

# UNDP Management response

**EU Justice and Legal Empowerment Programme in Vietnam (EU JULE) Mid-term evaluation  
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## Evaluation recommendations for current phase of EU JULE

<b>Evaluation recommendation 1:</b> Strengthen the result framework by including relevant indicators to ensure more result-oriented implementation, and monitor outcome results				
<b>Management response: Agreed</b> Outcome indicators should be reviewed and strengthened to enable measurement of outcome results and impacts (in agreements with MOJ, national partners and EU Delegation). It should be noted that there are challenges in proposing new indicators that could measure the impact, outcome results that reflect the nature of interventions of the programme. The sources/means of verification might not be available or data was not officially publicized. In addition, the updated log-frame with new outcome indicators need to be agreed and reflected in amendment of the agreement between EU and UN (Rider 4)				
Key action(s)	Completion date	Responsible unit(s)	Tracking*	
			Comments	Status (initiated, completed or no due date)
1.1 Review the programme indicators	30 October 2022	EU JULE team, UNDP M&E team		Initiated
1.2 In close consultation with MOJ, UNICEF, EUD and relevant national partners, review and validate the new log-frame indicators (to ensure more result-oriented implementation and monitor outcome results), then include the updated log-frame in Rider 4 (for 18-month extension)	30 November 2022	EU JULE team		Initiated
<b>Evaluation recommendation 2.</b> Ensure that the perception of the impact is balanced across the main stakeholders, ensuring that there is a mutual understanding of what the goal of the EUJULE is and how this success and change should be measured towards the end of the Programme				
<b>Management response: Agreed</b> Re-emphasize the impact of the programme and how to measure the changes to ensure the mutual understanding of the goal and key expected results of the EU JULE of main stakeholders				
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2.1. Develop common messages on programme impacts (to be presented in 2022 annual PSC meeting) in order to ensure the mutual understanding of the overall objective, specific	30 November 2022	EU JULE team		Initiated

objectives as well as expected results of the EUJULE among main stakeholders.				
2.2 Common messages on EUJULE impacts are used for EU JULE events' opening remarks, press releases and other communication channels.	30 November 2022	EU JULE team		Initiated
<b>Evaluation recommendation 3.</b> Consider introducing relevant best EUMS or EU and CoE best practices to leverage the EU-added value				
<b>Management response: Agreed</b> Tap into relevant European expertise and best practices of the EUMS with similar legal systems will be introduced, including study visit, to leverage the EU added value.				
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3.1 Discuss with national partners during the implementation of study activities that can benefit from best practices of EU member states (to include EUSM as international best practices)	30 November 2022	EU JULE team		Initiated
<b>Evaluation recommendation 4.</b>				
Discuss with the Human Rights Institute the possibilities of creating a digital Human Rights Library to sustain the wealth of the knowledge and research developed within the EUJULE. The Human Rights Institute could serve as a custodian and sustain the efficient, effective, and sustained use of these resources. Once established, the development partners could consult the digital library and update the necessary tools instead of duplicating the efforts. <sup>1</sup>				
<b>Management response: Partially agreed</b> UNDP and MOJ has not worked with the Human Rights Institute (HRI) under EU JULE Programme because HRI is not an implementing agency identified in the EU JULE Project Document. Creating a digital Human Rights Library Under may need technical and financial support. However, according to Vietnamese regulations, it would be difficult to support the agency which is not identified in the Project Document. UNDP will proactively work with MOJ to call a joint meeting between MOJ, JIFF Secretariat and UNDP, UNICEF with Human Rights Institute to discuss on the possibility of creating a digital Human Rights Library.				
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<sup>1</sup> This recommendations for all Programme, including PAGoDA which lead by UNDP, JIFF (CSO component) and Human Rights Institute

4.1 Discuss with MOJ, propose a joint meeting between MOJ, JIFF Secretariat and UNDP, UNICEF with Human Rights Institute	30 November 2022	EU JULE team	Minutes of the meeting	Initiated
<b>Evaluation recommendations pertaining to the follow-up phase</b>				
<p><b>Evaluation recommendation 5.</b> In the next EUJULE phase, design a distinctive component that supports Vietnam in the implementation of relevant recommendations from the UPR and UN Treaty Bodies with the following result areas:</p> <p>A) Support in the development of National Human Rights Institutes harmonised with the Paris Principles Support the development of National Human Rights Institutes, including National Mechanism on Prevention of torture.</p> <p>B) Support the State in fulfilling the UN Recommendation on ratifying the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming to abolish the death penalty.</p> <p>C) Facilitating technical assistance to the State and specifically to the MoJ in reporting on ICCPR. To this end, intervention could be designed to support reform on the moratorium or complete eradication of the death penalty through ratifying its Second Optional Protocol.</p> <p>D) An inter-agency, comprehensive national mechanism and action plan across all UN HRs mechanisms that address HRs implementation and reporting by themes, rather than by treaty.</p>				
<p><b>Management response: Agreed</b> Include in the discussion with MOJ, national partners during the development of Programme Documents for the next phase.</p> <p>Be noted that the possibility of including a distinctive component in the next phase depends on the national partners' priorities while keeping the balance among different outcomes of the new programme</p>				
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5.1 During the formulation of the new EUJULE programme, discuss with MOJ, relevant national partners on the development of a component on improved human rights in Vietnam.	31 December 2022	EU JULE team		Initiated

\*Status of implementation is tracked electronically in the ERC database.

