

# Evaluation workplan 2024- 2025

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The 2024-2025 biennial workplan was presented to the Executive Board in document <u>EB154/31</u> and approved by the EB in decision <u>EB154(2)</u>. The Programme Administration and Budget Committee (PBAC) reviewed the workplan, adding comments and recommendations for the EB's consideration (see document <u>EB154/4</u>).

As noted on the WHO Evaluation Office webpage for biennial workplans, the draft 2024-2025 version was reviewed by the Independent Expert Oversight Advisory Committee in October 2023.

The 2024–2025 evaluation workplan focuses on advancing evaluation practices, supporting global health priorities, and promoting transparency and accountability. Document EB154/31 also provides insights into the implementation progress of the 2022–2023 workplan.

During 2022–2023, the Evaluation Office completed six evaluations and carried over seven that were included in the EB-approved 2022-2023 workplan, and initiated five new evaluations in 2023 which continued into the 2024-2025 biennium for completion. Collaboration with regional offices was strengthened, with a focus on a unified evaluation approach.

The table below provides information on the 45 evaluations included in the approved 2024-2025 workplan, along with two evaluations which were added in 2024. These are classified by key categories (corporate, joint, decentralized); types (thematic, i.e., cross-cutting themes or relevance to the core functions and strategies of WHO; programmatic; or country programme evaluations); justification (requirement, significance, utility); source (which workplan); and correlation with a GPW13 pillar/Triple Billion.

Evaluation	Topic	Justification	Workplan/other	GPW13
Туре				Pillar
Corporate eva	luations			
Programmatic	Evaluation of WHO's contribution to ending	Requirement/	Carried over from	1
	tuberculosis (WHO Tuberculosis Programme)	Significance/utility	2022-2023 Workplan	
Thematic	Formative evaluation of the implementation of	Requirement	Carried over from	Enabling
	the WHO policy on disability		2022-2023 Workplan	
Thematic	Evaluation of the functional reviews of WHO	Utility	Carried over from	Enabling
	country offices in the African Region		2022-2023 Workplan	
Thematic	Evaluation of the Member State mechanism on	Requirement	EB154/31 (begun in	1
	substandard and falsified medical products		2023)	
Programmatic	Evaluation of WHO's contribution to water,	Significance/Utility	EB154/31 (begun in	3
	sanitation and hygiene, and health: the WHO		2023)	
	global water, sanitation and hygiene global			
	strategy			
Programmatic	Evaluation of the Global Task Force on Cholera	Significance/utility	EB154/31 (begun in	2
	Control		2023) ( <u>WHA71.4</u> )	
New 2024-2025				
Programmatic	Evaluation of WHO's contribution to the	Significance/utility	2024-2025 Workplan	2
	surveillance of, and preparedness for, public			
	health emergencies			
Thematic	Evaluation of the Country Cooperation	Significance/utility	2024-2025 Workplan	Enabling
	Strategy mechanism			
Thematic	Developmental evaluation of the Fourteenth	Significance/utility	2024-2025 Workplan	Enabling
	General Programme of Work			
Programmatic	Evaluation of the global coordination	Requirement	2024-2025 Workplan	1
	mechanism on the prevention and control of			
	noncommunicable diseases			

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Programmatic	Evaluations of WHO's interventions in a crisis country	Significance/utility	2024-2025 Workplan	2
<b>Country Progr</b>	amme Evaluations			
CPE- Programmatic	Joint independent evaluation of WHO's contribution in: Namibia	Significance/utility	2024-2025 Workplan	Enabling
CPE- Programmatic	Joint independent evaluation of WHO's contribution in: Guinea-Bissau	Significance/utility	2024-2025 Workplan	Enabling
CPE- Programmatic	Joint independent evaluation of WHO's contribution in: Yemen	Significance/utility	2024-2025 Workplan	Enabling
CPE- Programmatic	Joint independent evaluation of WHO's contribution in: Lebanon	Significance/utility	2024-2025 Workplan	Enabling
CPE- Programmatic	Joint independent evaluation of WHO's contribution in: Jordan	Significance/utility	2024-2025 Workplan	Enabling
CPE- Programmatic	Joint independent evaluation of WHO's contribution in: Pakistan	Significance/utility	2024-2025 Workplan	Enabling
CPE- Programmatic	Joint independent evaluation of WHO's contribution in: Oman	Significance/utility	2024-2025 Workplan	Enabling
CPE- Programmatic	Joint independent evaluation of WHO's contribution in: Somalia	Significance/utility	2024-2025 Workplan	Enabling
CPE- Programmatic	Joint independent evaluation of WHO's contribution in: Sudan	Significance/utility	2024-2025 Workplan	Enabling
CPE- Programmatic	Joint independent evaluation of WHO's contribution in: Syrian Arab Republic	Significance/utility	2024-2025 Workplan	Enabling
CPE- Programmatic	Joint independent evaluation of WHO's contribution in: Timor-Leste	Significance/utility	2024-2025 Workplan	Enabling
CPE- Programmatic	Joint independent evaluation of WHO's contribution in: Mongolia	Significance/utility	2024-2025 Workplan	Enabling
CPE- Programmatic	Joint independent evaluation of WHO's contribution in: the Philippines	Significance/utility	2024-2025 Workplan	Enabling
CPE- Programmatic	Joint independent evaluation of WHO's contribution in: Bhutan	Significance/utility	Newly added in 2024	Enabling
CPE- Programmatic	Joint independent evaluation of WHO's contribution in: Armenia	Significance/utility	Newly added in 2024	Enabling
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Thematic	Joint evaluation of the Global Action Plan for Healthy Lives and Well-being for All SDG -3 GAP	Requirement	Carried over from 2022-2023 Workplan	Other
Thematic	Evaluation of the COVAX Pillar delivery efforts	Significance/utility	EB154/31 (begun in 2023)	2
Programmatic	Interagency humanitarian evaluations of Grade 3 emergencies (three–four per biennium)	Significance/Utility	2024-2025 Workplan	2
Programmatic	Thematic interagency humanitarian evaluations	Significance/Utility	2024-2025 Workplan	2
Decentralized				
Programmatic	Evaluation of the Pandemic Influenza Preparedness (PIP) Framework Partnership Contribution (PC) Preparedness High-level Implementation Plan II 2018–2023	Requirement	Carried over from 2022-2023 Workplan	2
Programmatic	Joint evaluation of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee Global Health Cluster	Significance/Utility	Carried over from 2022-2023 Workplan	2
Thematic	Evaluation of World (global) health days	Requirement	Carried over from 2022-2023 Workplan	Enabling
Thematic	Evaluation of the Research Ethics Review Committee	Significance/Utility	EB154/31 (begun in 2023)	Enabling
Programmatic	Mid-term evaluation of maternal and newborn health care/preventing maternal mortality	Significance/Utility	2024-2025 Workplan	1
Programmatic	Evaluation of the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases	Significance/Utility	2024-2025 Workplan	1

Programmatic	Developmental evaluation of the programme: advancing abortion as health care within a framework of universal access to comprehensive sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights, gender equality and bodily autonomy	Requirement	2024-2025 Workplan	1
Programmatic	Evaluation of the implementation of universal health coverage law in selected countries (Nigeria and South Africa)	Significance/Utility	2024-2025 Workplan	1
Programmatic	Evaluation of the International Agency for Research on Cancer medium-term strategy for 2021–2025	Requirement	2024-2025 Workplan	1
Programmatic	Developmental evaluation of the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health	Utility	2024-2025 Workplan	1
Programmatic	End-term evaluation of AFRO II malaria larviciding demonstration project in Namibia	Significance/Utility	2024-2025 Workplan	1
Programmatic	Mid-term evaluation of the Eastern Mediterranean regional action plan for the implementation of the global health sector strategies on, respectively, HIV, viral hepatitis and sexually transmitted infections, for the period 2022–2030	Significance/Utility	2024-2025 Workplan	1
Programmatic	Evaluation of communication related to public health events under the International Health Regulations (2005) in the WHO South-East Asia Region	Significance/Utility	2024-2025 Workplan	2
Programmatic	Mid-term evaluation of the United Nations Decade of Healthy Ageing (2021–2030)	Significance/Utility	2024-2025 Workplan	3
Programmatic	Mid-term evaluation of the Thailand Country Cooperation Strategy 2022–2027	Significance/Utility	2024-2025 Workplan	Enabling
Programmatic	Independent evaluation of the Regional Office for the Western Pacific's "For the Future" vision	Significance/Utility	2024-2025 Workplan	Enabling
Programmatic	Evaluation of emergency interventions and humanitarian actions in Somalia	Significance/Utility	2024-2025 Workplan	2

The full workplan is available here.

### **Key Priorities - Highlights**

# 1. Thematic and Programmatic Evaluations

WHO will conduct the following organization-wide evaluations:

- (a) thematic evaluations to assess its cross-cutting strategies, policies and operations such as for Global Action Plan for Healthy Lives and Well-being for All SDG -3 GAP, the implementation of the WHO policy on disability and on WHO's country cooperation strategy mechanism (i.e. country office strategic planning process); and
- (b) programmatic evaluations on critical health issues such as health emergencies, WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) initiatives, cholera, and noncommunicable diseases, that will help ensure alignment with global health goals and improve effectiveness across various programmes and the Organization.

### 2. Country-Level Evaluations

An important focus for this biennium is evaluations that will assess WHO's contributions at the country level, ensuring alignment with national health priorities and with the General Progamme of Work across all WHO regions. To support this, WHO will strengthen its systems, empowering regional and country offices to independently evaluate local interventions. Collaboration across offices and technical support will ensure evaluations address local needs effectively, and contribute to the WHO results-based management cycle.

### 3. Decentralized Evaluations

The Evaluation Office provides considerable active technical and quality assurance support to headquarters divisions/offices, regional and country offices, and/or other organizational entities as they undertake evaluations. In some cases, the Office manages evaluations with respective entities. Some examples include evaluations of the Pandemic Influenza Preparedness (PIP) Framework Partnership Contribution, the Inter-Agency Standing Committee Global Health Cluster and for many programmes and strategies implemented by regional offices.

## 4. Evaluation of Emergency and Humanitarian Interventions

Special attention will be given to evaluations of WHO programmes for preparedness and response to health emergencies, as well to joint evaluations with other UN and multilateral agencies for health emergencies and humanitarian interventions in conflict zones and regions affected by natural disasters. These evaluations will focus on ensuring timely and effective health interventions during humanitarian crises.

### 4. Reinforcing WHO's evaluation culture and capacity development

Capacity-building initiatives will further develop and expand the evaluation culture in the Organization. Special emphasis will be given to the enhancement of the internal professional network and skills of WHO's evaluation staff in headquarters and regional, and country, offices through implementation of its Global Network for Evaluation, training and professional development, and integrating cross-cutting themes like gender, equity, human rights and disability inclusion in evaluations.