



## **Evaluation Plan under the United Nations Volunteers Strategic Framework 2022-2025:**

### **1. Introduction**

As a programme administered by UNDP and under UNDP's Evaluation Policy, UNV is required to establish a multi-year evaluation plan aligned with its Strategic Framework.<sup>1</sup>

This document describes the objectives of the evaluation function in UNV under the Strategic Framework for 2022-2025 as well as the main approaches that will be followed to achieve these objectives. It also reflects continuing partnership between UNV and the Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) of UNDP and other relevant initiatives and collaborative practices to support a robust evaluation function and concludes with an Evaluation Plan for the period 2022 - 2025.

### **3. Types of evaluation proposed**

The evaluations to be conducted by UNV during this period will all be thematic evaluations including the final evaluation of the Strategic Framework.

The first thematic evaluation will be conducted in 2022 to follow up on the evaluation of the previous Strategic Framework 2018-2021 and will evaluate the online and on-site volunteer categories.

The second evaluation will be conducted in 2023 to assess UNV's contribution to gender equality and women's empowerment.

Finally, an independent evaluation of the Strategic Framework will be completed in 2025 in order to inform the next Strategic Framework (2026-2029).

### **4. Evaluation and Research**

In addition to the evaluation activities proposed in this plan, UNV will focus on research activities generate additional insights about the impacts of its work. An example of such initiatives is the development of flagship publication State of the World's Volunteerism Report, due for release in 2022 and, tentatively, in 2025.

More generally, UNV will inform its work by key research and evaluation from its partners and on the Knowledge Portal on Volunteerism hosted by UNV.

### **5. Collaboration with IEO**

UNV will partner with IEO to receive support and guidance on the implementation of the evaluation plan, as well as for additional evaluation coverage in areas where UNDP and UNV are working closely together. To this end, and as a complement to the findings emanating from its own evaluation function, UNV will seek, as appropriate, inclusion of its joint work with UNDP in Independent Country Programme Evaluations, as well as thematic evaluations that touch on areas of UNV specialization.

All UNV evaluations will be quality assessed by the IEO. Collaboration through the quality assessment system will further strengthen future evaluations of UNV.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://web.undp.org/evaluation/policy.shtml>, Point 55 (c)

With a view to ensuring the transparency of evaluation results, UNV will key evaluation results and activities of its evaluation function in the IEO's Annual Report on Evaluation to the Executive Board. This report will also include the results of the systematic external assessment by IEO of every completed UNV evaluation before its publication on UNDP's Evaluation Resource Center in line with UN norms and standards for evaluation. Finally, the IEO will support the final evaluation of UNV's Strategic Framework 2022-2025.

## **6. Proposed evaluation plan 2022-2025**

The table below presents the proposed evaluation plan for the period 2022-2025:

<b>UNV Strategic Framework Outcome</b>	<b>UNDP Strategic Plan Outcome</b>	<b>Evaluation Title</b>	<b>Partners (joint evaluation)</b>	<b>Evaluation commissioned by (if not UNV)</b>	<b>Type of evaluation</b>	<b>Planned Evaluation Completion Date</b>	<b>Estimated Cost (in USD)</b>	<b>Provisional Source of Funding</b>
Outcome 1 & 2:	Tier Three: Organizational Effectiveness and Efficiency	Evaluation of the UNV Volunteer categories (online and onsite)	/	/	thematic	December 2022	\$75,000	UNV
Outcome 1, 2 & 3:	Tier Three: Organizational Effectiveness and Efficiency	Evaluation of UNV's Contribution to Gender Equality	/	/	thematic	December 2023	\$25,000	UNV
Outcome 1, 2 & 3:	Tier Three: Organizational Effectiveness and Efficiency	Final Evaluation of the UNV Strategic Framework 2022-25	/	/	thematic	June 2025	\$150,000	UNV