

CHAPTER 5

COOPERATION FRAMEWORK MONITORING AND EVALUATION PLAN

The monitoring¹ and evaluation of the UNSDCF will be jointly undertaken by the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the United Nations System in Iran as a joint responsibility. The UNSDCF HLSC will be the mechanism to ensure that adequate capacity is in place to enable effective reporting and evaluation of the Cooperation Framework, while making the best use of existing national data, monitoring and evaluation instruments and information systems.

Monitoring and Evaluation Plan

The Results Matrix of the UNSDCF, developed by the United Nations System in close consultation and collaboration with national partners under the overall coordination of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, is the main tool against which implementation progress will be measured.

Under the oversight of the HLSC, there will be scope to propose additional indicators of relevance for inclusion in the Cooperation Framework. Official data related to the UNSDCF overall outcome and intermediate outcome indicators will be produced by the Government, and the United Nations and the Government will collaborate in the Cooperation Framework monitoring and reporting.

Implementing partners will have a key role in the monitoring and evaluation of programmatic activities.

Key elements of the Cooperation Framework's monitoring and evaluation arrangements will include:

- The annual Country Results Report for the United Nations System in Iran;
- United Nations Results Groups' Joint Work Plans planning, review and reporting, agreeing on course corrections to the Joint Work Plans and flagging any coordination and programmatic issues to the United Nations Country Team;
- United Nations agency/entity-specific monitoring: focus on reporting and learning from specific projects and programmes that contribute to UNSDCF results in relation to the entity's sub-outputs and financial resources that are reported through UN INFO; • Annual HLSC review: setting the UNSDCF strategic direction, discussing national circumstances and priorities and agreeing on course corrections; and
- Individual agency programme and project reports, including reports of United Nations joint programmes and projects.

Each Result Group will conduct an Annual Performance Review with its stakeholders to discuss achievements, challenges, opportunities and lessons learned. Based on this review and the

¹ . Throughout the UNSDCF, the term "monitoring" refers, and is limited, to the joint assessment of progress being made through the United Nations contribution in achieving the results under the Cooperation Framework.

evolving country context, the Results Groups will propose amendments to the Cooperation Framework and/or to the Joint Work Plan to the United Nations Country Team to ensure continued relevance and effectiveness of United Nations support. Based on this review and the evolving country context, the Cooperation Framework Results Groups will propose to the United Nations Country Team any amendment or course corrections required to the following year's JWP. This Annual Performance Review will feed into the preparation of the mandatory annual United Nations Country Results Report for submission to the UNSDCF High-Level Steering Committee.

Evaluation

An evaluation of the UNSDCF will be carried out in the penultimate year (2026) of the Cooperation Framework cycle. This will be part of the strategic planning process for the new Cooperation Framework programming cycle. The Cooperation Framework evaluation will be informed by the United Nations entities' evaluations of their own programmes and joint programmes.