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FAO	Office of Evaluation OED	Evaluation Synthesis	Meta-evaluation: relies on an evaluation framework. Does not use complex statistical analysis, but can include an evaluation of the quality of the evaluations and its adherence to established good practice in evaluation.	Peace Building Fund Synthesis Concept Note	Ongoing (2021)		In-house + external consultants		Internal peer review	OED Guidance note on Synthesis https://www.fao.org/3/cb7077en/cb7077en.pdf	
FAO	Office of Evaluation OED	Evaluation Synthesis	Meta-evaluation	Peace Building Fund Synthesis Concept Note	Ongoing (2021)		In-house + external consultants		Internal peer review	OED Guidance note on Synthesis https://www.fao.org/3/cb7077en/cb7077en.pdf	
FAO	Office of Evaluation OED	Evaluation Synthesis	Evidence Gap Mapping: Maps out the existing evidence and gaps, in order to set future research priorities	[Synthesis] FAO work on Farmer Field Schools (part of the SDG2 evaluation)	2021		In-house + external consultants		Internal peer review	OED Guidance note on Synthesis https://www.fao.org/3/cb7077en/cb7077en.pdf	
FAO	Office of Evaluation OED	Evaluation Synthesis	Meta-evaluation	Evidence Summary on COVID-19 and Food Security (UNEG product, OED co-managed)	2021	Evidence Summary on COVID-19 and Food Security (UNEG product, OED co-managed)	In-house + external consultants		Internal peer review	OED Guidance note on Synthesis https://www.fao.org/3/cb7077en/cb7077en.pdf	
FAO	Office of Evaluation OED	Evaluation Synthesis	Lessons learned	Synthesis of results from GEF project evaluations (part of the SDG13 evaluation)	2020	Synthesis of results from GEF project evaluations	In-house + external consultants		Internal peer review	OED Guidance note on Synthesis https://www.fao.org/3/cb7077en/cb7077en.pdf	
FAO	Office of Evaluation OED	Evaluation Synthesis	Meta-evaluation	Regional Evaluation Syntheses for RAF, RLC, RNE, REU, RAP	2020/2022	https://www.fao.org/evaluation/highlights/highlights-detail/en/c/1334383/	In-house + external consultants		Internal peer review	OED Guidance note on Synthesis https://www.fao.org/3/cb7077en/cb7077en.pdf	
FAO	Office of Evaluation OED	Systematic Review	Lessons learned: Combining lessons learned from a pool of evaluations, mindful of the context and further applicability. A greater the number of supporting evidence from various evaluations for the lessons learned, and their triangulation, increases confidence of obtaining a significant and meaningful "lesson".	Synthesis of FAO-GEF project evaluations - implementation issues	2020		In-house + external consultants		Internal peer review	OED Guidance note on Synthesis https://www.fao.org/3/cb7077en/cb7077en.pdf	

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FAO	Office of Evaluation OED	Evaluation Synthesis	Meta-evaluation	[Synthesis] FAO work on Farmer Field Schools (part of the SDG2 evaluation)	2021		In-house + external consultants		Internal peer review	OED Guidance note on Synthesis https://www.fao.org/3/cb7077en/cb7077en.pdf	
FAO	Office of Evaluation OED	Combined "Meta-evaluation" and "Lessons learned"	Meta-evaluation: relies on an evaluation framework. Does not use complex statistical analysis, but can include an evaluation of the quality of the evaluations and its adherence to established good practice in evaluation. Combining lessons learned from a pool of evaluations, mindful of the context and further applicability.	Synthesis of evaluation findings related to the Operational Partners Implementation Modality (OPIM)	Planned (2022 or 2023)	N/A	In-house	Peer review	Internal peer review	OED Guidance note on Synthesis https://www.fao.org/3/cb7077en/cb7077en.pdf	
GEF	Independent Evaluation Office (IEO)	Comprehensive evaluation (brings together 30 higher level evaluations)	Assessment of the overall performance and achievements of an entire organization or fund	Seventh Comprehensive Evaluation of the GEF (OPS7): Working Toward a Greener Global Recovery Working Toward a Greener Global Recovery	2022	https://www.gefio.org/evaluations/ops7	In-house		Yes, Independent Advisory Panel, a team of five senior independent advisers	N/A	20
GEF	IEO	Synthesis	Synthesis of data across all the climate risk screening and climate change adaptation and resilience integration frameworks used by GEF Agencies and peer multilateral climate funds. Meta-analysis of all previous evaluations and portfolio reviews that quantified the amount of integration of adaptation or resilience in GEF projects	Study on Climate Risk, Adaptation and Resilience in the GEF Trust Fund	2022	https://www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/documents/2022-05/EN_GEF_E_C62_01_Resilience_climate_change_adaptation_and_climate_risks_in_the_GEF_Trust_Fund.pdf	In-house		Yes, external and internal reviewer	N/A	2

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GEF	IEO	Synthesis (Half of the report is a synthesis of terminal evaluations)	Synthesis of data across evaluations (project level terminal evaluations)	Annual Performance Report 2021 (periodic evaluations done every other year.)	2021	https://www.gefio.org/sites/default/files/documents/council-documents/c-61-e-inf-02.pdf https://www.gefio.org/evaluations/apr-2021	In-house		Yes, external and internal reviewer	N/A	2
GEF	IEO	Synthesis	Synthesis of data across evaluations (project level terminal evaluations) Lessons learned	LDCF/SCCF Annual Evaluation Report 2021 (synthesis included every other year.)	2021	https://www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/council-meeting-documents/LDCF%20SCCF_30_ME_Inf.01_AER%202021_Final.pdf	In-house		No	N/A	2
GEF	IEO	Synthesis	Synthesis of data across evaluations Best evidence synthesis	GEF Support to Innovation: Findings and Lessons	2021	https://www.gefio.org/sites/default/files/documents/evaluations/innovation.pdf	In-house		Yes, external and internal reviewer	N/A	3
GEF	IEO	Synthesis (Half of the report is a synthesis of terminal evaluations)	Synthesis of data across evaluations (project level terminal evaluations)	Annual Performance Report 2020	2020	https://www.gefio.org/sites/default/files/documents/evaluations/apr-2020.pdf	In-house		Yes, external and internal reviewer	N/A	2
GEF	IEO	Synthesis	Synthesis of data across evaluations (project level terminal evaluations)	LDCF/SCCF Annual Evaluation Report 2020	2020	https://www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/council-meeting-documents/EN_GEF_LDCF-SCCF_28_E_Inf_01_AER_2020.pdf	In-house		No	N/A	2
GEF	IEO	Synthesis (Half of the report is a synthesis of terminal evaluations)	Synthesis of data across evaluations (project level terminal evaluations)	Annual Performance Report 2019	2019	https://www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/council-meeting-documents/EN_GEF_LDCF_SCCF_24_ME_01_LDCF-SCCF_Annual_Evaluation_Report_2017_0.pdf	In-house		No	N/A	2
GEF	IEO	Systematic review	Synthesis of data across evaluations and post-completion reports	Annual Performance Report 2017 (Chapter 4 on sustainability analysis)	2018	https://www.gefio.org/evaluations/apr-2017	In-house		No	N/A	2

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GEF	IEO	Synthesis	Synthesis of data across evaluations (project level terminal evaluations)	LDCF/SCCF Annual Evaluation Report 2017	2018	https://www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/council-meeting-documents/EN_GEF_LDCF_SCCF_24_ME_01_LDCF-SCCF_Annual_Evaluation_Report_2017_0.pdf	In-house		No	N/A	2
GEF	IEO	Synthesis	Meta-evaluation supplemented by a cross-case analysis of eight projects	Review of GEF Support for Transformational Change	2017	https://www.gefio.org/sites/default/files/documents/evaluations/transformational-change.pdf	In-house		No	N/A	3
ILO	Evaluation Office	Synthesis review	Synthesis of data across evaluations (independent final and interim project and programme evaluations) Best evidence synthesis	Synthesis review of the ILO's employment interventions for the period 2015–2021: What works and why	2022	https://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---ed_mas/---eval/documents/publication/wcms_846718.pdf	In-house		Yes, internal reviewer	N/A	2
ILO	Evaluation Office	Meta-analysis	Assessment of the overall performance and achievements of an entire organization	Decent work results and effectiveness of ILO operations: Meta-analysis of development cooperation evaluations, 2021 - 22	2022	forthcoming	In-house		Yes, internal reviewer	N/A	2
ILO	Evaluation Office	Synthesis review	Synthesis of data across evaluations (independent final and interim project and programme evaluations) Best evidence synthesis	ILO's response to the impact of COVID-19 on the world of work: Evaluative lessons on how to build a better future of work after the pandemic	2021	https://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---ed_mas/---eval/documents/publication/wcms_824659.pdf	In-house		Yes, internal reviewer	N/A	2
ILO	Evaluation Office	Meta-analysis	Assessment of the overall performance and achievements of an entire organization	Decent work results and effectiveness of ILO operations: Meta-analysis of development cooperation evaluations, 2020-21	2021	https://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---ed_mas/---eval/documents/publication/wcms_822238.pdf	In-house		Yes, internal reviewer	Methodological benchmark	2
ILO	Evaluation Office	Synthesis review	Synthesis of data across evaluations (independent final and interim project and programme evaluations) Best evidence synthesis	Synthesis review of development cooperation projects for the independent high-level evaluation of ILO's gender equality and mainstreaming efforts, 2016-2021	2021	https://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---ed_mas/---eval/documents/publication/wcms_834198.pdf	In-house		Yes, internal reviewer	N/A	2
ILO	Evaluation Office	Meta-analysis	Assessment of the overall performance and achievements of an entire organization	Decent work results and effectiveness of ILO operations: Meta-analysis of	2020	https://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---ed_mas/---	In-house		Yes, internal reviewer	N/A	2

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				development cooperation evaluations, 2019-2020		eval/documents/publication/wcms_756537.pdf					
ILO	Evaluation Office	Synthesis review	Synthesis of data across evaluations (independent final and interim project and programme evaluations) Best evidence synthesis	Social protection (social security) interventions: What works and why? Lessons learned from a synthesis review, 2012–2018	2020	https://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---ed_mas/---eval/documents/publication/wcms_754108.pdf	In-house		Yes, internal reviewer	N/A	2
ILO	Evaluation Office	Synthesis review	Synthesis of data across evaluations (independent final and interim project and programme evaluations) Best evidence synthesis	ILO's Programme of Work in Support of Decent Work in the Andean Countries of Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, and Venezuela 2016-2019 - Synthesis review of ILO project evaluations	2020	https://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---ed_mas/---eval/documents/publication/wcms_755233.pdf	In-house		Yes, internal reviewer	N/A	2
ILO	Evaluation Office	Meta-analysis	Assessment of the overall performance and achievements of an entire organization	Decent work results and effectiveness of ILO operations: An ex-post meta-analysis of development cooperation evaluations, 2017-2018	2019	https://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---ed_mas/---eval/documents/publication/wcms_725073.pdf	In-house		Yes, internal reviewer	N/A	2
ILO	Evaluation Office	Synthesis review	Synthesis of data across evaluations (independent final and interim project and programme evaluations) Best evidence synthesis	ILO Decent Work interventions in global supply chains - A synthesis review on lessons learned; what works and why, 2010-2019	2019	https://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---ed_mas/---eval/documents/publication/wcms_722176.pdf	In-house		Yes, internal reviewer	N/A	2
ILO	Evaluation Office	Synthesis review	Synthesis of data across evaluations (independent final and interim project and programme evaluations) Best evidence synthesis	ILO's programme of support to SADC and to selected SADC member countries - Synthesis review of ILO project evaluations	2019	https://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---ed_mas/---eval/documents/publication/wcms_755309.pdf	In-house		Yes, internal reviewer	N/A	2
ILO	Evaluation Office	Synthesis review	Synthesis of data across evaluations (independent final and interim project and programme evaluations) Best evidence synthesis	Formalization of the informal economy, 2014-2018 - Synthesis review of ILO project evaluations	2019	https://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---ed_mas/---eval/documents/publication/wcms_754942.pdf	In-house		Yes, internal reviewer	N/A	2
ILO	Evaluation Office	Meta-analysis	Assessment of the overall performance and achievements of an entire organization	Decent work results and effectiveness of ILO development cooperation: A meta-analysis of project evaluations 2013-2016	2018	https://www.ilo.org/global/docs/WCMS_625809/lang-en/index.htm	In-house		Yes, internal reviewer	N/A	2
ILO	Evaluation Office	Synthesis review	Synthesis of data across evaluations (independent final and interim project and programme evaluations)	ILO capacity development efforts 2010-2017 - Synthesis review of ILO project evaluations	2018	https://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---ed_mas/---eval/documents/publication/wcms_754942.pdf	In-house		Yes, internal reviewer	N/A	2

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ILO	Evaluation Office	Synthesis review	Synthesis of data across evaluations (independent final and interim project and programme evaluations) Best evidence synthesis	Social dialogue interventions: What works and why? Lessons learned from a synthesis review, 2013–2016	2017	https://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---ed_mas/---eval/documents/publication/wcms_584293.pdf	In-house		Yes, internal reviewer	Methodological benchmark, applied in subsequent synthesis reviews	2
ILO	Evaluation Office	Synthesis review	Synthesis of data across evaluations (independent final and interim project and programme evaluations) Best evidence synthesis	Effective Labour Protection for All: Lessons learned from a synthesis review, 2004–2014	2015	https://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---ed_mas/---eval/documents/publication/wcms_376994.pdf	In-house		Yes, internal reviewer	N/A	2
ILO	Evaluation Office	Meta-analysis	Assessment of the overall performance and achievements of an entire organization	Delivering decent work results: A meta-analysis of 15 ILO Decent Work Country Programme reviews	2014	https://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---ed_mas/---eval/documents/publication/wcms_250372.pdf	In-house		Yes, internal reviewer	N/A	2
ILO	Evaluation Office	Synthesis review	Synthesis of data across evaluations (independent final and interim project and programme evaluations) Best evidence synthesis	Decent work results of ILO employment promotion interventions: Lessons learned from evaluations, 2003-2013	2014	https://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---ed_mas/---eval/documents/publication/wcms_243429.pdf	In-house		Yes, internal reviewer	N/A	2
Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS)	Internal Evaluation Division (IED)	Evaluation Synthesis		Evaluation Synthesis of Coordination	2021/02/01	https://oios.un.org/file > download		In-house	Yes; there is an instrument for meta-evaluation.	n/a	3
OIOS	IED	Evaluation Synthesis		Evaluation Synthesis on Organizational Culture	2020/06/01	https://oios.un.org/file > download	In-house		Yes; there is an instrument for meta-evaluation.	n/a	2
OIOS	IED	Evaluation Synthesis		Evaluation Synthesis of Strategic Planning	2021/02/01	https://oios.un.org/file > download	In-house		Yes; there is an instrument for meta-evaluation.	n/a	2
UNDP	IEO	Evaluation Synthesis		Synthesis of the independent country programme evaluations of UNDP programmes in the Sahel	Forthcoming 2022		In-house		Yes - IEO's Evaluation Advisory Panel	No	2

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UNDP	IEO	Evaluation Synthesis		Synthesis of the independent country programme evaluations of UNDP programmes in Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States	2021	http://web.undp.org/evaluation/synthesis/rbec_synthesis.shtml	In-house		Yes - IEO's Evaluation Advisory Panel	No	2
UNDP	IEO	Rapid evidence assessment		Reflections Series (17 to date, various themes)	2020 - Ongoing	All papers available at: http://web.undp.org/evaluation/reflections/index.shtml	In-house		Internal review. Expert reviews per topic	Yes	2 per paper
UNDP	IEO	Evaluation Synthesis		Synthesis of UNDP Independent Country Programme evaluations between 2002-2017	2018	http://web.undp.org/evaluation/evaluations/adr/ICPE_synthesis.shtml	In-house		Yes - IEO's Evaluation Advisory Panel	No	2
UNEP											
UNESCO	IOS/Evaluation Office	Synthetic review	Meta-evaluation: Evaluations designed to aggregate findings from a series of evaluations. It can also be used to denote the evaluation of an evaluation to judge its quality and/or assess the performance of the evaluators. In UNESCO IOS conducts an annual meta evaluation known as a Synthetic Review. (see UNESCO 2022-29 Evaluation Policy).	(Yearly) Synthetic review of UNESCO evaluations i.e an analytic summary of results (outcomes) across evaluations conducted over a period of 12-14 months that meet minimum quality standards. The purpose is 'to contribute to UNESCO learning and accountability by identifying key achievements and lessons from evaluations as well as reflecting on the quality of the evaluation reports themselves'	Yearly (2017/18, 2019 2020, 2021, 2022)	https://www.unesco.org/en/ios/evaluation/synthetic-reviews-unesco-evaluations?hub=67038	Externally commissioned (with close in-house collaboration)	Internal and external QA is conducted systematically for all corporate evaluation reports; since 2021/22 systematic IOS Quality assurance is also provided for decentralised evaluations; internal QA is also ensured through reference groups, evaluation focal points for decentralised evaluations	Systematic Quality assessment of all corporate and decentralised evaluation reports is conducted as part of the synthetic review; an updated Quality assessment template includes rating of weighted criteria (adapted from UNEG checklist) Internal peer review for corporate evaluations as of 2022 systematically practiced,	UNESCO has a new evaluation manual (2022) and revised quality assessment template for evaluation reports (based on UNEG quality checklist, with ratings of weighted criteria and including additional criteria aligned with UNESCO priorities, LNOB, environmental considerations, covid)	1

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UNESCO + partners (UNICEF, NORAD, World Bank, WFP)	IOS/Evaluation Office	Meta-synthesis	Meta-evaluation: Evaluations designed to aggregate findings from a series of evaluations. It can also be used to denote the evaluation of an evaluation to judge its quality and/or assess the performance of the evaluators. In UNESCO IOS conducts and annual meta evaluation known as a Synthetic Review. (see UNESCO 2022-29 Evaluation Policy)	Making evaluation work for the achievement of SDG 4 target 5: equality and inclusion in Education (multi-agency meta-synthesis) Reports collected from 13 partners	2019	https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000370558?28=null&queryId=N-b2d2999c-016d-40ad-9fb3-efd13d9cdc75	Externally commissioned (managed by UNESCO with close in-house collaboration across partner agencies)	Quality review is ensured through interagency reference group	Minimum quality criteria for evaluation reports as a precondition to be included , but no methodological quality assessment conducted Criteria: Only publicly available evaluations English, Spanish and French From 2015-2019. Not to include self-evaluations, validations, completion reports or research studies. evaluations of education policies and programmes dealing with equity.	No specific guidance, criteria developed as part of the methodology	1
UNESCO	IOS/Evaluation Office	Synthesis review	Synthetic review: refers to an analytic summary of results (outcomes) across evaluations that meet minimum quality standards. (UNESCO Evaluation Policy 2014-21)	UNESCO's education evaluations in 2016: a review Part A provides key insights and learnings from 12 education related evaluations completed in 2016, and Part B The assessment of the quality of evaluation reports	2016	https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000248140?53=null&queryId=N-b2d2999c-016d-40ad-9fb3-efd13d9cdc75	Externally commissioned (with close in-house collaboration)	Quality review is ensured through IOS/ED sector based on UNEG and OECD quality standards	assessment of the quality and usefulness of evaluations in the field of education	UNEG and OECD quality standards for evaluation reports e.g. UNEG quality checklist	2
UNESCO, UNICEF,	IOS/Evaluation Office	Synthesis review	Synthetic review: refers to an analytic summary of results (outcomes) across evaluations	A Review of evaluative evidence on teacher policy	2016	https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000244373?68=	Externally commissioned (with close in-	Quality review is ensured	No quality assessment conducted as	No specific guidance	1

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World Bank			that meet minimum quality standards. (UNESCO Evaluation Policy 2014-21)	methodological principles offered by evaluation synthesis to provide timely yet comprehensive information through the use of existing data Evidence/literature used was a mix of evaluations, systematic reviews, research synthesis, literature reviews, and issues papers, of the 41 sources reviewed, 8 are evaluations, 4 are systematic reviews, 10 are research syntheses, 3 are literature reviews and 4 are policy briefs.		null&queryId=N-b2d2999c-016d-40ad-9fb3-efd13d9cdc75	house collaboration	through IOS /ED sector	part of the review		
UNFPA	Evaluation Office	Synthesis		Lessons learned from UNFPA Country Programme Evaluations	2016	https://www.unfpa.org/lessons-learned-unfpa-country-programme-evaluations	Externally commissioned		Internal QA		
UNFPA	Evaluation Office	Meta-analysis		Meta-analysis of the engagement of UNFPA in highly vulnerable contexts	2018	https://www.unfpa.org/meta-analysis-engagement-unfpa-highly-vulnerable-contexts	Externally commissioned		Internal QA		1
UNFPA	Evaluation Office	Synthesis		Getting to zero: Good practices from synthesis of UNFPA country programme evaluations	2019	https://www.unfpa.org/getting-zero-good-practices-synthesis-unfpa-country-programme-evaluations	Externally commissioned		Internal QA		1
UNFPA/UNI CEF	Evaluation Office	Meta-synthesis		What works to amplify the rights and voices of youth? Meta-synthesis of lessons learned from youth evaluations (2015-2020) to support the implementation of the United Nations Youth Strategy	2021	https://www.unfpa.org/what-works-amplify-rights-and-voices-youth-meta-synthesis-lessons-learned-youth-evaluations-201	Externally commissioned		Internal QA		2
UNHCR	Evaluation Service	Summary of evaluative evidence		UNHCR'S ENGAGEMENT IN SITUATIONS OF INTERNAL DISPLACEMENT (2017-2022)	Sep-22	internal only	externally commissioned		internal peer review		2
UNHCR	Evaluation Service	Evaluative Evidence Synthesis		Evaluative Evidence Synthesis of UNHCR's Response to COVID-19	2022	https://www.unhcr.org/research/evalreports/62c598994/ev	External		internal peer review		1

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UNHCR	Evaluation Service	Joint Agency Evaluation Synthesis		Synthesis of Rohingya Response Evaluations of IOM, UNICEF and UNHCR	Dec-19	https://www.unhcr.org/research/evalreports/5e453ea64/synthesis-rohingya-response-evaluations-iom-unicef-unhcr.html	External		internal peer review		2
UNHCR	Evaluation Service	Evaluation Synthesis		Synthesis of Evidence from Evaluations of UNHCR's Cash-Based Interventions	Nov-20	https://www.unhcr.org/5fd23a124	Internal-conducted by UNHCR staff member		internal peer review		1
UNHCR	Evaluation Service	Evaluation Synthesis		UNHCR DECENTRALISED LIVELIHOOD EVALUATIONS SYNTHESIS REPORT	2019	https://www.unhcr.org/research/evalreports/5f6c49954/unhcr-decentralised-livelihood-evaluations-synthesis-report-2019.html	External		Internal-conducted by UNHCR staff member		1
UNICEF	Innocenti – Global Office of Research and Foresight	Systematic Review (actually a Review of Reviews)	A comprehensive and transparent approach to finding, collating, critically appraising and synthesizing the results of research relevant to a research Question (in this case, the unit of analysis is systematic reviews)	Impact of social protection on gender equality in low and middle-income countries: A systematic review of reviews	Jun-22	Link to published report: https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/ci2.1240	In-house	Internal and external review: via an expert advisory group and Campbell Collaboration peer review	Yes - Joanna Briggs Institute (JBI) Critical Appraisal Checklist for Systematic Reviews and Research Syntheses (Aromataris et al. 2015).	UNICEF Methodological Briefs on Evidence Synthesis: https://www.unicef-irc.org/publications/?ThematicSeriesID=4&sortBy=oldest	8
UNICEF	Innocenti – Global Office of Research and Foresight	Rapid Evidence Assessment	A more 'rapid' synthesis of evidence, made possible by employing one or more options: Focusing on a narrow or more specific research question or objective; Drawing on and re-analysing existing systematic reviews; Increasing the size of the team and intensity	The Impact of Educational Policies and Programmes on Child Work and Child Labour in Low- and-Middle-Income Countries	Dec - 22	Link to published protocol (final report forthcoming): https://www.unicef-irc.org/publications/1249-impact-of-educational-policies-and-programmes-on-child-work-and-	In-house	Internal and external peer review via an expert advisory group	Yes - Joanna Briggs Institute's (JBI) critical appraisal checklist tailored for randomized controlled trials, quasi-experimental	UNICEF Methodological Briefs on Evidence Synthesis: https://www.unicef-irc.org/publications/?ThematicSeriesID=4&sortBy=oldest	6

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			of the work; Taking short cuts with the methods; Automating review steps			child-labour-in-lmics-protocol.html			studies, and systematic reviews, separately appraised for each study type (Tufanaru et al., 2020; Whiting et al., 2003).		
UNICEF	Innocenti – Global Office of Research and Foresight	Rapid Evidence Assessment	A more ‘rapid’ synthesis of evidence, made possible by employing one or more options: Focusing on a narrow or more specific research question or objective; Drawing on and re-analysing existing systematic reviews; Increasing the size of the team and intensity of the work; Taking short cuts with the methods; Automating review steps	The Impact of Interventions Targeting Caregivers, Health Workers and the Community to Alter Vaccine Behaviours and Childhood Vaccination Uptake	Dec - 22	Link to published protocol (final report forthcoming): https://www.unicef-irc.org/publications/1375-the-impact-of-interventions-targeting-caregivers-health-workers-and-the-community-to-alter-vaccine-behaviours-and-childhood.html	In-house	Internal and external peer review via an expert advisory group	Yes - Joanna Briggs Institute has developed critical appraisal tools for a number of study designs including randomised controlled trials, quasi-experimental studies and systematic reviews	UNICEF Methodological Briefs on Evidence Synthesis: https://www.unicef-irc.org/publications/?ThematicSeriesID=4&sortBy=oldest	4
UNICEF	Innocenti – Global Office of Research and Foresight	Rapid review	No specific definition for rapid review within UNICEF, but broadly follows the same method as a rapid evidence assessment, but without quality appraising studies included.	Impacts of Pandemics and Epidemics on Child Protection	May-20	Impacts of Pandemics and Epidemics on Child Protection: Lessons learned from a rapid review in the context of COVID-19 (unicef-irc.org)	In-house	Internal and external peer review via an expert advisory group	No	N/A	7
UNICEF	Innocenti – Global Office of Research and Foresight	Rapid review	No specific definition for rapid review within UNICEF, but broadly follows the same method as a rapid evidence assessment, but without quality appraising studies included.	Life in a Lockdown: Child and adolescent mental health and well-being in time of COVID-19	Dec-21	Life in Lockdown: Child and adolescent mental health and well-being in the time of COVID-19 (unicef-irc.org)	In-house	Internal and external peer review via an expert advisory group	No	N/A	5
UNICEF	Innocenti – Global Office of Research and Foresight	Evidence gap map	A visual and interactive map providing an overview of the available evidence on a particular topic, theme or domain. EGMS map out empirical evidence to highlight gaps in the evidence	Interventions for reducing violence against children: An evidence gap map in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs)	Oct-20	https://www.unicef-irc.org/evidence-gap-map-violence-against-children/	Commissioned	Internal and external peer review via an expert advisory group,	Yes - AMSTAR 2—“Assessing the Methodological Confidence of Systematic	UNICEF Methodological Briefs on Evidence Synthesis: https://www.unicef-irc.org/publications/?T	4

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			base and to show where evidence is more abundant. They most commonly include quantitative impact evaluations and systematic reviews, to map out evidence on 'what works'. However, there are also EGMs of qualitative evidence, which map the evidence on 'how' or 'why' interventions work. They are usually accompanied by a report presenting a descriptive analysis of the evidence base					including Campbell Collaboration peer review	Reviews" (Shea, et al., 2017); Custom modified RoB tool for impact evaluations	hematicSeriesID=4&sortBy=oldest	
UNICEF	Innocenti – Global Office of Research and Foresight	Evidence gap map	A visual and interactive map providing an overview of the available evidence on a particular topic, theme or domain. EGMs map out empirical evidence to highlight gaps in the evidence base and to show where evidence is more abundant. They most commonly include quantitative impact evaluations and systematic reviews, to map out evidence on 'what works'. However, there are also EGMs of qualitative evidence, which map the evidence on 'how' or 'why' interventions work. They are usually accompanied by a report presenting a descriptive analysis of the evidence base	Mega-Map on Child Well-being Interventions in Low- and Middle- Income Countries	Oct 2020 (updated annually)	MegaMap on Child Well-being Interventions in LMIC's and associated products (unicef-irc.org) https://www.unicef-irc.org/megamap/	Commissioned	Internal and external peer review via an expert advisory group, including Campbell Collaboration peer review	Yes - AMSTAR 2—"Assessing the Methodological Confidence of Systematic Reviews" (Shea, et al., 2017); Custom modified RoB tool for impact evaluations	UNICEF Methodological Briefs on Evidence Synthesis: https://www.unicef-irc.org/publications/?ThematicSeriesID=4&sortBy=oldest	4
UNICEF	Innocenti – Global Office of Research and Foresight	Evidence gap map	A visual and interactive map providing an overview of the available evidence on a particular topic, theme or domain. EGMs map out empirical evidence to highlight gaps in the evidence base and to show where evidence is more abundant. They most commonly include quantitative impact evaluations and systematic reviews, to map out evidence on 'what works'. However,	Evidence Gap Map : Adolescent well-being in low-and middle income countries: Protection, participation, and financial and material well-being	Jan-18	Evidence Gap Map on Adolescent Well-being in Low- and Middle-Income Countries: Protection, participation, and material well-being (unicef-irc.org)	Commissioned		Yes - 3ie checklist for judging how much confidence to place in a systematic review of effects (Snijlsvet et al., 2013)	UNICEF Methodological Briefs on Evidence Synthesis: https://www.unicef-irc.org/publications/?ThematicSeriesID=4&sortBy=oldest	3

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UNICEF	Innocenti – Global Office of Research and Foresight	Evidence gap map	A visual and interactive map providing an overview of the available evidence on a particular topic, theme or domain. EGMs map out empirical evidence to highlight gaps in the evidence base and to show where evidence is more abundant. They most commonly include quantitative impact evaluations and systematic reviews, to map out evidence on 'what works'. However, there are also EGMs of qualitative evidence, which map the evidence on 'how' or 'why' interventions work. They are usually accompanied by a report	Child and adolescent mental health and psychosocial support interventions: An evidence and gap map of low and middle-income countries	Nov - 22	https://www.unicef-irc.org/evidence-gap-map-child-mental-health/	In-house	Internal and external peer review by an expert advisory group, including Campbell Collaboration peer review	No	UNICEF Methodological Briefs on Evidence Synthesis: https://www.unicef-irc.org/publications/?ThematicSeriesID=4&sortBy=oldest	8

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			presenting a descriptive analysis of the evidence base								
UNICEF	Innocenti – Global Office of Research and Foresight	Rapid evidence assessment (focus is on a brief report, with findings visually presented in an evidence portal)	A more ‘rapid’ synthesis of evidence, made possible by employing one or more options: Focusing on a narrow or more specific research question or objective; Drawing on and re-analysing existing systematic reviews; Increasing the size of the team and intensity of the work; Taking short cuts with the methods; Automating review steps	What works in integrating social and behavioural change interventions with cash transfers?	Dec-22		In-house		Yes - Joanna Briggs Institute has developed critical appraisal tools for a number of study designs including randomised controlled trials, quasi-experimental studies and systematic reviews		5
UNICEF	Innocenti – Global Office of Research and Foresight	Rapid evidence assessment (focus is on a brief report, with findings visually presented in an evidence portal)	A more ‘rapid’ synthesis of evidence, made possible by employing one or more options: Focusing on a narrow or more specific research question or objective; Drawing on and re-analysing existing systematic reviews; Increasing the size of the team and intensity of the work; Taking short cuts with the methods; Automating review steps	Social and behaviour change-informed interventions to prevent violence against children and women in the home	Dec-22		In-house		Yes - Joanna Briggs Institute has developed critical appraisal tools for a number of study designs including randomised controlled trials, quasi-experimental studies and systematic reviews		5
UNICEF	Innocenti – Global Office of Research and Foresight	Rapid evidence assessment (focus is on a brief report, and a global database of data extracted studies, from which region- or country-specific briefs can be created)	A more ‘rapid’ synthesis of evidence, made possible by employing one or more options: Focusing on a narrow or more specific research question or objective; Drawing on and re-analysing existing systematic reviews; Increasing the size of the team and intensity	A global synthesis on family policies	Dec-22		In-house		No		5

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			of the work; Taking short cuts with the methods; Automating review steps								
UNICEF	Office of Evaluation			Evaluation Synthesis of United Nations System and Development Bank Work Towards SDG 6	Oct-21	Link to presentation and final report of the evaluation: https://gdc.unicef.org/resource/evaluation-synthesis-united-nations-system-and-development-bank-work-towards-sdg-6	Commissioned				
UNODC	Independent Evaluation Section	Meta-Synthesis (to be defined, based on new guidance for Meta-Synthesis)	n/a	Meta-Synthesis of UNODC evaluations, audits and other oversight reports in Mexico. The synthesis will pilot the new Guidance document for Meta-Synthesis (including different types of meta-syntheses).	2023	Under development	Hybrid – consultants and in-house	Supervision and quality control by IES	Yes – IES staff;	UNODC Guidance document for Meta-Synthesis (internal working document); Nvivo, Excel	2 staff (part-time); 3 consultants (part-time)
UNODC	Independent Evaluation Section (IES)	Guidance for Meta-Synthesis	n/a - objective: Development of definitions for different types of Evaluation syntheses at UNODC; development of work flow (in our online application Unite Evaluations, where we also manage all evaluations)	n/a	2022	Under development	Hybrid – consultants and in-house	Quality control by IES; with support of senior evaluation experts	Yes – IES staff review and comments; discussions and meetings;	Exploring Unite Evaluations for coding	2 (part-time); consultants
UNODC	Independent Evaluation Section (IES)	Meta-Synthesis	n/a - The objective of the fourth UNODC evaluation meta-synthesis is to increase knowledge and awareness of recurring recommendations and lessons learned contained in independent UNODC and external evaluation reports and audit results, with a view to increasing the use of evaluation results and promoting evidence-based decision-making at all levels.	META-SYNTHESIS: 2019-2021 UNODC EVALUATIONS	2022	Under development (link to info sheet: https://www.unodc.org/documents/evaluation/Meta-Analysis/UNODC_Evaluation_Meta-synthesis_2019-2021_infographic_sheet.pdf)	Hybrid – consultants and in-house	Quality control by IES;	Only evaluation reports which underwent satisfactory EQA included; adding oversight reports; etc.	Excel, NVivo	2 staff (part-time); consultants
UNODC	Independent Evaluation Section (IES)	Meta-Synthesis	n/a - The objective of the third UNODC evaluation meta-synthesis is to increase knowledge and awareness of recurring recommendations and	META-SYNTHESIS: 2017-2018 UNODC EVALUATIONS	2019	https://www.unodc.org/documents/evaluation/Meta-Analysis/UNODC_Evaluation_Meta-	In-house	Quality control by IES;	Only evaluation reports which underwent satisfactory	Excel, NVivo	2 staff (part-time)

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			lessons learned contained in independent UNODC and external evaluation reports and audit results, with a view to increasing the use of evaluation results and promoting evidence-based decision-making at all levels.			Synthesis_2017-2018_IES.pdf			EQA included; adding oversight reports; etc.		
UNODC	Lead: Independent Evaluation Section (IES); in collaboration with UNOCT and UNICRI	Meta-Synthesis	An independent analysis of evaluation and oversight reports conducted by the entities of the Global Counter-Terrorism Compact to identify aggregate results towards the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy	UN SYSTEM-WIDE META-SYNTHESIS: EVALUATIONS UNDER THE UN GLOBAL COUNTER TERRORISM STRATEGY	2021	https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/evaluation/Evaluation-based-knowledge-products.html	Externally commissioned	External quality assessment by a senior evaluation expert; and peer reviewed by counter-terrorism expert for utility of results	External quality assessment of the methodology and final report; external thematic assessment for utility; various rounds of review throughout;	Excel	3 IES staff and 4 staff of other entities (part-time) in the framework of a thematic Sub-Group on Terrorism; consultants
UNODC	Independent Evaluation Section (IES)	Meta-Synthesis		UNODC CRIME PREVENTION META-SYNTHESIS	2020	https://www.unodc.org/documents/evaluation/Meta-Analysis/UNODC_Crime_Prevention_Meta_Synthesis.pdf	Hybrid	Quality control by IES staff	Only evaluation reports which underwent satisfactory EQA included; adding oversight reports; etc.	NVivo	1 (part-time); consultants
UNODC	Independent Evaluation Section (IES)	Meta-Analysis		META-ANALYSIS: 2015-2016 UNODC EVALUATIONS	2017	https://www.unodc.org/documents/evaluation/Meta-Analysis/UNODC_IEU_Evaluation_Meta-Analysis_2015-2016.pdf	In-house	Quality control by IES staff	Only evaluation reports which underwent satisfactory EQA included; adding oversight reports; etc.	Excel	2 (part-time)

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UNODC	Independent Evaluation Section (IES)	Meta-Analysis		Meta-Analysis Report of 2011-2014 UNODC evaluations	2015	https://www.unodc.org/documents/evaluation/Meta-Analysis/UNODC_Evaluation_Meta-Analysis_2011-2014.pdf	In-house	Quality control by IES staff	Only evaluation reports which underwent satisfactory EQA included; adding oversight reports; etc.	Excel	1 (part-time)
UN Joint SDG Fund	Fund Secretariat	Synthesis Review		Synthesis Review of findings from the Joint Evaluations under the Integrated Social Protection/LNOB portfolio (TBC)	By End of 2022	NA	In-house		No	TBC	3 (TBC)
WFP	Office of Evaluation	Synthesis	A combination and integration of findings from quality-assessed evaluations to develop higher-level or more comprehensive knowledge, and inform policy and strategic decisions.'	Evaluation synthesis of WFP's performance measurement and monitoring	On-going (Nov 2022)	Evaluation Synthesis of WFP's Performance Measurement and Monitoring World Food Programme	Externally commissioned		Yes (internal guidance and QA)	TN Evaluation Recommendation draft V 20 Sep (wfp.org)	3
WFP	Office of Evaluation	Synthesis		Synthesis of evidence and lessons on country capacity strengthening from decentralized evaluations	June 2021	Synthesis of evidence and lessons on country capacity strengthening from decentralized evaluations World Food Programme (wfp.org)	Externally commissioned		Yes (internal guidance and QA)	TN Evaluation Recommendation draft V 20 Sep (wfp.org)	3
WFP	Office of Evaluation	Synthesis		Synthesis of evidence and lessons from policy evaluations (2011-2019)	June 2020	Synthesis of Evidence and Lessons from WFP's Policy Evaluations (2011-2019) World Food Programme	Externally commissioned		Yes (internal guidance and QA)	TN Evaluation Recommendation draft V 20 Sep (wfp.org)	3
WFP	Office of Evaluation	Synthesis		Synthesis of WFP's country portfolio evaluations in Africa (2016-2018)	June 2019	https://docs.wfp.org/api/documents/WFP-0000111952/download/?_ga=2.250118150.1225317463.1651651242-	Externally commissioned		Yes (internal guidance and QA)	TN Evaluation Recommendation draft V 20 Sep (wfp.org)	2

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WFP	Office of Evaluation	Synthesis		Nutrition in humanitarian contexts in the Sahel: Evaluation Synthesis	January 2018	Four Evaluations of the Impact of WFP Programmes on Nutrition in Humanitarian Contexts in the Sahel: A Synthesis World Food Programme	Externally commissioned		Internal QA		1
WFP	Office of Evaluation	Synthesis		Operation Evaluations Series, Regional Synthesis 2013-2017: East and Central Africa Region	November 2017	Operation Evaluations Series, Regional Synthesis 2013-2017: East and Central Africa Region World Food Programme (wfp.org)	Externally commissioned		Internal QA		1
WFP	Office of Evaluation	Synthesis		Operation Evaluations Series, Regional Synthesis 2013-2017: West and Central Africa Region	November 2017	Operation Evaluations Series, Regional Synthesis 2013-2017: West and Central Africa Region World Food Programme (wfp.org)	Externally commissioned		Internal QA		1
WFP	Office of Evaluation	Synthesis		Operation Evaluations Series, Regional Synthesis 2013-2017: Southern Africa Region	November 2017	Operation Evaluations Series, Regional Synthesis 2013-2017: Southern Africa Region World Food Programme (wfp.org)	Externally commissioned		Internal QA		1
WFP	Office of Evaluation	Synthesis		Operation Evaluations Series, Regional Synthesis 2013-2017: Latin America and the Caribbean Region	November 2017	Operation Evaluations Series, Regional Synthesis 2013-2017: Latin America and the Caribbean Region World Food Programme (wfp.org)	Externally commissioned		Internal QA		1
WFP	Office of Evaluation	Synthesis		Operation Evaluations Series, Regional Synthesis 2013-2017: Asia and the Pacific Region	November 2017	Operation Evaluations Series, Regional Synthesis	Externally commissioned		Internal QA		1

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						2013-2017: Asia and the Pacific Region World Food Programme (wfp.org)					
WFP	Office of Evaluation	Synthesis		Annual Synthesis of Operation Evaluations (2016-2017)	November 2017	Annual Synthesis of Operation Evaluations (2016-2017) World Food Programme (wfp.org)	Externally commissioned		Internal QA		1
WFP	Office of Evaluation	Synthesis		Annual Synthesis of Operation Evaluations (2015-2016): Partnerships for the Future	October 2016	Annual Synthesis of Operation Evaluations (2015-2016) Partnerships for the Future World Food Programme (wfp.org)	Externally commissioned		Internal QA		1
WFP	Office of Evaluation	Synthesis		Annual Synthesis of Operation Evaluations (2014-2015): Partnerships for the Future	October 2015	Published internally	Externally commissioned		Internal QA		1
WFP	Office of Evaluation	Synthesis		Synthesis of the Evaluation Series of WFP's Emergency Preparedness and Response (2012-2015)	2015	Published internally	Externally commissioned		Internal QA		1
WFP	Office of Evaluation	Synthesis		Annual Synthesis of Operation Evaluations (2013-2014): Partnerships for the Future	October 2014	Published internally	Externally commissioned		Internal QA		1
WFP + UNHCR	Office of Evaluation	Synthesis		Synthesis of Mixed Method Impact Evaluations of the Contribution of Food Assistance to Durable Solutions in Protracted Refugee Situations	December 2012	Published internally	Externally commissioned		Internal QA		1