

# Annual report for 2020 on the evaluation function in UNICEF

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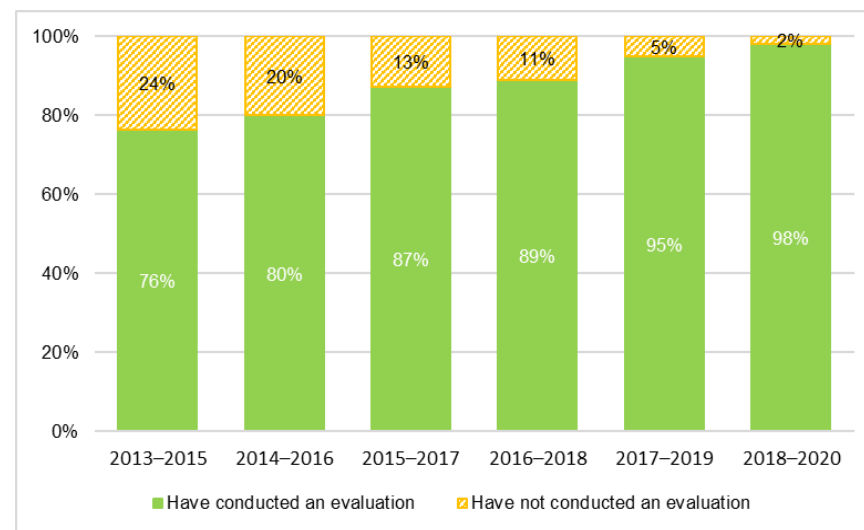
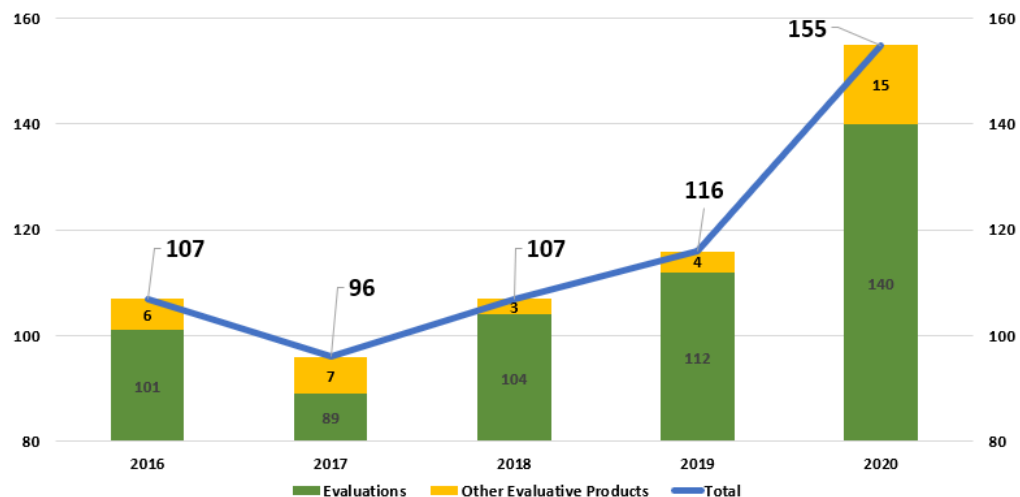
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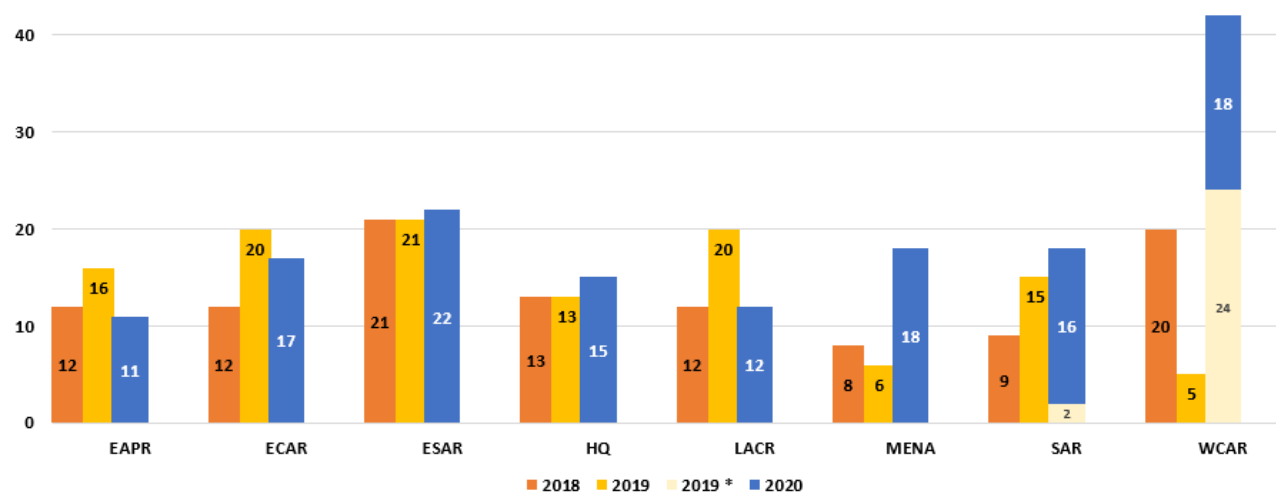
# Trends in evaluation submissions

Source: EISI



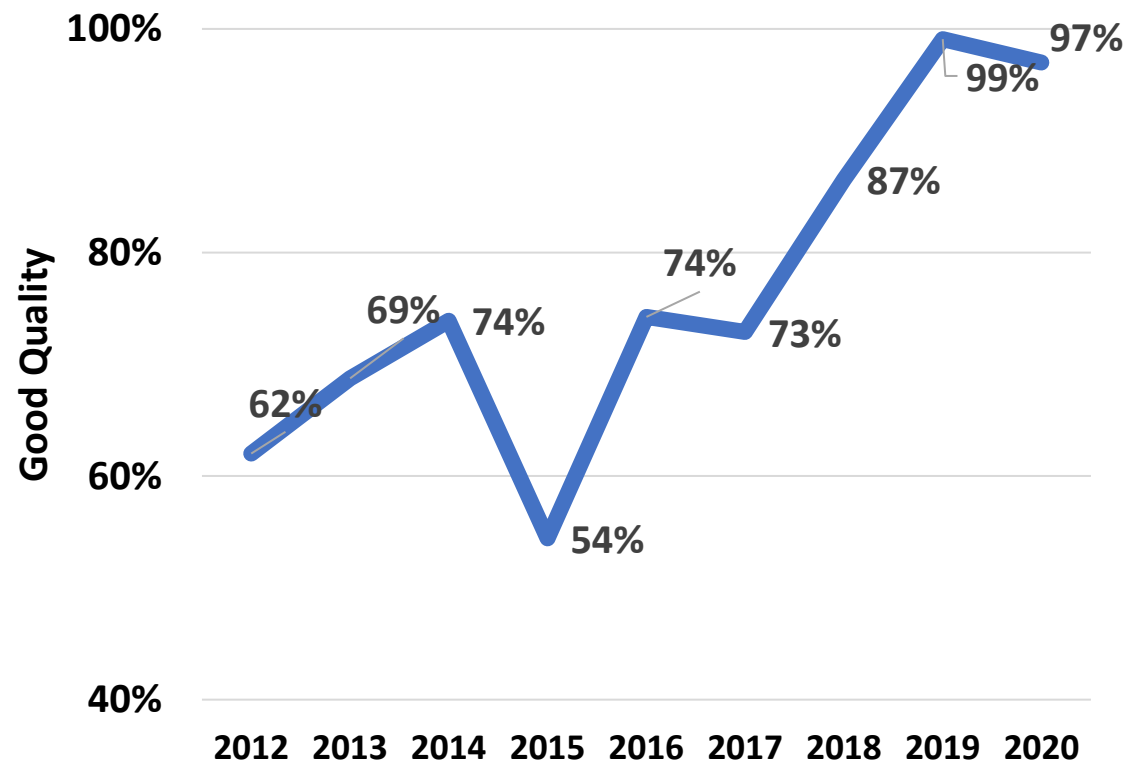
Submissions of evaluative products, 2016–2020

Evaluation coverage among UNICEF country offices

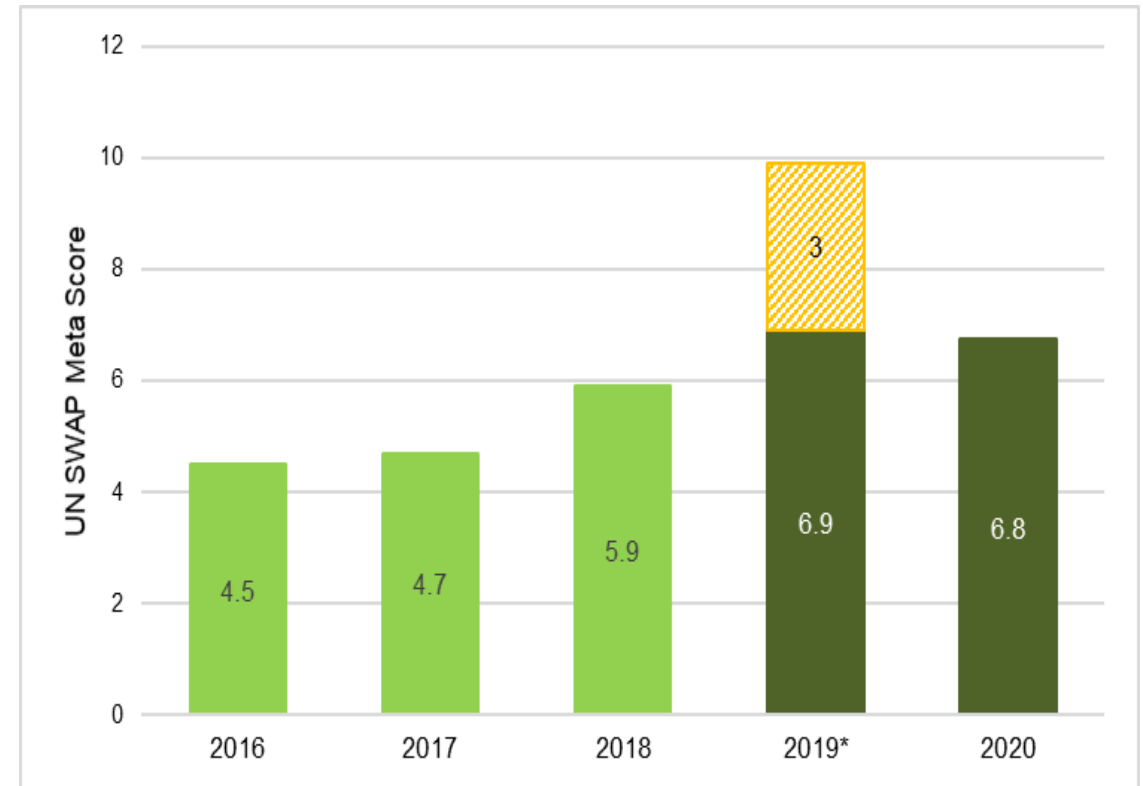


Trend in submissions of evaluative products by UNICEF regions, 2018–2020

# Evaluation quality and gender equality performance



Quality Ratings, 2012–2020



System-Wide Action Plan, 2016–2020

\* The score increased to 9.9 in 2019 after UNICEF conducted the corporate evaluation “*Realizing potential: evaluation of the UNICEF Gender Action Plans*”. **Meta score key:** 0–3.49: Misses requirements; 3.50–6.49: Approaches requirements; **6.50–9.0: Meets requirements;** 9.01–12: Exceeds requirements

# Evaluation budget utilization, 2020 and 2021

Source: EISI and Live Insight Global Dashboard Evaluation Overview

Budget Use Evaluation, 2020			
Region	Programme Expenditure (\$ million)	Evaluation expenditure (\$ million)	Evaluation Expenditure (%)
MENAR	1,732.1	3.6	0.21%
WCAR	1,482.7	7.3	0.50%
ESAR	1,457.6	10.4	0.71%
LACR	382.1	3.0	0.79%
HQ	1,392.9	11.6	0.83%
SAR	807.2	6.9	0.85%
ECAR	337.4	3.5	1.04%
EAPR	453.9	4.8	1.05%
Total	8,046	51.1	0.64%

January-December 2020

Budget Use Evaluation - as of 26 May 2021			
Region	Programme Expenditure (\$ million)	Evaluation expenditure (\$ million)	Evaluation Expenditure (%)
MENAR	1,184.9	4.7	0.40%
WCAR	897.5	4.6	0.51%
ESAR	973.4	7.1	0.73%
LACR	246.6	1.8	0.73%
HQ	1,036.7	6.2	0.60%
ECAR	280.6	2.0	0.71%
SAR	592.4	5.3	0.89%
EAPR	315.9	3.8	1.20%
Total	5,528.2	35.5	0.64%

January-May 2021

# Joint evaluative work with other United Nations agencies

- Focus on promoting evaluation coherence in support of **system-wide evaluation**.
- Evaluations in partnership with **other United Nations agencies** at global and country level.
  - ✓ Evaluability assessment of the common chapter of the 2018–2021 Strategic Plans (with UNDP, UNFPA and UN-Women)
  - ✓ Joint humanitarian evaluation of the evaluation pooled fund (OCHA and UNICEF)
  - ✓ Inter-agency humanitarian evaluation of the response to Cyclone Idai (IOM, OCHA, WFP, WHO)
  - ✓ Gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls (Care, OCHA, UNFPA, UNHCR, WFP)
  - ✓ Independent evaluation of the United Nations system response to AIDS 2016-2019 (with UNAIDS)
- Participation in **UNEG**: peer review, partnerships, evaluation capacity development working groups; humanitarian evaluation and evaluation coordination subgroups

# Key achievements and priorities

- ✓ The function **adapted quickly** to learn about what was working for children. Community Rapid Assessments showed the utility in a crisis of lightweight, rapid, time-series data; real-time evaluations and rapid reviews are very valuable for learning and accountability.
- ✓ **Evaluation Pooled Fund** and the establishment of multi-country regional evaluation posts contributed to a record number of evaluations of high quality submitted in 2020.
- **Greater use of evaluations** a priority.
- Increasing **country-led evaluations, impact evaluation** and **country programme evaluations**
- Linking to evaluations of United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks and Voluntary National Reviews of progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals.

# Thank you.