP Support to MSME development | Ministry of Economy, Planning and Development  | UNDP CO | Thematic Evaluation | October 2023  | $25,000 | TRAC |
| OUTCOME 3: People, communities, national and local institutions, and strategic sectors are better prepared to manage disaster risk with a multidimensional approach, face the challenges of climate change and promote the sustainable management of ecosystems, in an environment of transformative, resilient, inclusive, with gender equality, responsible with the planet and future generations. | Outcome 1: Structural transformation accelerated, particularly green, inclusive and digital transitions. | Project terminal evaluation: Productive Landscapes in the Dominican Republic | Ministry of EnvironmentMinistry of AgricultureFAO | GEF | Project evaluation | September 2024 | $30,000 | Project budget |
| OUTCOME 4: The State strengthens democratic governance and citizen participation, promotes efficient and transparent public management, improves equal access to justice, and combats corruption and organized crime throughout the territory. | Outcome 1: Structural transformation accelerated, particularly green, inclusive and digital transitions. | Mid-term evaluation: Strengthening the Judiciary  | Judiciary  | Government | Project evaluation | February 2025 | $25,000 | Project budget |