



EXTENSION OF THE DEADLINE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMPETITION ORGANIZED BY UNICEF WCARO + AFREA

What Are the Most Innovative Child and Youth-Centred Evaluation Methods in the West and Central Africa Region?

UNICEF is the major sponsor of evaluations of programmes focusing on children and young people in the 24 countries of the West and Central African region. In 2018, The UNICEF West and Central Africa Regional Office (WCARO) contributed to the successful completion of 20 evaluations and in 2019 it launched about 40 evaluations. While WCARO has met its coverage and quality targets (19 of its 20 most recent evaluations were rated "satisfactory" or "highly satisfactory" by an independent review firm), there are some methodological aspects of its evaluations that deserve being strengthened. To this end, there is a need to reflect on how to promote the use of theoretical frameworks and tools in evaluation that are truly centred on children and young people as rights-holders.

In order to foster a dialogue on how to further strengthen the quality and effectiveness of child and youth-centred methods within the scope of development programmes evaluations, **UNICEF WCARO, in collaboration with the African Evaluation Association (AfrEA), just launched a competition open to all evaluators with relevant experience in this area not only in the West and Central Africa region but also elsewhere.** The objective of the competition is to identify good practices in child and youth-centred evaluation methods.

If you have tested innovative child and youth-centred evaluation methods either in West and Central Africa or elsewhere during some of your past evaluations, we ask you to kindly email us your contribution in Word format (Times New Roman 11- Three pages max. in length) by providing the following information (where applicable):

- Your first and last name,
- Country of residence,
- E-mail address,
- The name of the country where the evaluation was carried out,
- More details on child and youth-centred methods that you would like to share,
- The lessons learned while using the method(s) in question, and
- Any other suggestions on how this method could be improved in the future.

Please send your contribution in English, French, Spanish or Portuguese by MARCH 20, 2020 to mtarsilla@unicef.org and indicate "Child and Youth Centred Methods Competition" in your email subject title.

Amongst all the contributions received by UNICEF, the 10 most innovative will be shortlisted and the respective authors will not only win a 3-year AfrEA membership but also get a chance to present their work during a UNICEF webinar. In addition, the three best contributions will be posted on the evaluation site of the UNICEF Regional Office for West and Central Africa.