

OHCHR ANNUAL EVALUATION PLAN 2024

Background

The Administrative Instruction on Evaluation in the United Nations Secretariat ([ST/AI/2021/3](#)) requires all Secretariat entities to have an annual evaluation plan. In line with OHCHR's [updated evaluation policy 2023](#), the Policy, Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Service (PPMES) is responsible for developing the evaluation plan for the OHCHR's programming cycle (usually four years) based on inputs from and consultation with relevant stakeholders. Two main types of assessments are considered: strategic or thematic evaluations of global crosscutting issues and evaluations of a particular project or programme (including regional and country programmes).

Evaluations may be:

- Internal evaluations, commissioned by OHCHR and carried out by OHCHR evaluation specialists or external consultants managed by OHCHR evaluation managers or in mixed teams.
- External evaluations, conducted by donors, the Multilateral Organisation Performance Assessment Network (MOPAN), the Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS), the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU), etc.
- Evaluative exercises such as lessons learned, internal reviews and visioning exercises.

The subjects of evaluation within OHCHR are chosen with the participation of the Evaluation Focal Points Network (composed of representative of the different Divisions and Services), keeping in mind the OIOS guidance with regards to evaluation topic selection i.e., timing of evaluative evidence, existing coverage, and evaluability. The final plan is reviewed and endorsed (for HC's approval) by the PBRB using one or more of the following criteria:

- Relevance to the OHCHR Management Plans and Strategic Frameworks for the period under review – including OHCHR's long-term expected accomplishments
- Strategic importance
- Size of investment or coverage
- Demand by stakeholders, triggering evaluations also at short notice
- Potential for the generation of knowledge
- Flagship programmes, interventions, or strategies
- Evaluability

Evaluations conducted, managed or supported in the period 2018-2023

During the programming cycle 2018-2023, 48 evaluations have been conducted, managed, or supported by OHCHR. These are detailed in **Annex 1**.

The reports of the assessments conducted in the Office are available on the evaluation portal in the [intranet](#). External evaluations (conducted by donors, the Multilateral Organisation Performance Assessment Network (MOPAN), the Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS), the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU), etc.) are also uploaded to the evaluation section in the Office's [website](#) and the UN Evaluation Group [portal](#), jointly with the respective management responses and actions plans for the implementation of their recommendations. The status of the implementation of the recommendations is monitored every six months and reported to the PBRB.

Overall update on the implementation of the Office's Evaluation Plan at the end of 2023

During 2023, seven evaluations in the plan for the biennium were finalized – the evaluation of the UN Human Rights Annual Report and Annual Appeal, the evaluation of the Uganda Country Programme, the evaluation of the Action “Advancing Justice and Human Rights in Syria: promoting a more inclusive, victim-centric approach to Justice and Human Rights”, the evaluation of the Project to Reinforce OHCHR's Capacity to Support Investigative Bodies, the internal evaluation of the OHCHR Country Programme in Guatemala, and the internal assessment of the Technical Cooperation Programme between the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and OHCHR, and a COVID-19 Lessons Learned Exercise.

Three additional evaluations commenced during 2023 and will be completed in 2024: the Danish Funded Project on Migration and Climate Change (CLIMIS), the Global Drive for the Media Freedom and the Safety of Journalists, and the Country Programme in Ukraine.

Management responses for completed evaluations were prepared and submitted to the PBRB. In addition, the management responses and action plans started in 2022 were finalised and submitted to the PBRB - for the implementation of the recommendations in the evaluations conducted of the Sudan Country Programme, the evaluation of the OHCHR project: “Widening Democratic Space, Strengthening the Rule of Law and Promoting Respect for and Protection of Human Rights in Thailand”, and the evaluation of the Emergency Response Teams (ERTs) Programme.

During 2023, OIOS conducted a synthesis review on advancing Gender Equality in the United Nations Secretariat, undertook a thematic evaluation of United Nations Secretariat support to the Sustainable Development Goals, and published a report on strengthening the role of evaluation and the

application of evaluation findings on programme design, delivery, and policy, which were also supported by PPMES. Additionally, OHCHR supported undertaking an evaluation conducted by the EU in the G5 Sahel.

The evaluation recommendations have been uploaded to the Decision Tracking System, and their status monitored, updated, and reported to the PBRB every six months. The new evaluation module in the PMS has been populated with the evaluation data from the current programming cycle and it is being used for input for the preparation of the next OMP. The database and mailing list of evaluation consultants has been maintained, as well as the repositories of evaluation reports in the Office's intranet, external website and the UN Evaluation Group (UNEG) portal. A Primary Pool of consultants has been developed, to serve as a database comprising current profiles of consultants who have demonstrated satisfactory performance in their previous collaborations with OHCHR, as well as those who have been shortlisted in recent selection processes.

In terms of the evaluation guidance framework, OHCHR's evaluation policy has been revised and updated. A meta-analysis of evaluation findings, conclusions and recommendations relating to disability inclusion was conducted in 2023, covering the cycle of evaluations during the period 2018-2023, to inform the development of the next OHCHR Management Plan. An overall meta-analysis of evaluations and reviews conducted during the programming cycle 2018-2023 is currently being finalised.

Finally, gender equality and disability inclusion have been continued to be mainstreamed in the evaluation processes conducted in OHCHR and are reported during the UN-SWAP and UNDIS cycles. The Office has contributed to the integration of these areas in evaluation across the UN System, as co-convenor of the UNEG working group on gender, disability and human rights, where experiences are exchanged, and guidance developed. This year, OHCHR joined the Inter-Agency Humanitarian Evaluation (IAHE) Steering Group, where several agencies contribute to system-wide evaluations on humanitarian contexts. OHCHR is also a member of the IAHE Working Group to revise the Process Guidelines.

Evaluations planned in 2024

The evaluation plan for 2024 envisages the undertaking of 22 evaluations by OHCHR, including the finalization of four assessments already started at the end of 2023 (The UN Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine, the Global Drive for Media Freedom and the Safety of Journalists, the Model National Human Rights-based Counter-terrorism Responses, and the evaluation of the OHCHR Cambodia – EU Project: Human Rights-based Prevention to Sustain Development). Support will be provided to two evaluations of OHCHR to be conducted by OIOS and MOPAN. Two joint evaluations

will take place with ILO on the project “Responsible Business Conduct in Latin America and the Caribbean” and UNODC on the PROMIS (Protection of Migrants) Project, bringing the total number of evaluations to 26 through the year.

The plan includes evaluations to be conducted in Cambodia, Mozambique, Yemen, Latin America and the Caribbean, Colombia, Burkina Faso, Guatemala, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Bolivia, and the Philippines and the Gender Accreditation Programme. Two peacebuilding fund evaluations will take place for projects in Moldova and Guinea, for which OHCHR is the lead agency. Evaluative exercises (lessons learned) will be conducted for the peacebuilding fund and for the project “Making Smart Cities Right – with The Fondation Botnar. The evaluation of “Implementing the State of Palestine’s Human Rights Treaty Obligations – Capacity Building for Implementation and Accountability” 2020-2023 has been included in the plan, however, it has currently been postponed indefinitely due to security constraints. The assessment of Humanitarian Funds on Torture and Slavery has been postponed to 2025, subject to availability of funds.

The following is the full list of issues and programmes to be evaluated in 2024 based on the requests and inputs received by PPMES. Requests made by units in Headquarters, field presences or donors for additional evaluations are considered through the biennium based on respective needs.

Section I. Annual evaluation plan matrix

No.	Evaluation Topic	Type of evaluation	Evaluator(s) ¹	Managing Office	Resources allocated	Estimated start date	Estimated due date
1	Evaluation of the Model National Human Rights Responses to Counter Terrorism	Summative Internal evaluation Thematic evaluation requested by the donor	External evaluators	PPMES	USD 45,000	Ongoing	May 2024
2	Evaluation of the Global Drive for Media Freedom, Access to Information and the Safety of Journalists	Summative Internal evaluation Thematic evaluation requested by the donor	External evaluators	PPMES	USD 50,000	Ongoing	June 2024
3	Humanitarian Fund Impact Assessment ²	Formative Internal evaluation Thematic evaluation requested by the by the Secretariat of the UN Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery and the UN Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture	External evaluators	PPMES	USD 60,000	2024	2024

¹ External evaluators could also mean a PPMES evaluation officer (this would be also in line with OHCHR's revised Evaluation Policy 2023)

² This evaluation has been postponed to 2025, subject to the availability of funds

4	Evaluation of the Gender Accreditation Programme	Formative Internal evaluation Thematic evaluation requested by the Women's Human Rights and Gender Section	External evaluators	PPMES	USD 40,000	2024	2024
5	Assessment of OHCHR - MOPAN	External evaluation	External evaluators	PPMES	N/A	Timeline to be confirmed	Timeline to be confirmed
6	OIOS Programme Evaluation of the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights	External evaluation	External evaluators	PPMES	N/A	First half of 2024	Second half of 2024
7	PROMIS (Protection of Migrants) Project	Summative Internal evaluation	Joint evaluation with UNODC, with UNODC in the lead	PPMES	USD 25,000	2024	A mid-term evaluation of the project will take place in 2024.
8	Evaluation of the OHCHR Cambodia – EU Project: Human Rights-based Prevention to Sustain Development	Summative Internal evaluation Country programme evaluation requested by the EU	External evaluators	PPMES	USD 32,525	Currently underway	31 March 2024
9	Evaluation of "Implementing the State of Palestine's Human Rights Treaty	Summative Internal evaluation Country programme evaluation	External evaluators	PPMES	USD 6,000	Indefinitely postponed	Indefinitely postponed

	Obligations – Capacity Building for Implementation and Accountability” 2020-2023 ³	requested by the EU					
10	Evaluation of the Mozambique Country Programme – ROSA	Summative Internal evaluation Country programme evaluation requested by Sweden	External evaluators	PPMES	USD 40,000	Q1 2024	30 June 2024
11	Evaluation of the United Nations Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine (Sweden) Combined with Ukraine - Extension of support to the Human Rights Monitoring Mission to Ukraine (EU)	Summative Internal evaluation Country programme evaluations requested by Sweden and the EU	External evaluators	PPMES	USD 60,000	Ongoing	30 June 2024
12	Evaluation of Building Capacity on Human Rights Monitoring and Reporting for Civil Society and the National	Summative Internal evaluation Country programme evaluation requested by the	External evaluators	PPMES	USD 50,000 (estimation)	Q1 2024	For the Netherlands: ToR Mid term evaluation - 29 Feb 2024

³ This evaluation has been postponed indefinitely due to security constraints

	Commission of Inquiry (Netherlands) Combined with Evaluation of Monitoring, Reporting and Capacity Building in Yemen 2022 – 2024 (Sweden)	Netherlands and Sweden					Mid-term evaluation report – 31 August 2024 Note – An end Evaluation report is due on 31 March 2027 For Sweden: 30 August 2024
13	Evaluation of “Responsible Business Conduct in Latin America and the Caribbean”	Summative Internal evaluation Regional evaluation	External evaluators	Joint evaluation with ILO, ILO is the lead agency but the evaluation is co-managed	USD 20,000	Evaluation to be conducted in the second phase of 2024.	2 nd half of 2024
14	PBF Evaluation - Building sustainable and inclusive peace, strengthening trust and social cohesion in Moldova	Summative Internal evaluation	External evaluators	PPMES	USD 60,000	Evaluation to be conducted at the end of the project – July 2024	2 nd half of 2024
15	Peacebuilding Fund Evaluation : «Projet d’appui au renforcement de la cohésion sociale et la réconciliation nationale en Guinée »	Summative Internal evaluation	External evaluators	PPMES – OHCHR is the lead agency	USD 50,000	Evaluation to be conducted at the end of the project – 30 August 2024	2 nd half of 2024
16	Evaluation of “Strengthening the Guarantee of the Rights	Summative Internal evaluation	External evaluators	PPMES	USD 36,000	2024	2024

	of Human Rights Defenders, Social Leaders and their Organizations in Colombia”	Country programme evaluation requested by the Colombia Country Office					
17	Evaluation of Burkina Faso Human Rights Prevention Framework 2024-2025 (Netherlands) Combined with Evaluation of “Supporting Human Rights in Burkina Faso 2022-2025 (Country Programme)” (Sweden)	Summative Internal evaluation Country programme evaluations requested by the Netherlands and Sweden	External evaluators	PPMES	USD 50,000	Q4 2024	31 March 2025
18	Evaluation of “Advancing the rule of law and upholding human rights and gender equality in Guatemala 2022-2025”	Summative Internal evaluation Country programme evaluation requested by Sweden	External evaluators	PPMES	USD 20,000	Q4 2024	31 March 2025
19	Evaluation of support for the Country Programme “Promoting and protecting human rights in the DRC 2022-2024”	Summative Internal evaluation Country programme evaluation requested by Sweden	External evaluators	PPMES	USD 50,000 (estimation)	Q4 2024	31 March 2025

20	Strengthening the regional approach for the protection of specific human rights concerns in Latin America and the Caribbean 2023-2025	Summative Internal evaluation Regional programme evaluation requested by Sweden	External evaluators	PPMES	USD 68,000	Q4 2024	June 2025
21	Improving the equal access to services and assistance for refugees with specific needs and the most vulnerable host community members in Moldova including the left bank of Nistru river.	Summative Internal evaluation Country programme evaluation - DG-ECHO funded project	External evaluators	PPMES	USD 20,000	The project is planned to end in July 2024.	2024
22	Strengthening Respect for Human Rights in Bolivia	Summative Internal evaluation Country programme evaluation requested by EU	External evaluators	PPMES	USD 50,000	The project is set to end on 18 April 2024, an evaluation has been agreed in the funding agreement.	2024
23	The Philippines - Increasing access to justice in the Philippines (Contribution to the UN Joint Programme on Human Rights).	Summative Internal evaluation Country programme evaluation requested by the EU	External evaluators	PPMES	USD 10,000	The project ends in July 2024. The project budget is USD 300,000; however, an evaluation has	2024

						been committed to in the funding agreement.	
24	Evaluation of “Human Rights-Based Prevention to Sustain Development and Peace 2021-2024” (Cambodia)	Summative Internal evaluation Country programme evaluation requested by Sweden	External evaluators	PPMES	USD 50,000 (estimation)	Q4 2024	June 2025
25	Lessons Learned Exercise of the Peacebuilding Fund	Formative Evaluative exercise	Internal evaluation	PPMES	No cost	2024	2024.
26	Lessons Learned “Making Smart Cities Right – Project with The Fondation Botnar (Digi Tech for Botnar2024)”	Summative Evaluative exercise requested by the Fondation Botnar	Internal evaluation	PPMES	No cost, only staff travel if any	The end of the project is now 30 April 2024.	2024

Section II. Detailed information

- Evaluation 1 - Evaluation of the Model National Human Rights Responses to Counter Terrorism

Description of the evaluation topic: This project funded by Netherlands from 1 October 2021 to 31 December 2023 aims to strengthen Member States and UN counter-terrorism efforts through development of practical and accessible tools to ensure human rights are central to States' counter-terrorism strategy and policy.

The evaluation scope will focus on the development of the tools.

Rationale for selecting the evaluation: Evaluation requested by donor, to be finalized by May 2024

Anticipated application of evaluation(s) findings:

An assessment of the work undertaken will provide important information for OHCHR's work in the future, and will therefore increase OHCHR's accountability and learning, as per the Office's Evaluation Policy.

- Evaluation 2 - Evaluation of the Global Drive for Media Freedom, Access to Information and the Safety of Journalists

Description of the evaluation topic: The 'Global Drive for Media Freedom and the Safety of Journalists' is a landmark initiative supported by the Kingdom of the Netherlands and implemented through separate implementation agreements by OHCHR and UNESCO between 2021 and 2023. The programme was initially designed for 2021 and 2022. Due to a late start of the project in 2021, OHCHR requested and was granted a no-cost extension in 2023 by the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

The evaluation is assessing the work undertaken by OHCHR as part of the overall Global Drive initiative at both global policy and local programmatic levels in the period of 2021-2023 (entire programme implementation).

Rationale for selecting the evaluation: Evaluation requested by donor, currently underway, to be finalized by June 2024.

Anticipated application of evaluation(s) findings:

An assessment of the work undertaken will provide important information for OHCHR's work in the future, and will therefore increase OHCHR's accountability and learning, as per the Office's Evaluation Policy.

- Evaluation 3 - Humanitarian Fund Impact Assessment

Description of the evaluation topic: The Secretariat of the UN Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery and the UN Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture has requested the support from PPMES to conduct a stocktaking exercise for the funds in the framework of their 30th and 40th anniversary respectively.

The objective of the evaluation is to improve the monitoring, evaluation, accountability, and learning (MEAL) policies and procedures of the UN Humanitarian Funds. The specific objectives are (I) to assess the Funds' MEAL policies and procedures; (II) and to accordingly elaborate a MEAL plan for the Funds.

Rationale for selecting the evaluation: Evaluation requested by the Secretariat of the UN Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery and the UN Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture, to be conducted in 2024.

Anticipated application of evaluation(s) findings:

An assessment of the work undertaken will provide important information for OHCHR's work in the future, and will therefore increase OHCHR's accountability and learning, as per the Office's Evaluation Policy.

- **Evaluation 4 - Evaluation of the Gender Accreditation Programme**

Description of the evaluation topic: This project funded by Netherlands from 1 October 2021 to 31 December 2023 aims to strengthen Member States and UN counter-terrorism efforts through development of practical and accessible tools to ensure human rights are central to States' counter-terrorism strategy and policy.

The evaluation covers the period XX

The evaluation scope will focus on the development of the tools.

Rationale for selecting the evaluation: Evaluation requested by donor, to be finalized by May 2024

Anticipated application of evaluation(s) findings:

An assessment of the work undertaken will provide important information for OHCHR's work in the future, and will therefore increase OHCHR's accountability and learning, as per the Office's Evaluation Policy.

- **Evaluation 5 - Assessment of OHCHR - MOPAN**

Description of the evaluation topic: MOPAN, the Multilateral Organisation Performance Assessment Network, plan to assess the performance of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). A similar MOPAN assessment of OHCHR was conducted in 2017 – 2018.

The assessment will look at OHCHR's organisational effectiveness (strategic, operational, relationship and performance aspects) and the results it achieved against its objectives.

Rationale for selecting the evaluation: External evaluation to be conducted in 2024

Anticipated application of evaluation(s) findings: [Describe how the results will be used].

An assessment of the work undertaken will provide important information for OHCHR's work in the future, and will therefore increase OHCHR's accountability and learning, as per the Office's Evaluation Policy.

- Evaluation 6 - OIOS Programme Evaluation of the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

Description of the evaluation topic: The Inspection and Evaluation Division (IED) of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS) will be conducting an evaluation of the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). IED will work with OHCHR colleagues to further refine the scope.

Rationale for selecting the evaluation: External evaluation to be conducted in the second half of 2024

Anticipated application of evaluation(s) findings:

An assessment of the work undertaken will provide important information for OHCHR's work in the future, and will therefore increase OHCHR's accountability and learning, as per the Office's Evaluation Policy.

- Evaluation 7 – Evaluation of PROMIS (Protection of Migrants) Project

Description of the evaluation topic: UNODC and OHCHR launched a joint project in 2017 called "PROMIS – Protection of Migrants", funded by the United Kingdom of the Netherlands and Italy, aimed at promoting a human rights-based response to the smuggling of migrants (and related crimes) and effectively combating human rights violations related to irregular migration in West Africa.

Rationale for selecting the evaluation: A mid-term evaluation of the project will take place in 2024.

Anticipated application of evaluation(s) findings:

An assessment of the work undertaken will provide important information for OHCHR's work in the future, and will therefore increase OHCHR's accountability and learning, as per the Office's Evaluation Policy.

- Evaluation 8 - Evaluation of the OHCHR Cambodia – EU Project: Human Rights-based Prevention to Sustain Development

Description of the evaluation topic: In December 2020, the European Union awarded the Cambodia Office a 30-month grant (2020-2023) towards the implementation of a project titled "Human rights-based prevention to sustain development". OHCHR contributed EUR 52,337 towards the project bringing the total costs to EUR 1044023.

On 30 May 2023, the EU awarded a no-cost extension to the implementation period by 4 months until 30 September 2023.

Rationale for selecting the evaluation: According to the funding agreement, OHCHR is to carry out an independent evaluation of the project, with a final report due in March 2024

Anticipated application of evaluation(s) findings:

An assessment of the work undertaken will provide important information for OHCHR's work in the future, and will therefore increase OHCHR's accountability and learning, as per the Office's Evaluation Policy.

- Evaluation 9 - Evaluation of "Implementing the State of Palestine's Human Rights Treaty Obligations – Capacity Building for Implementation and Accountability" 2020-2023

Description of the evaluation topic: The Office is implementing a project titled "Implementing the State of Palestine's Human Rights Treaty Obligations – Capacity Building for Implementation and Accountability", partially funded by the European Union. A first phase of this project was implemented between 2017 and 2020. The second and current project is implemented since May 2020 and ends in April 2023. A no-cost extension of the Project was approved until 31 August 2023.

A report on the evaluation was to be submitted to the EU no later than 29 February 2024. However, due to the current situation, this evaluation is indefinitely postponed.

Rationale for selecting the evaluation: As per the funding agreement with the EU, OHCHR will conduct an independent evaluation of the Action. A report on the evaluation will be submitted to the EU no later than 29 February 2024.

Anticipated application of evaluation(s) findings: The evaluation intends to assess the level of implementation of commitments and the level of accomplishment of results. It will also serve to inform the design of upcoming related actions in the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

- Evaluation 10 - Evaluation of the Mozambique Country Programme – ROSA

Description of the evaluation topic: The Regional Office for Southern Africa (ROSA) provides technical assistance on the promotion and protection of human rights to 14 countries in Southern Africa, including Mozambique. An agreement was signed with Sweden in 2021 to contribute to the Office's work in Mozambique through the financing of the programme "Supporting Mozambique in advancing a human rights agenda" from 1 July 2021 to 31 December 2023.

Rationale for selecting the evaluation: As per the agreement, OHCHR will carry out an independent evaluation of the programme in 2023 and submit the review report no later than 30 June 2024.

Anticipated application of evaluation(s) findings:

An assessment of the work undertaken will provide important information for OHCHR's work in the future, and will therefore increase OHCHR's accountability and learning, as per the Office's Evaluation Policy.

- Evaluation 11 - Evaluation of the United Nations Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine (Sweden) combined with Evaluation of Extension of support to the Human Rights Monitoring Mission to Ukraine (EU)

Description of the evaluation topic: The UN Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine (HRMMU), established in 2014, monitors, reports and advocates on the human rights situation in Ukraine, with a particular focus on the conflict area of eastern Ukraine and the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, Ukraine, temporarily occupied by the Russian Federation. HRMMU was deployed as part of the Human Rights Up Front policy of the UN Secretary-General. An agreement was signed with Sweden in June 2021 to contribute to the Office's work in Ukraine through support to the HRMMU from 1 May 2021 to 31 December 2023.

This evaluation is currently underway with the report due by 30 June 2024.

This is to be combined with an evaluation for the EU.

Rationale for selecting the evaluation:

Sweden - As per the agreement, OHCHR will carry out an independent evaluation of the project in 2023 and submit the review report not later than 30 June 2024.

EU - An evaluation of the programme is planned after the completion of the two-year implementation period in 2023 by an external evaluator, (potentially covered by the EU, Sweden or Norway in full financially and/or in-kind through provision of external evaluators at their own cost).

Anticipated application of evaluation(s) findings:

An assessment of the work undertaken will provide important information for OHCHR's work in the future, and will therefore increase OHCHR's accountability and learning, as per the Office's Evaluation Policy.

- Evaluation 12 - Evaluation of Building Capacity on Human Rights Monitoring and Reporting for Civil Society and the National Commission of Inquiry (Netherlands) combined with Evaluation of Monitoring, Reporting and Capacity Building in Yemen 2022 – 2024 (Sweden)

Description of the evaluation topic: Sweden has contributed to OHCHR's work in Yemen through the Country Programme "UN Human Rights Proposal on Monitoring, Reporting and Capacity Building in Yemen 2022 – 2024".

The Dutch funded evaluation of Building Capacity on Human Rights Monitoring and Reporting for Civil Society and the National Commission of Inquiry (Yemen) is to be covered under this.

Rationale for selecting the evaluation: As per the funding agreement with Sweden, OCHHR shall carry out an independent evaluation of the impact of the work of OHCHR in Yemen and submit the report no later than 30 August 2024.

As per the funding agreement with the Netherlands, a mid term evaluation and an end evaluation will be carried out.

Anticipated application of evaluation(s) findings:

For Sweden, the evaluation will have a focus on learning and informing possible future Country Programme for 2025 and onwards.

For the Netherlands, this is a mid-term evaluation, with an end of term evaluation report due on 31 March 2027.

An assessment of the work undertaken will provide important information for OHCHR's work in the future, and will therefore increase OHCHR's accountability and learning, as per the Office's Evaluation Policy.

- Evaluation 13 - Evaluation of "Responsible Business Conduct in Latin America and the Caribbean"

Description of the evaluation topic: The EU funded project "Responsible Business Conduct in Latin America and the Caribbean (RBC LAC)" is being coordinated by SPB, involving DESIB and 5 fields presences in Latin America. The project aims to contribute to the promotion of smart, sustainable, and inclusive growth in the EU and Latin America and Caribbean by supporting responsible business conduct practices in line with internationally agreed principles promoted by the UN, ILO, and OECD. The project covers nine countries – Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Mexico, Panama, and Peru- and is implemented by three partners, the ILO, the OECD and the OHCHR. The project was launched in January 2019 and has a duration of 48 months.

Rationale for selecting the evaluation: A joint independent evaluation will be conducted in the second phase of 2024 to evaluate both the ILO and OHCHR components, which will be funded by ILO but co-managed by both organizations, following the UN-wide evaluation guidelines.

Evaluation to be conducted in the second phase of 2024.

Anticipated application of evaluation(s) findings:

An assessment of the work undertaken will provide important information for OHCHR's work in the future, and will therefore increase OHCHR's accountability and learning, as per the Office's Evaluation Policy.

- Evaluation 14 - PBF Evaluation: Building sustainable and inclusive peace, strengthening trust and social cohesion in Moldova

Description of the evaluation topic: A joint UN Peacebuilding Fund (UN PBF) project with UN Women and UNDP is under implementation during the period July 2022 – July 2024, with OHCHR being the convening agency.

Rationale for selecting the evaluation: As per the PBRB submission, a final independent evaluation with a team of international and national consultants will take place at the end of the project.

Anticipated application of evaluation(s) findings:

An assessment of the work undertaken will provide important information for OHCHR's work in the future, and will therefore increase OHCHR's accountability and learning, as per the Office's Evaluation Policy.

- Evaluation 15 - Peacebuilding Fund Evaluation : «Projet d'appui au renforcement de la cohésion sociale et la réconciliation nationale en Guinée »

Description of the evaluation topic: The project was signed for a 24 month-period covering the period from 30 August 2022 to 30 August 2024. It aims to contribute to national efforts to strengthen social cohesion and national reconciliation in Guinea.

Rationale for selecting the evaluation: Evaluation to be conducted at the end of the project

Anticipated application of evaluation(s) findings:

An independent final evaluation will be conducted at the end of the project to measure the changes made, analyze the achievements, and highlight lessons learned.

- Evaluation 16 - Evaluation of "Strengthening the Guarantee of the Rights of Human Rights Defenders, Social Leaders and their Organizations in Colombia"

Description of the evaluation topic: The project "Strengthening the Guarantee of the Rights of Human Rights Defenders, Social Leaders and their Organizations in Colombia" is a joint initiative between the Ombudsman's Office and the OHCHR Office in Colombia, funded by the European Union. The implementation of the project started in June 2021 and will be completed on 31 December 2023.

Rationale for selecting the evaluation: Evaluation requested by the Colombia Country Office

Anticipated application of evaluation(s) findings:

The Colombia Country Office has requested the support from PPMES for the undertaking of an evaluation of the project for learning and fundraising purposes.

- Evaluation 17 - Evaluation of Burkina Faso Human Rights Prevention Framework 2024-2025 (Netherlands) combined with Evaluation of "Supporting Human Rights in Burkina Faso 2022-2025 (Country Programme)" (Sweden)

Description of the evaluation topic: The Netherlands has contributed to OHCHR's work in Burkina Faso with the financing of the Human Rights Prevention Framework 2024-2025. As per the funding agreement, OHCHR will carry out an independent evaluation of the Programme and submit the report no March 2025.

Sweden has contributed to OHCHR's work in Burkina Faso with the financing of the Country Programme Supporting Human Rights in Burkina Faso 2022-2025 (Country Programme)".

Rationale for selecting the evaluation: Evaluations have been requested by both donors, and it has been agreed with Netherlands to merge the two evaluations planned for Burkina Faso, with the report due by 31 March 2025.

Anticipated application of evaluation(s) findings:

An assessment of the work undertaken will provide important information for OHCHR's work in the future, and will therefore increase OHCHR's accountability and learning, as per the Office's Evaluation Policy.

- Evaluation 18 - Evaluation of "Advancing the rule of law and upholding human rights and gender equality in Guatemala 2022-2025"

Description of the evaluation topic: Sweden has contributed to OHCHR's work in Guatemala through the financing of the Project titled: "Advancing the rule of law and upholding human rights and gender equality in Guatemala 2022-2025".

An evaluation for Sweden is mandatory, but as the project budget is only USD 400,000 project, and since it was evaluated recently for Sweden and then internally by OHCHR, the scope would be reduced.

Rationale for selecting the evaluation: As per the funding agreement, OHCHR will carry out an independent evaluation of the impact of the work of OHCHR in Guatemala and submit the report no later than 31 March 2025.

Anticipated application of evaluation(s) findings:

An assessment of the work undertaken will provide important information for OHCHR's work in the future, and will therefore increase OHCHR's accountability and learning, as per the Office's Evaluation Policy.

- Evaluation 19 - Evaluation of support for the Country Programme "Promoting and protecting human rights in the DRC 2022-2024"

Description of the evaluation topic: Sweden has contributed to the work of OHCHR in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, through the financing of the Country Programme "Promoting and protecting human rights in the Democratic Republic of Congo 2022-2024."

Rationale for selecting the evaluation: As per the funding agreement, OHCHR will carry out an independent evaluation of the first two years of the project and submit the review report no later than 31 March 2025.

Anticipated application of evaluation(s) findings:

An assessment of the work undertaken will provide important information for OHCHR's work in the future, and will therefore increase OHCHR's accountability and learning, as per the Office's Evaluation Policy.

- Evaluation 20 - Strengthening the regional approach for the protection of specific human rights concerns in Latin America and the Caribbean 2023-2025

Description of the evaluation topic: Sweden has contributed to OHCHR's work in Latin America and the Caribbean through the financing of the project 'Strengthening the regional approach for the protection of specific human rights concerns in Latin America and the Caribbean 2023-2025'. One evaluation after the two first years of the project is required.

The evaluation should include a review of how the total of Swedish funding of OHCHR managed and coordinated in the region (Sweden's global, regional and bilateral strategies), and should specifically assess the regional approach and its contribution in relation to global and bilateral Swedish support to OHCHR.

Rationale for selecting the evaluation: As per the funding agreement, OHCHR will carry out an independent evaluation of the first two years of the project and submit the review report no later than June 2025.

Anticipated application of evaluation(s) findings:

An assessment of the work undertaken will provide important information for OHCHR's work in the future, and will therefore increase OHCHR's accountability and learning, as per the Office's Evaluation Policy.

- Evaluation 21 - Improving the equal access to services and assistance for refugees with specific needs and the most vulnerable host community members in Moldova including the left bank of Nistru river.

Description of the evaluation topic: This project addresses key challenges in the refugees' response in Moldova: the lack of systematic identification of persons with specific needs; the limited data on refugees on the left bank of Nistru river; and the discrimination prevailing against certain groups. This is a DG-ECHO funded project with the project is planned to end in July 2024.

Note: Since there is also a PBF evaluation planned for Moldova, perhaps the same consultant could be engaged for data collection.

Rationale for selecting the evaluation: As per the funding agreement, at the end of the project there will be an external evaluation.

Anticipated application of evaluation(s) findings:

An assessment of the work undertaken will provide important information for OHCHR's work in the future, and will therefore increase OHCHR's accountability and learning, as per the Office's Evaluation Policy.

- Evaluation 22 – Evaluation of the Action “Strengthening Respect for Human Rights in Bolivia”

Description of the evaluation topic: The overall objective of the Action is to diffuse social and political tensions through the protection and effective implementation of human rights in Bolivia. The proposed action aims at contributing to reach the overall goal by "Strengthening the respect for human rights in Bolivia".

Rationale for selecting the evaluation: The project is set to end on 18 April 2024, and an evaluation has been agreed on in the funding agreement.

Anticipated application of evaluation(s) findings:

An assessment of the work undertaken will provide important information for OHCHR's work in the future, and will therefore increase OHCHR's accountability and learning, as per the Office's Evaluation Policy.

- Evaluation 23 - The Philippines - Increasing access to justice in the Philippines (Contribution to the UN Joint Programme on Human Rights).

Description of the evaluation topic: In August 2021, the UN in the Philippines and the Government signed the UN Joint Programme on Human Rights, engaging the UN Country Team, with OHCHR as convening agent, in technical cooperation and capacity building to respond to serious human rights challenges in a holistic and transformational way over a three-year period from August 2021 to July 2024. The Action is a component of the UN Joint Programme on human rights in the Philippines, which addresses key challenges in promotion and protection of human rights through technical cooperation and capacity building.

Rationale for selecting the evaluation: The project budget is USD 300,000; however, an evaluation has been committed to in the funding agreement.

Anticipated application of evaluation(s) findings:

This evaluation will inform the relevant adaptations of the programme.

- Evaluation 24 – Evaluation of “Human Rights-Based Prevention to Sustain Development and Peace 2021-2024” (Cambodia)

Description of the evaluation topic: Sweden contributed to OHCHR's work in Cambodia through the financing of Human Rights-Based Prevention to Sustain Development and Peace 2021-2024. Note: A no-cost extension will be requested formally in Q1 of 2024, therefore the evaluation may be postponed subject to confirmation from Sweden.

On the timing, the results of the evaluation will be important for the negotiations for the renewal of support. Therefore, results of the evaluation should be available by June 2025 at the latest, with preparation at the end of 2024.

Rationale for selecting the evaluation: Evaluation requested by donor, with a final report no later than 31 December 2024.

Anticipated application of evaluation(s) findings:

An assessment of the work undertaken will provide important information for OHCHR's work in the future, and will therefore increase OHCHR's accountability and learning, as per the Office's Evaluation Policy.

- **Evaluation 25 - Lessons Learned Exercise of the Peacebuilding Fund**

Description of the evaluation topic: The Secretary-General's Peacebuilding Fund is the United Nations' leading instrument to invest in prevention and peacebuilding, in partnership with the wider UN system, national and subnational authorities, civil society organizations, regional organizations and multilateral banks. The Fund supports joint UN responses to address critical peacebuilding opportunities, connecting development, humanitarian, human rights, and peacebuilding pillars.

Rationale for selecting the evaluation: OHCHR participates in joint projects it funds, and an evaluative exercise will provide lessons to learn from previous experiences for future projects.

Anticipated application of evaluation(s) findings:

This exercise will inform OHCHR's participation in future projects, and will therefore increase OHCHR's accountability and learning, as per the Office's Evaluation Policy.

- **Evaluation 26 - Lessons Learned "Making Smart Cities Right – Project with The Fondation Botnar (Digi Tech for Botnar2024)"**

Description of the evaluation topic: A proposal was developed in response to a call from the Fondation Botnar to conduct a participatory research and advocacy project, 'Making smart cities right', to take stock and critically assess the situation around digital urban infrastructures, and its implications for today's young people. The end of the project is now 30 April 2024.

Rationale for selecting the evaluation: An evaluation is noted to be carried out at the end of the 12-month period, as agreed with the donor.

Anticipated application of evaluation(s) findings:

If funding is made available for continuation of the project, lessons from the evaluation would be integrated into subsequent phases.

Annex 1: List of evaluations conducted, managed or supported in the period 2018-2023

Year	Evaluation	Evaluation type
Strategic and thematic evaluations of global crosscutting issues or programmes		
2018	Evaluation of support to legislation in conformity with international human rights standards	Internal Evaluation
2019	Independent evaluation of the Implementation of Results Based Management in OHCHR	Internal Evaluation
2019	OIOS Evaluation of United Nations entities' preparedness, policy, coherence, and early results associated with their support to the Sustainable Development Goals	External Evaluation
2019	OIOS Evaluation of the effectiveness of human rights monitoring, reporting and follow-up in the United Nations multi-dimensional peacekeeping operations	External Evaluation
2019	MOPAN assessment of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights 2017-2018	External Evaluation
2020	Evaluation of the Sexual and Gender Based Violence Programme	Internal Evaluation
2020	Evaluation of transitions from HR components in peace operations to other types of field presences	Internal Evaluation
2021	Evaluation of the United Nations Free and Equal Campaign	Internal Evaluation
2021	Evaluation of the Indigenous and Minorities Fellowship Programmes	Internal Evaluation
2021	OIOS United Nations Evaluation Dashboard 2018-2019	External Evaluation
2022	Interim Evaluation of the OHCHR Youth and Human Rights Project	Internal Evaluation
2022	Evaluation of the Emergency Response Teams Programme	Internal Evaluation
2023	Evaluation of UN Human Rights Annual Report and Annual Appeal	Internal Evaluation

2023	OIOS Synthesis Review on Advancing Gender Equality in the United Nations Secretariat	External Evaluation
2023	United Nations Evaluation Dashboard 2020-2021	External Evaluation
2023	OIOS Thematic Evaluation of the United Nations Secretariat support to the SDGs	External Evaluation
2023	OIOS Report on strengthening the role of evaluation and the application of evaluation findings	External Evaluation
2023	Evaluation of the Project to Reinforce OHCHR's Capacity to Support Investigative Bodies	Internal Evaluation
Country programme/project evaluations		
2019	Evaluation of the Uganda Country Programme (2016-2018)	Internal Evaluation
2019	Liberia - Support to National Peacebuilding Priorities in Enhancing the Capacity of HR Institutions	Internal Evaluation
2019	Evaluation of the Support to the Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine	External Evaluation
2020	Evaluation of the Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador Country Programmes	Internal Evaluation
2020	Evaluation of the Cambodia Country Programme (2017-2020)	Internal Evaluation
2021	Mid-term evaluation of the project "Accountability project for Abduction, Torture and Enforced Disappearance" in Iraq	Internal Evaluation
2022	Evaluation of the OHCHR Country Programme in Ethiopia	Internal Evaluation
2022	Evaluation of the project "Strengthening the Capacity of the Independent National Commission on Human Rights" in Liberia	Internal Evaluation
2022	Evaluation of the projects on Civic Space and Conflict-Related Sexual Violence in the DRC	Internal Evaluation
2022	Evaluation of the Colombia Country Programme 2017-2021	Internal Evaluation
2022	Evaluation of the Asia-Pacific project Strengthening the Capacity of Regional Actors to Promote Human Rights, Accountability, Democratic Space and Gender	Internal Evaluation
2022	Evaluation of the Sudan Country Programme	Internal Evaluation

2022	Evaluation of the project “Widening Democratic Space, Strengthening the Rule of Law and Promoting Respect for and Protection of Human Rights” in Thailand	Internal Evaluation
2022	An integrated and universal social protection linked to Social Protection in South Africa developmental social welfare services in South Africa	Internal Evaluation
2023	Evaluation of the Uganda Country Programme	Internal Evaluation
2023	Evaluation of the action “Advancing Justice and Human Rights in Syria: promoting a more inclusive victim-centric approach to Justice and Human Rights”	Internal Evaluation
Evaluative exercises (internal reviews, lessons learned, visioning exercises and meta-analysis):		
2019	Review of the Dignity@Work Contacts Network (For internal use only)	Evaluative Exercise
2019	Review of Internal Communications (For internal use only)	Evaluative Exercise
2019	Review of the Gender Facilitators Network (For internal use only)	Evaluative Exercise
2019	Review of the staffing of OHCHR senior managers front offices (For internal use only)	Evaluative Exercise
2020	Doha Training and Documentation Centre for South-West Asia and the Arab Region	Internal Evaluation
2020	Start-up evaluation of the Liberia Country Office	Evaluative Exercise
2020	Start-up review of the G5 Sahel Compliance Framework Project	Evaluative Exercise
2020	Visioning exercise of the Brussels Regional Office	Evaluative Exercise
2020	Visioning exercise of the Doha Centre for South-West Asia and the Arab Region	Evaluative Exercise
2022	Internal assessment of the Technical Cooperation Programme between the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and OHCHR (For internal use only)	Evaluative Exercise
2023	COVID-19 Lessons learned	Evaluative Exercise
2023	Meta-analysis report on Disability Inclusion in OHCHR Evaluations	Evaluative Exercise
2023	Meta-analysis report on Overall findings of OHCHR Evaluations	Evaluative Exercise
2023	Internal Evaluation of the OHCHR Country Programme in Guatemala	Evaluative Exercise

