



Report of the Executive Director

May 2025

Operational Activities for Development Segment - Economic and Social Council



United Nations
Sustainable Development Group
System-Wide Evaluation Office

System-wide evaluation policy

Independence

The Policy confirms the structural independence of the UNSDG System-Wide Evaluation Office

System-Wide Evaluation Office

A stand-alone office within the UN Secretariat

The Executive Director reports directly to the Secretary General

Evaluation practice

Evaluation procedures

Quality assurance and assessment

Partnerships

Management response & follow up

Maximising use of evaluation evidence

Authorities and resources

Roles and responsibilities

Institutional architecture

Human and financial resource requirements

Policy implementation and review



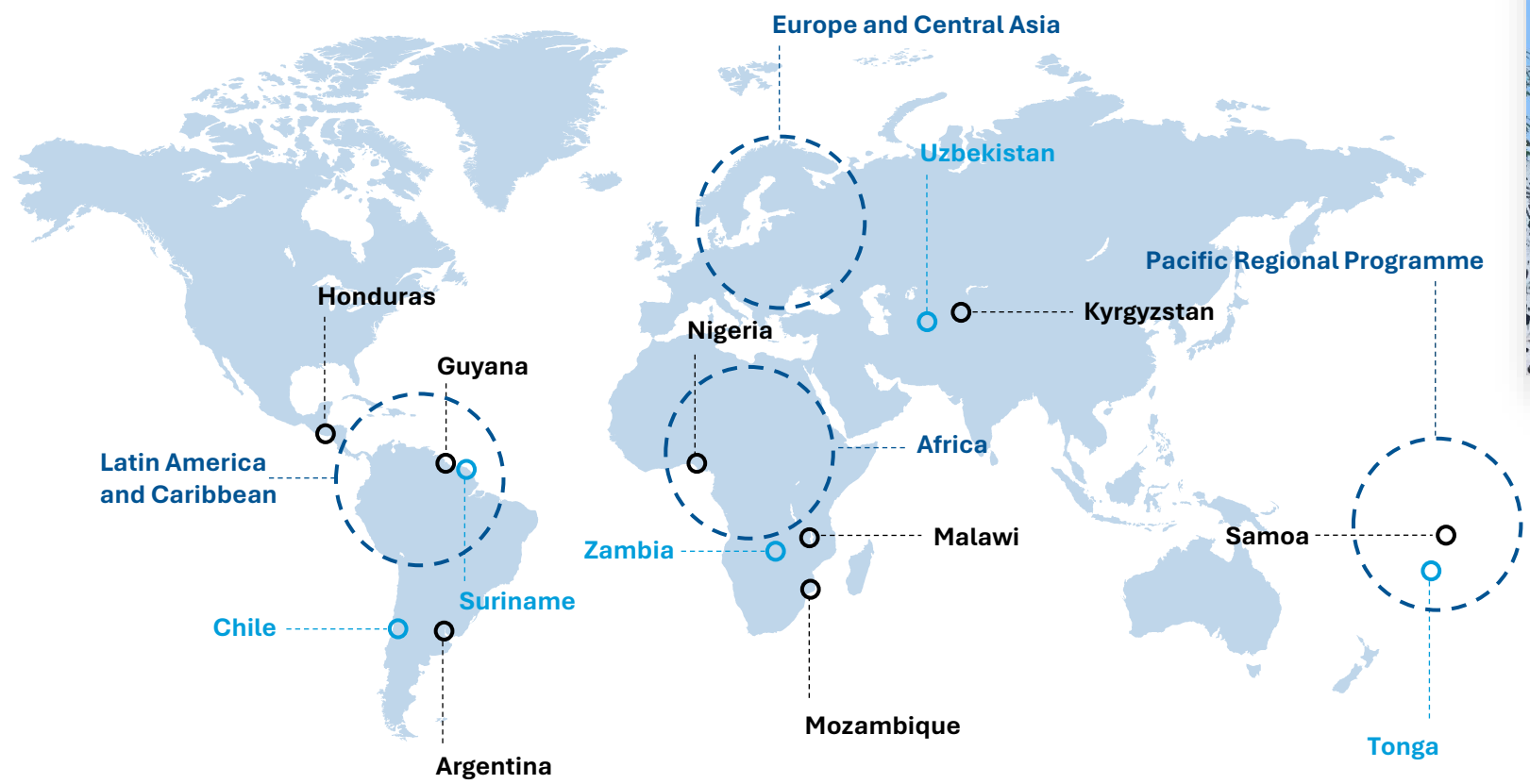
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System-wide evaluation office programme of work - 2024

Spotlight Initiative



Enhancing use of United Nations evaluation evidence in support of the 2024 QCPR



| | | 2020 QCPR priorities | | | | | | |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|---------|
| Evaluation Type | | Relevance to context | Cross-cutting issues | Thematic priorities | SDG financing & partnerships | | Management & functioning | Funding |
| | | | | | SDG financing | UNDS partnerships | | |
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| | Global | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| | Regional | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| | Country Programme | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| | Joint Programmes and Pooled Funding | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| | Emergency response | ● | ● | ● | | ● | ● | ● |
| | Synthesis/Summary | ● | ● | ● | | ● | | |

Photo (above): Deputy Secretary-General Visits Bangkok, Thailand © Suwat Chancharoensul



oto (above): UN Police Patrol

Photo (above): UN Police Patrol in Timbuktu © UN Photo / Harandane Dick



Photo (above): Nepal. Hemanti picks vegetables in her field, to supply them to a school with a WFP-funded school meals programme © WFP/Samantha Reinders

This summary is part of a series produced by the United Nations Sustainable Development Group (UNSDG) System-Wide Evaluation Office (SWEO) which includes summaries of United Nations evaluation evidence on:

System-wide evaluation on progress towards a new generation of UNCTs

Purpose: assessment on progress of two key elements of the repositioning of the UN development system (A/RES/72/279):

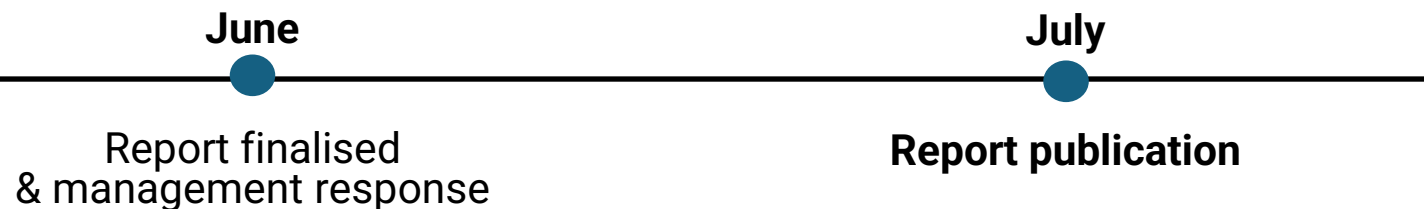
- **Alignment & derivation** from the Cooperation Framework
- **UNCT configuration**

Data sources:

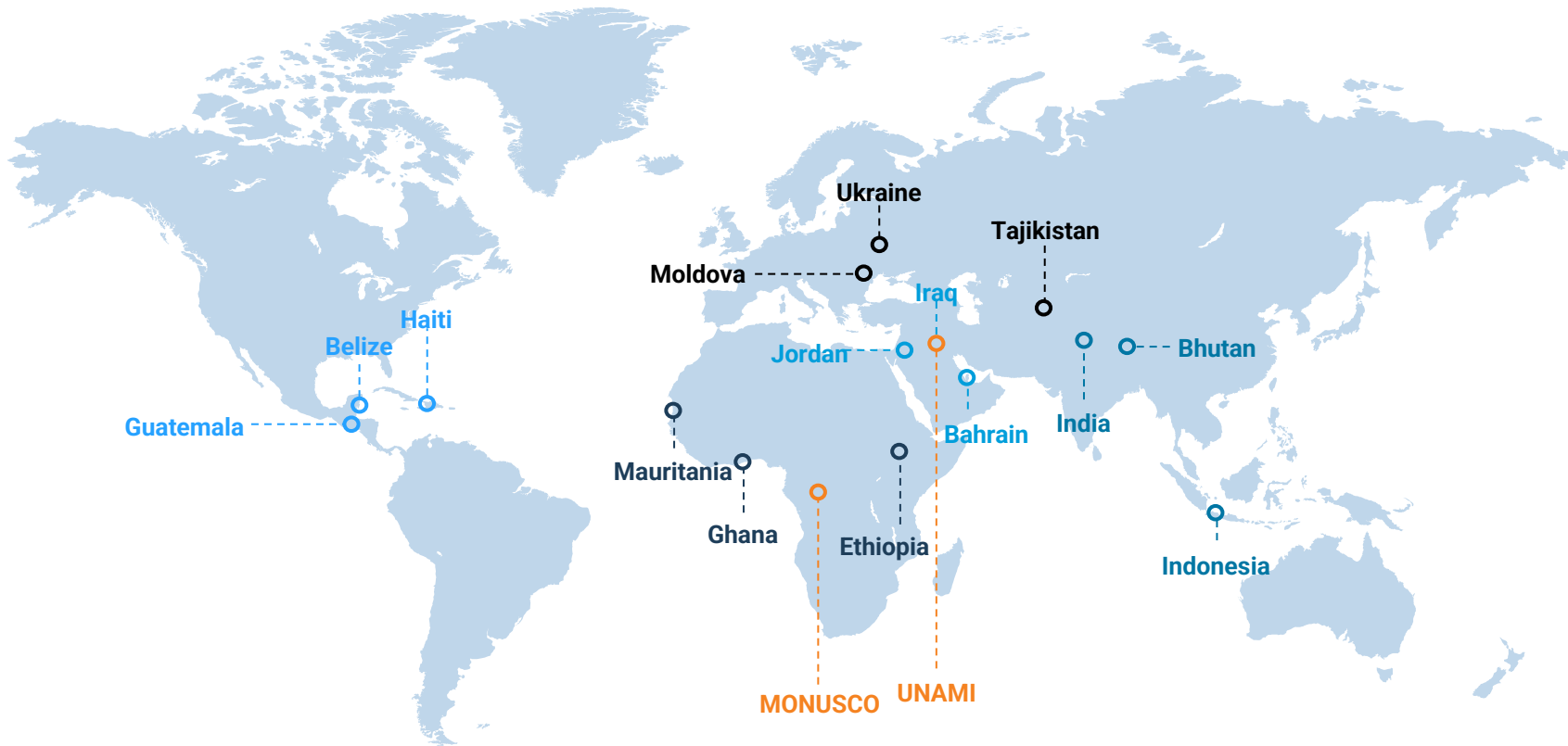
- 21 “focus countries”
- Interviews and focus groups with 500+ stakeholders
- Extensive document review
- Re-analysis of existing survey data (2021 – 2024)



Next Steps:



System-wide evaluation of the UN Disability Inclusion Strategy



Purpose: Assessment of the UNDIS and identify good practices, to inform possible revision of UNDIS

Data sources:

- 15 focus countries
- Key informant interviews and focus group discussions with approx. 500 stakeholders
- Extensive document review
- Re-analysis of existing data
- Comparative studies
- Online survey of UN staff with disabilities and members of OPDs (781 respondents)

Next Steps:

July

Report finalization &
management response

August

Report publication

Use of system-wide evaluation evidence



Partnerships



OIOS

Office of Internal Oversight Services



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**The Global
SDG Synthesis
Coalition**



MOPAN

Multilateral Organisation Performance Assessment Network

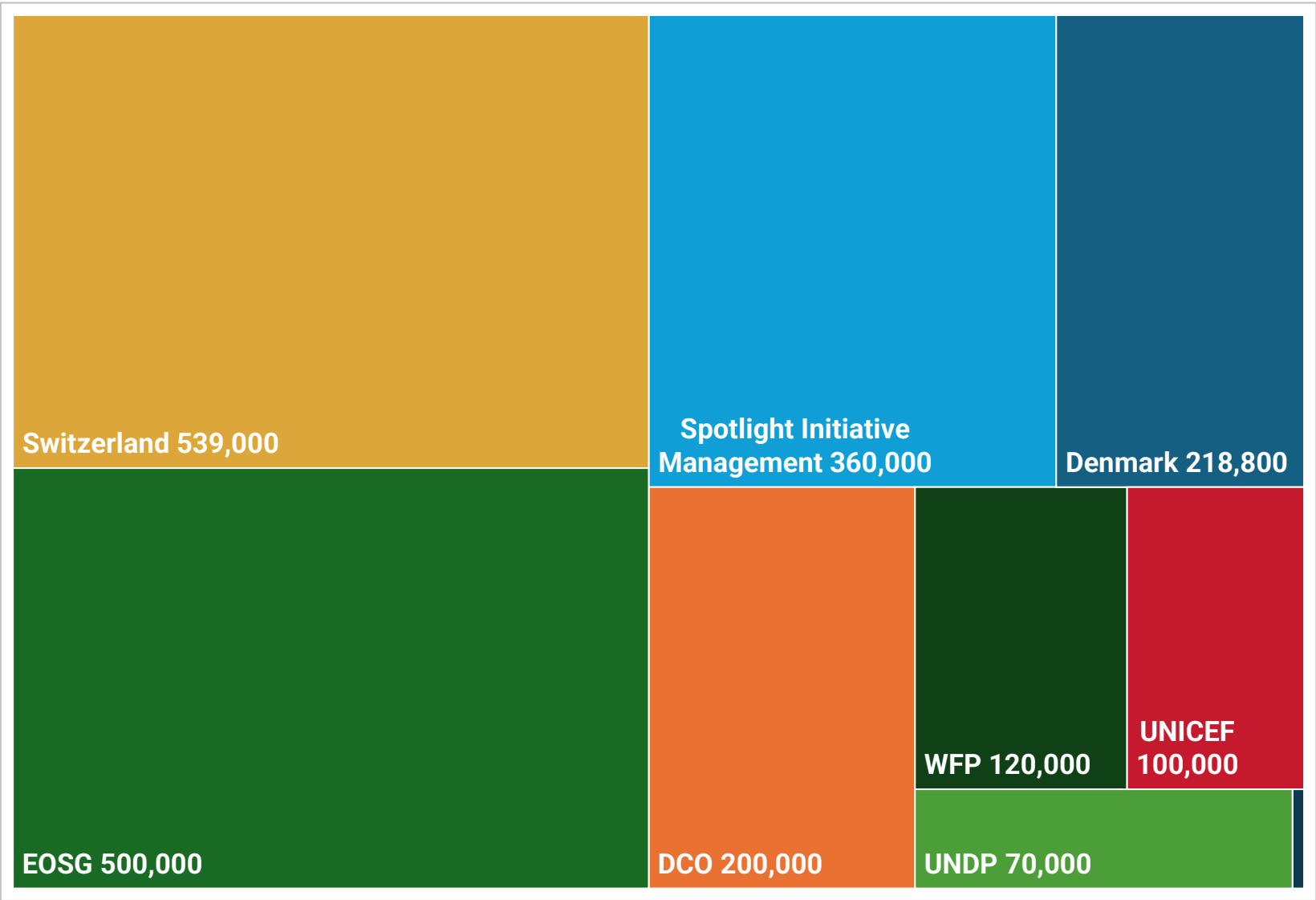


OECD



**2024
resourcing**

Contributions received 2023-2024



Total XB Resources 2024: \$ 1.54 million

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Other contributions

- 1 IFAD
\$60,600 (in-kind)
- 2 UNHCR
\$20,000 (in-kind)
- 3 Spotlight Initiative (Evaluation)
\$739,119



2025 programme of work and budget

Evaluation activities 2025

| Title | Status | Planned completion |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|--------------------|
| System-wide evaluation on progress towards a new generation of United Nations country teams | On-going | 2025 |
| System-wide evaluation of the UN Disability Inclusion Strategy | On-going | 2025 |
| System-wide evaluation – UN work on Youth | Planned | 2026 |
| Evaluation of UN Sustainable Development Group support to transformative pathways to maximise impact across the SDGs | Planned | 2026 |
| Evidence map and summaries | Planned | 2026 |
| Follow up review of the evaluation of UNDS socio-economic response to Covid-19 | Planned | 2026 |
| Follow up review of the evaluation of the Joint SDG Fund | Planned | 2026 |

Policy implementation priorities 2025



Global System-Wide Evaluation Plan



Quality assurance and assessment



Management response and follow up

Proposed budget 2025



System-Wide Evaluation Office annual budget requirement 2025 – 2028
(Millions of United States Dollars)



Cooperation Framework evaluations

Cooperation Framework evaluations 2023 & 2024



Conclusion

The Office in 2024



A successful first full year of operations



Work of value and strategic importance in assessing the contributions of the entire UN development system to implementation of the 2030 Agenda

Critical need for stable and predictable resources



Scarcity of financial resources has hindered the ability of the Office to provide evaluations at the pace intended



Longer-term concerns about the viability of the Office due to limited availability of voluntary resources in current context



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Further information:

www.un.org/system-wide-evaluation-office

