**ANNEX I**

**TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE EVALUATION**

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**Objectives and Scope of Evaluation (Excerpt from the Terms of Reference)**

*It must be noted that this evaluation is only focusing on national MDGs reporting processes/mechanisms and not the regional report.*

*The objective of this evaluation is to:*

1. Assess both the direct and indirect effects of the in-country MDG reporting initiatives on how MDGs are now measured and monitored in each country:
   1. Have data collection and storage systems been improved, or new systems been developed?
   2. Have linkages to existing national development processes been established and have MDG indicators been integrated into National Development Strategies
   3. Have MDG strategies been articulated at sectoral and sub-national levels
   4. Has an M & E framework been developed? Are MDG indicators being monitored through transparent, participatory processes
2. Assess implementation and ownership of the MDG Reporting Process in each country
   1. Does the process have high level political commitment
   2. Are the MDG Reports effective platforms for policy dialogue? Have MDG strategies been incorporated in key government policy papers?
   3. Were National MDG Reports discussed in donor meetings, bilateral programme and /or UN programme consultations?
   4. Is there strong coordination among government partners
   5. Is the process inclusive – are civil society and the private sector actively involved? Is the community at large aware of the MDGs?
   6. Has the MDG Report been nationally endorsed? If not, why?
   7. How is UNDPs role viewed and how could it be strengthened?
3. Assess the impact of the MDG Reporting Process on Capacity Development
   1. Has the reporting process supported the building of national MDG coordination capacity
   2. Has the role of task force members influence their own internal processes in terms of the sectors they represent (government) or their role in MDG dialogue (civil society)
   3. Has the task force ever met outside the context of the reporting process
   4. Did the reporting process build capacity in statistical capacity for data collection, quality, validation, analysis and policy development. What gaps were identified?
   5. Did the reporting process strengthen national capacity to monitor and evaluate the progress of MDG achievement
4. Assess if Gender perspectives are adequately mainstreamed into the National MDG Reports
   1. Are gender issues incorporated under goals other than Goal 3?
   2. Is there mention/recognition of women’s issues under goals other than Goal 3 and Goal 5?
   3. Is the content of gender issues under each goal adequate?
   4. Is sex-disaggregated data available for key indicators
5. Identify key factors that have contributed to the success or failure of the national MDG reporting process
   1. Document lessons learned / best practices
   2. Document specific processes and mechanisms that have been institutionalized as a result of the MDG reporting process
   3. Document risks, challenges and constraints and how these were mitigated
6. Identify key outputs and activities for future work to support MDG Reporting in each country
   1. What “value added” can UNDP and the UNCT bring to the process so that future MDGRs can become valuable and credible instruments for tracking and monitoring progress towards achieving MDG targets