

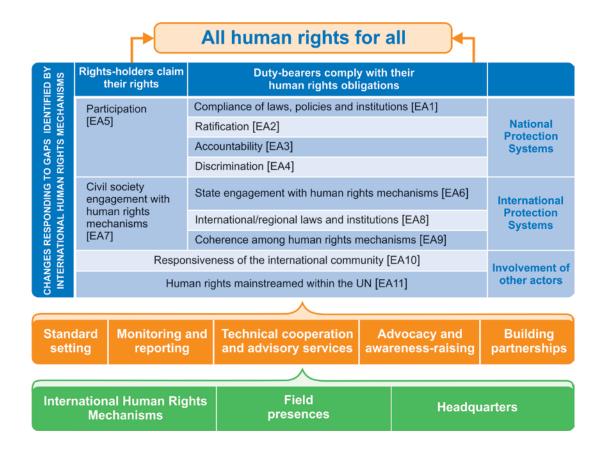


Annex I: UN Human Rights' theory of change and results framework

Theory of change

UN Human Rights' theory of change explains the intermediate results to which the Office intends to contribute in the pursuit of its long-term goal – all human rights for all. It articulates the rationale for the selection of those results and describes the Office's

overall strategy to ensure that they are achieved. This includes strategic interventions and the means through which those interventions are undertaken. For more information on the Office's theory of change, please refer to the OHCHR Management Plan 2014-2017.



Global and Thematic Expected Accomplishments

	Strengthening international human rights mechanisms					
	RIGHTS-HOLDERS CLAIM THEIR RIGHTS	DUTY-BEARERS COMPLY WITH THEIR OBLIGATIONS				
		[EA2]	Increased ratification of international human rights instruments and review of reservations, with a focus on instruments and regions with low ratification rates, including Optional Protocols			
[EA7]	Increased number and diversity of rights-holders, and of national human rights institutions and civil society actors acting on their behalf, making use of United Nations	[EA6]	 Establishment of participatory standing national coordinating bodies on reporting/replying to individual communications and enquiries; and integrated follow-up to recommendations of all human rights mechanisms Increased compliance and engagement of Member States with international human rights mechanisms 			
	and regional human rights mechanisms and bodies	[EA8]	Advances in the progressive development of international and regional human rights law in areas relevant to the thematic priorities			
		[EA9]	► Enhanced synergies, complementarity and coherence within and between human rights mechanisms			
[EA10]	 Early warning functions of human Increased interventions of the inagainst reprisals 		nechanisms are enhanced nal community to promote and protect civil society actors, including			
[EA11]	► Enhanced systematic engagem	ent by UN	NCTs with international human rights mechanisms			

	Enhancing equality and countering discrimination					
	RIGHTS-HOLDERS CLAIM THEIR RIGHTS		DUTY-BEARERS COMPLY WITH THEIR OBLIGATIONS			
[EA5]	 National human rights institutions and civil society create and support participatory mechanisms to enhance equality and counter discrimination Increased and effective use of national protection systems by 	[EA1]	 Increased use of anti-discrimination and equality standards by judges and prosecutors State agents and political and faith-based actors increasingly comply with human rights standards related to public freedoms and take measures for the development of an independent and pluralistic civil society Constitutions, laws and policies increasingly protect human rights, especially land and housing rights and with particular 			
individuals and groups face with discrimination			 attention to non-discrimination and gender equality, in the context of development and exploitation of natural resources Legal frameworks, public policies and institutions are in place and functioning to combat sexual and gender-based violence, trafficking and related exploitation 			
		[EA2]	Increased ratification of international human rights instruments and review of reservations			
		[EA4]	Legislation, policies and practices increasingly comply with anti-discrimination and equality standards			
			Increased number of specialized equality bodies, focal points and NHRIs working on equality and non-discrimination in line with international standards			
			Increased representation of marginalized and discriminated groups in State institutions and decision-making bodies			
[EA7]	 Increased number and diversity of rights-holders, and of national 	[EA6]	Increased compliance and engagement of Member States with international human rights mechanisms			
	human rights institutions and civil society actors acting on their behalf, making use of United Nations and regional human rights mechanisms and bodies	[EA8]	Progressive development of international and regional human rights law in areas relevant to the thematic priorities			
[EA10]	_	_	nternational and regional processes relevant to migration onal community in ensuring accountability for gross human rights			
[EA11]	► Implementation of the Secretary- Protection of Minorities and the U		s Guidance Notes and Guidelines on Racial Discrimination and enous Peoples' Partnership			

	Combating impunity and strengthening accountability and the rule of law					
	RIGHTS-HOLDERS CLAIM THEIR RIGHTS	DUTY-BEARERS COMPLY WITH THEIR OBLIGATIONS				
[EA5]	 Increased use of national protection system by rights-holders, especially through strategic litigation on economic, social and cultural rights Civil society, in particular youth and women, increasingly advocate and claim their rights and protect themselves more effectively from reprisals 	National justice systems, encompassing customary justice systems, established and functioning in accordance with international human rights norms and standards and increasingly applying them, including economic, social and cultural rights Increased compliance of national legislation, policies, programmes and institutions with international human rights norms and standards relating to the deprivation of liberty and the prohibition and prevention of torture and ill-treatment Increased number of States that have abolished the death penalty and/or, pending abolition, increasingly comply with relevant international human rights obligations Counter-terrorism legal frameworks, policies, strategies and institutions increasingly aligned with international human rights norms and standards Increased use of anti-discrimination and equality standards by judges and prosecutors Legal frameworks, public policies and institutions are in place and functioning to combat sexual and gender-based violence, trafficking and related exploitation Increased ratification of international human rights instruments and review of reservations Increased ratification of international human rights instruments and review of reservations Protection systems and accountability mechanisms are established and functioning in compliance with international human rights norms and standards to monitor, investigate and redress acts of torture and ill-treatment and violations of the rights of persons deprived of their liberty National mechanisms provide for effective implementation of business and human rights standards by States and the private sector, including remedies for human rights abuses				
[EA7]	[EA7] Increased number and diversity of rights-holders, and of NHRIs and civil society actors acting on their behalf, making use of UN and regional human rights mechanisms and bodies	 [EA6] Increased compliance and engagement of Member States with international human rights mechanisms [EA8] Progressive development of international and regional human rights law in areas relevant to the thematic priorities 				
[EA10]	Increased responsiveness of the	e international community in ensuring accountability for gross human rights violations				
[EA11]	► Enhanced coherence and effection counter-terrorism policies	ectiveness of the UN in supporting the rule of law and human rights-compliant				

			an rights in development e economic sphere
	RIGHTS-HOLDERS CLAIM THEIR RIGHTS		DUTY-BEARERS COMPLY WITH THEIR OBLIGATIONS
[EA5]	Rights-holders meaningfully participate in the design and monitoring of public policies, budgets and development projects particularly affecting their human rights, especially their rights to food, housing,	[EA1]	 Constitutions, laws and policies increasingly protect human rights, especially land and housing rights and with particular attention to non-discrimination and gender equality, in the context of development and exploitation of natural resources Increased use of anti-discrimination and equality standards by judges and prosecutors
	water and sanitation, and their access to natural resources	[EA2]	Increased ratification of international human rights instruments and review of reservations
	such as land Civil society, in particular youth and women, increasingly advocate for and claim their rights; and protect themselves more effectively from reprisals Increased use of national protection system by rights-holders, especially through strategic litigation on economic, social and cultural rights	[EA3]	 National mechanisms provide for effective implementation of business and human rights standards by States and the private sector, including remedies for human rights abuses Mechanisms and initiatives are adopted to increase human rights protection in contexts of conflict, violence and insecurity
		[EA4]	Increased representation of marginalized and discriminated groups in State institutions and decision-making bodies
[EA7]	Increased number and diversity of rights-holders, and of NHRIs	[EA6]	Increased compliance and engagement of Member States with international human rights mechanisms
	and civil society actors acting on their behalf, making use of UN and regional human rights mechanisms and bodies	[EA8]	Advances in the progressive development of international and regional human rights law in areas relevant to the thematic priorities
[EA10]	Human rights are integrated in the	e formula	ation of and follow-up to the post-2015 development agenda
			asingly integrate international human rights principles and lent, in their development, finance, trade and investment policies
[EA11]	agencies, particularly on housing.The protection of human rights is and recovery efforts in the context.	, water, sa an integi kt of hum	e integrated into UN development frameworks and the work of UN anitation and land ral part of the international community's preparedness, response anitarian crises and is effectively integrated in the mandates, acekeeping operations and special political missions

	Widening the democratic space						
	RIGHTS-HOLDERS CLAIM THEIR RIGHTS		DUTY-BEARERS COMPLY WITH THEIR OBLIGATIONS				
[EA5]	 Increased participation of rights-holders, including women and discriminated groups, in public life at the national and local levels Civil society, in particular youth and women, increasingly advocate and claim their rights; and protect themselves more effectively from reprisals Rights-holders meaningfully participate in the design and monitoring of public policies, budgets and development projects particularly affecting their human rights, especially their rights to food, housing, water and sanitation, and their access to natural resources such as land Increased use of national protection system by rights-holders, especially through strategic litigation on economic, social and cultural rights 		Constitutions, laws, administrative measures and policies respect, protect and guarantee freedom of opinion and expression, including prohibition of incitement to hatred, peaceful assembly, association, conscience, religion and belief State agents and political and faith-based actors increasingly comply with human rights standards related to public freedoms and take measures for the development of an independent and pluralistic civil society Effective human rights education programmes, particularly for youth, established or strengthened National human rights institutions established and effectively functioning in accordance with the Paris Principles and other relevant international standards and recommendations Effective protection mechanisms and measures for civil society actors, including at-risk human rights defenders and media actors established and strengthened Increased representation of marginalized and discriminated groups in State institutions and decision-making bodies				
[EA7]	Increased number and diversity of rights-holders, and of NHRIs	[EA6]	Increased compliance and engagement of Member States with international human rights mechanisms				
	and civil society actors acting on their behalf, making use of UN and regional human rights mechanisms and bodies	[EA8]	Advances in the progressive development of international and regional human rights law in areas relevant to the thematic priorities				
[EA10]	against reprisalsIncreased responsiveness of the	internation	community to promote and protect civil society actors, including all community to potential, emerging or existing human rights in as an integral element of this response				

		otection of human rights in situations of ct, violence and insecurity	
	RIGHTS-HOLDERS CLAIM THEIR RIGHTS	DUTY-BEARERS COMPLY WITH THEIR OBLIGATIONS	
[EA5]	 Increased number and variety of stakeholders engaged in conflict prevention, peacebuilding and other violence reduction processes Civil society, in particular youth and women, increasingly advocate and claim their rights and protect themselves more effectively from reprisals 	 Legal frameworks, public policies, State institutions, as as non-State actors, regulating or engaged in situation conflict, violence and insecurity increasingly comply winternational human rights standards Legal frameworks, public policies and institutions are place and functioning to combat sexual and gender-byviolence, trafficking and related exploitation Constitutions, laws and policies increasingly protect hights, especially land and housing rights and with parattention to non-discrimination and gender equality, in context of development and exploitation of natural resolutions. 	ns of vith in vased uman rticular
		 [EA3] Mechanisms and initiatives are adopted to increase hurights protection in contexts of conflict, violence and instrumental pustice mechanisms established and increoperating in accordance with international human right norms, standards and good practices 	security asingly
		[EA4] Increased representation of marginalized and discriming groups in State institutions and decision-making bodies.	
[EA7]	Increased number and diversity of rights-holders, and of national	[EA6] Increased compliance and engagement of Member Si with international human rights mechanisms	tates
society behalf, r Nations	human rights institutions and civil society actors acting on their behalf, making use of United Nations and regional human rights mechanisms and bodies	[EA8] Advances in the progressive development of international and regional human rights law in areas relevant to the thematic priorities	
[EA10]		nternational community to potential, emerging or existing human rig protection as an integral element of this response	jhts
[EA11]	and recovery efforts in the contextpolicies and actions of United NaIncreased integration of human ri	an integral part of the international community's preparedness, responsion of humanitarian crises and is effectively integrated in the mandate ons peacekeeping operations and special political missions which the standards and principles into the UN's security policies and mentation of the Human Rights Due Diligence Policy on UN support	S,

Global Management Outputs

- Strategic decisions are made in line with resultsbased management principles and are implemented in a timely manner (GMO 1)
- 2. Organizational work processes, systems and structures are aligned for increased efficiency (GMO 2)
- 3. A gender perspective is effectively integrated in all OHCHR policies, programmes and relevant processes (GMO 3)
- 4. Increased effectiveness in supporting human rights mechanisms (GMO 4)

- 5. Increased effectiveness in supporting field operations (GMO 5)
- 6. OHCHR staff has the necessary competencies and skills to effectively implement OHCHR's programme (GMO 6)
- 7. Improved awareness and understanding of and support to OHCHR's mission and programmes by Member States and other stakeholders (GMO 7)
- 8. The efficient management of human and financial resources (GMO 8)

Annex II: Achievement of targets for global expected accomplishments and lessons learned over 2014-2017

Introduction

Reporting at the end of a programme cycle is a crucial step in the programming framework of UN Human Rights as it enables the Office to critically assess its performance over the past four years. In particular, it provides insights into the progress made over time and the impact of its work. The OHCHR Management Plan (OMP) 2014-2017 defined the results that the Office planned to achieve by the end of 2017. Consequently, this final report focuses on the achievement of those results.

The assessment took into account each of the end of year progress reports from the reporting period as well as the end of programme cycle results from the country and subregional levels. This enabled UN Human Rights to present a reliable and evidence-based assessment of the degree to which its planned targets had been achieved in the course of this programming cycle, both at headquarters and in the field. This data has been instrumental in the decision-making processes related to the Office's planning for 2018-2021, including in the definition of new targets.

Targets and achievements

In the 2014-2017 OMP, UN Human Rights presented global targets that it wanted to achieve over a four-year period. To do so, it proposed that 37 indicators would be used to measure the achievement of 11 global expected accomplishments. The majority of these targets were specific targets that were formulated at the national level in countries of engagement.⁷

As this was the Office's first attempt at setting targets for a four-year programming cycle, it was acknowledged that some targets may have been too ambitious and others may have been too modest. In addition, factors beyond the Office's control impacted the achievement of the targets, such as the global context and significant sociopolitical changes that took place on the ground. Moreover, as a result of OHCHR's financial situation at the beginning of the programming cycle, a number of adjustments were made to its programme of work. Several targets were therefore adjusted during the mid-term review in 2015.

Ountries of engagement are those countries in which the Office has undertaken a set of activities towards a planned result. It is not limited to countries where UN Human Rights has maintained a presence.

The following chart outlines the 11 global expected accomplishments, the global indicators that were used to measure their achievement, the targets that were set

for the end of the programme cycle and an indication of their achivement.

	Global Expected Accomplishments		Global Indicators	Targets 2017 ⁸	2014-2017 Achievements
	EA 1: Increased compliance of national legislation, policies, programmes and institutions, including the judiciary and national human rights institutions, with international human rights	1.1	No. of countries of engagement where NHRIs have been established or improved their compliance with international standards (Paris Principles).	51	50
		1.2	No. of countries of engagement where the level of compliance of legislation/policy with international human rights standards in selected human rights areas has significantly improved.	54	39
	standards	1.3	No. of countries of engagement where the level of compliance of selected State institutions and programmes with international human rights standards has significantly improved.	29	18
		1.4	No. of countries of engagement where human rights trainings have been institutionalized in one or more selected human rights areas.	27	24
		1.5	No. of countries of engagement where the use of international human rights law in court proceedings and decisions has increased to a significant extent.	18	13
	EA 2: Increased ratification of international	2.1	Total no. of international human rights treaties ratified . Baseline: 2,041 outstanding ratifications to reach universality.	200	192
tems	human rights treaties and review of reservations of international human rights treaties	2.2	Total no. of reservations withdrawn from international human rights treaties.	20	10 withdrawals; 2 partial withdrawals
tection sys	EA 3: Establishment and/ or functioning of protection systems and accountability	3.1	No. of countries of engagement where oversight , accountability or protection mechanisms have been established or improved compliance with international human rights standards.	40	33
National protection systems	mechanisms in compliance with international human rights standards to monitor, investigate and redress the full range of human rights violations	3.2	No. of countries of engagement where transitional justice mechanisms which conform to international human rights standards have been established or improved compliance with international human rights standards.	22	15
		3.3	No. of countries of engagement where systems/procedures put in place by UN Human Rights at the national level have contributed to protection from human rights violations.	5	4
		3.4	No. of countries of engagement where the number of human rights violations' cases raised by UN Human Rights positively addressed by governments has significantly increased.	13	10
	EA 4: Increased compliance of national legislation, policies, programmes and institutions with international human rights standards to combat discrimination, particularly against women	4.1	No. of countries of engagement where the level of compliance with international human rights standards of legislation and policies to combat discrimination has significantly improved.	40	34
		4.2	No. of countries of engagement where selected State institutions and programmes combating discrimination have significantly improved their compliance with international human rights standards.	16	8
	EA 5: Increased use of existing national protection systems and participation in	5.1	No. of countries of engagement demonstrating significant improvement in the level of meaningful participation in selected public processes.	38	37
	public processes by rights- holders, especially women and discriminated groups	5.2	No. of countries of engagement where the use of national protection systems has increased significantly.	15	11
	EA 6: Increased compliance and engagement by States with UN human rights mechanisms and bodies	6.1	No. of countries of engagement where mechanisms for integrated reporting and/or implementation of outstanding treaty bodies, special procedures or Human Rights Council recommendations are in place or have improved functioning.	57	49
		6.2	Percentage of countries that submit treaty body reports on time . Baseline: 33 per cent	40%	32%
		6.3	No. of countries of engagement with an improvement in the proportion of reports submitted to the treaty bodies/UPR that substantially or fully conform to reporting guidelines .	23	21
rnational p		6.4	No. of countries which have issued a standing invitation to special procedures mandate-holders. Baseline: 108	123	118 plus 1 non-Member Observer State
Inte		6.5	No. of countries for which requests for visits of thematic special procedures have resulted in at least one visit.	62	Visits to 121 countries
		6.6	Rate of responses from governments to special procedures communications . Baseline: 40 per cent	50%	58%

	Global Expected Accomplishments		Global Indicators		2014-2017 Achievements
	EA 7: Increased no. and diversity of rights-holders and other stakeholders making use of UN human	7.1	No. of countries of engagement with a significant number of substantive submissions or submitting actors to UN human rights mechanisms.	58	65
v	rights mechanisms	7.2	Total no. of substantive submissions from NHRIs, civil society organizations, UN entities and individuals to UN human rights mechanisms.	13,000	More than 15,000
on system	EA 8: Progressive development and strengthening of international and regional	8.1	No. of regional human rights institutions strengthened or established in compliance with international human rights standards.	2	2
al protecti	human rights institutions, laws and standards	8.2	No. of thematic areas where international and/or regional human rights law or standards have been developed or strengthened.	12	21
International protection systems	EA 9: Enhanced coherence of UN human rights mechanisms and bodies	9.1	Percentage of treaty bodies and special procedures recommendations taken up by the Human Rights Council in the context of the UPR.	50%	n/a ⁹
=		9.2	No. of countries which have submitted or updated common core documents .	56	64
		9.3	Degree of progress made in improving the harmonization of the work of the treaty bodies .	Medium	Medium
		9.4	Degree of coordination among the special procedures.	High	Substantive
	community increasingly responsive to critical human rights situations and issues	10.1	Percentage of critical human rights issues/situations raised by UN Human Rights which have been taken up in international fora in a timely manner.	60%	n/a ¹⁰
		10.2	No. of countries of engagement where the international community has objectively engaged on specific issues raised by UN Human Rights.	18	13
(0		10.3	No. of international and regional fora which have included human rights issues and/or established standing mechanisms/ procedures to address human rights situations on an ongoing basis.	10	11 mechanisms
Involvement of other actors	approach, including gender equality and the right to development, increasingly integrated into UN policies and programmes 11 11	11.1	No. of countries of engagement with UN peace missions which have integrated international human rights standards and principles, as well as the recommendations of the human rights mechanisms, into their work to a significant extent.	15	14
		11.2	No. of countries of engagement with humanitarian operations which have integrated international human rights standards and principles, as well as the recommendations of the human rights mechanisms, into their work to a significant extent.	19	20
		11.3	No. of countries of engagement where UN guidelines incorporating a human rights-based approach have been applied to a significant extent by a number of UN entity programmes.	31	32
		11.4	No. of countries of engagement where UN common country programmes (i.e., UNDAFs) have satisfactorily integrated international human rights standards and principles, as well as the recommendations of the human rights mechanisms.	47	53
		11.5	No. of UN policies and programmes at the global level which integrate a human rights-based approach to a significant extent.	10	26

Targets were revised in the context of the mid-term review of the OHCHR Management Plan 2014-2017 that was conducted in 2015. These numbers only apply to the current cycle and should not be understood as the baseline for upcoming programming cycles.

⁹ The indicator is not measurable as available data does not allow for a calculation of the percentage. Treaty body recommendations and special procedures recommendations have been taken up by the Human Rights Council in the context of the UPR to a significant extent.

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Analysis of the assessments of the indicators

During the reporting cycle, UN Human Rights has made significant progress as a results-based organization. In widely varied contexts, plans were consistently implemented and reports were drafted in relation to almost all of the planned results, regardless of the extent to which they were achieved. In cases where targets were not achieved, explanations were provided to ensure that lessons were identified to inform future decision-making about the planning of results, target setting and the selection of strategies.

Of the above-mentioned targets, UN Human Rights achieved or exceeded targets for 23 of the 33 assessed global targets. In relation to nine of the targets, the level of achievement ranged between 70 and 80 per cent. Finally, the percentage of achievement in relation to four targets was between 50 per cent and 70 per cent.

The countries of engagement are not limited to countries where UN Human Rights has a presence. However, a reduction in the number and size of field presences unquestionably impacted the achievement of targets at the national level. Specifically, several field presences were closed or reduced in size, i.e. Bolivia, Côte d'Ivoire and Togo. Furthermore, as noted above, adjustments were made to programme implementation plans in some countries in order to reflect implementation challenges or the development of new trends/situations. This was the case in countries/regions where events of a considerable magnitude took place that largely rendered the original results frameworks irrelevant (i.e., Bahrain, Burundi, Egypt, Guinea-Bissau, Iraq, Libya, Mauritania, Myanmar, South Sudan, Sudan (Darfur), Yemen). The impact on the achievement of targets of all indicators was particularly evident in terms of increased compliance of national legislation, policies, programmes and institutions with international human rights standards (EA 1 and EA 4). In response, UN Human Rights successfully focused its programme on strategies to increase the responsiveness of the international community (EA 10), the functioning of protection mechanisms (EA 3) and the mainstreaming of human rights into UN policies and programmes (EA 11).

The OMP 2014-2017 emphasized a strengthening of the international protection system by improving the engagement of Member States, civil society and the larger UN family with the international human rights mechanisms. This is an area where all targets were met and

exceeded. In the case of the Universal Periodic Review. the engagement of Member States was 100 per cent during the second cycle and the number of submissions made by the UN and civil society increased. Also, more Heads of States and ministers attended the UPR consultations and sessions of the Human Rights Council. With regard to the treaty bodies, the strengthening process provided funding for additional meeting hours, which resulted in the review of more country reports. There was an increase in the number of submitted initial and long overdue reports, which in turn enabled civil society groups to engage with the treaty bodies through their submission of alternative reports. Moreover, rightsholders made more submissions to the mechanisms in relation to individual cases. Finally, although Member State engagement with the special procedures is not yet universal, there was a clear improvement. For instance, more standing invitations were issued, thematic procedures visited more countries and more positive responses were received from governments in response to individual complaints.

Another area of focus in the OMP 2014-2017 was the increased integration of human rights into UN policies and programmes. All of the set targets were achieved. On the other hand, not all global targets that measured the increased compliance of national legislation policies, programmes and institutions with international human rights standards were achieved. One exception was in relation to the institutionalization of human rights training. Specifically, engagement with national institutions to develop curricula/modules that would integrate human rights into mandatory training for the judiciary, police or army or in the curricula of formal education led to the institutionalization of human rights training in 24 countries. With regard to the compliance of legislation and policies with international human rights standards, a significant improvement in one or more areas was achieved in 39 countries of engagement. The established target was 54 countries. The progress achieved in the remaining countries of engagement varied to a considerable extent. No progress was reported in those cases where the deteriorating human rights situation did not allow for further engagement on these issues. In several countries of engagement, draft legislation or policies in compliance with international human rights standards have been presented to their respective legislative bodies and are pending approval. Finally, in many cases, the assessment showed that working to achieve legislative changes encouraged the development of a strong constituency where government institutions, civil society organizations and the general public could exchange views on these issues.

Overall, ensuring the compliance of institutions with international human rights standards, withdrawing

reservations to treaties and establishing human rightscompliant transitional justice mechanisms have been identified as areas where results fell short of the targets set at the national level.

Lessons learned from the implementation of the OMP 2014-2017

UN Human Rights has used results-based management (RBM) as the foundation for its management strategy for the past four years. RBM fosters a results-oriented culture that focuses on the achievement of a set of goals and the use of feedback and accountability to develop, implement, evaluate and report on operational activities.

In accordance with RBM, UN Human Rights has successfully institutionalized an evaluation function and culture founded on a systematic, methodological approach. Office-wide evaluations have been instrumental in determining how to make the UN Human Rights programme more relevant, effective, efficient and sustainable.

During the reporting period, UN Human Rights carried out an unprecedented number of strategic/cross-cutting evaluations of a wide variety of activities, including support that was provided to national human rights institutions (NHRIs) and in relation to the alignment of national legislation with international human rights standards (from 2017). Evaluations were also undertaken of the regional gender advisers structure and of the programmes that were supported by human rights advisers.

Moreover, a number of de-centralized evaluations of field presences programmes and projects were conducted regarding: the programme of the Regional Office for Central Asia; the internal reviews for Honduras, Mexico and Uganda; the Maya Programme for the Full Exercise of Indigenous Peoples' Rights in Guatemala; the projects on "Combating Discrimination in the Republic of Moldova" and "Building Capacities for Human Rights Monitoring Protection and Advocacy in Tajikistan;" The Impact of Technical Assistance and Capacity-Building on the Human Rights Situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (as requested by the Human Rights Council); the review of the UN Network on Racial Discrimination and Protection of Minorities as well as two lessons learned exercises from the projects "Human Rights Protection in the South of

Kyrgyzstan" and "Human Rights Protection for Stability in Central Asia."

In addition, UN Human Rights supported external evaluation processes regarding: an evaluation of UN Human Rights by the Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS), which emphasized the work of the field presences; another OIOS evaluation, conducted in 2017, which focused on human rights protection in peace-keeping operations; and an assessment undertaken by the Multilateral Organization Performance Assessment Network of UN Human Rights, which began in 2017 and will continue in 2018.

As a standard practice, action plans for the implementation of evaluation recommendations are submitted to the Office's Programme Budget Review Board for their review and endorsement. The implementation of the action plans is monitored every six months.

Furthermore, a meta-analysis of the results of the evaluations and audits conducted during the programming cycle 2014-2017 was undertaken, which included the assessment of 12 external and internal evaluations, 10 audits and two lessons learned exercises. The conclusions of the evaluations, good practices, lessons learned and recommendations were categorized and analysed according to thematic areas and geographic scope. The results of the meta-analysis provided inputs for the development of the OHCHR Management Plan (OMP) 2018-2021.

The following lessons learned were extracted from the meta-analysis of the results of evaluations conducted in UN Human Rights during the programming cycle 2014-2017, as well as those from monitoring reports.

Lessons learned related to thematic issues

Compliance of national laws policies and institutions

UN Human Rights uses several types of strategic interventions to achieve its intended results. For instance, the Office provides institutionalized training of judges and prosecutors on the application of international human rights law, encourages the judicial and quasi-judicial pursuit of emblematic cases and monitors trials in order to facilitate changes in national judicial systems, strengthen the rule of law and ensure compliance with international human rights standards. Specific achievements in these areas were identified in the evaluations of the projects "Combating Discrimination in the Republic of Moldova" and the "Maya Programme for the Full Exercise of Indigenous Peoples' Rights in Guatemala."

Technical support for capacity-building is also another strategy that the Office employs to increase the compliance of NHRIs and governments with international human rights standards. As identified during the evaluation of the support that UN Human Rights provided to NHRIs, technical support includes the use of tools and methodologies developed by the Office, especially human rights indicators. The information collected by UN Human Rights in the course of its human rights monitoring activities is also used to support advocacy efforts and needs assessments that in turn enable the development of appropriate capacity-building initiatives for local stakeholders.

Protections systems and accountability mechanisms

UN Human Rights seeks to ensure the functioning and compliance with international human rights standards of protection systems and accountability mechanisms that monitor, investigate and redress human rights violations. Field presences are key to ensuring that UN Human Rights is able to contribute to the establishment and operation of these systems and mechanisms at the national level. The evaluations of regional and country programmes that were conducted during the cycle indicated that mapping processes and a clear understanding of the unique needs on the ground are essential for building the capacity of local stakeholders to effectively engage with the international human rights mechanisms.

The same evaluations further noted that close cooperation with local governments, NHRIs, civil society organizations and other stakeholders through advocacy, capacity-building and technical advice improves the effectiveness of field work and contributes to the national ownership and sustainability of human rights protection systems and accountability mechanisms.

Participation

UN Human Rights assists rights-holders to claim their rights by supporting their use of national protection systems and participation in public processes. The evaluations of the support provided by the Office to NHRIs and of various regional and country programmes underlined the importance of the technical advice and capacity-building assistance that UN Human Rights offers to local stakeholders. This takes the form of elaborating human rights tools and methodologies, teaching skills for human rights monitoring, protection and advocacy, and establishing networks of victims, beneficiaries and other rights-holders.

Engagement of Member States with international human rights mechanisms

At the international level, UN Human Rights seeks to ensure that duty-bearers uphold their human rights obligations by supporting the engagement of States with international human rights mechanisms. As highlighted in the OIOS evaluation of UN Human Rights and the internal evaluations of field presences, the engagement of Member States with international human rights mechanisms enables UN Human Rights to better support countries in fulfilling their commitments and strengthening their accountability. The evaluations of regional and country programmes concluded that a crucial element of this support is the identification of strategies that will ensure that follow-up to these commitments is integrated into the Office's country or regional work plans.

Engagement by the international community

UN Human Rights promotes the active involvement of international actors in human rights activities by encouraging their increased responsiveness to critical human rights situations and issues. As noted in the study conducted in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, a large field presence and the ongoing outreach activities of the human rights components in United Nations peacekeeping operations provide multiple opportunities for human rights staff to play a critical role in early warning initiatives and interventions for the protection of civilians. These efforts can be significantly strengthened through the use of human rights-related data that they have collected.

Human rights integrated into UN policies and programmes

The evaluation of programmes supported by human rights advisers and others that were based in field presences noted that engagement with UN entities and United Nations Country Teams, including through the sharing of information and strengthened communication and coordination, significantly increased their knowledge about international human rights standards and mechanisms. This engagement during the reporting period ensured that the staff of UN agencies had the capacity to fully implement a human rights-based approach and the Human Rights up Front Initiative.

Lessons learned related to management issues

Strategic decisions

UN Human Rights aims to promote improved understanding among staff and senior management about RBM principles and the importance of "managing for results." Every organizational unit and field office in UN Human Rights plans, monitors and reports through an IT-based Performance Monitoring System that is based on a common results framework that uses RBM methodologies and principles.

The Joint Inspection Unit undertook an evaluation of RBM in the UN System, in 2017, and highlighted that results-based management practices at the entity level, such as use of the UN Human Rights Performance Monitoring System, can contribute to the alignment of programme planning, programme aspects of the budget, monitoring implementation and methods of evaluation and related tools that are managed at the United Nations Secretariat level.

In addition, project evaluations conducted at the field level concluded that a long-term investment of time and trust is needed to positively impact on the enjoyment of human rights. As a result, medium- or long-term planning is crucial to the development of strategic decision-making. This is particularly important for short-term projects or programmes where setting overly ambitious goals may cause undue stress for the implementing staff regarding their delivery.

Field operations

Increasing efficiency in supporting field operations is crucial as the Office enhances its field engagement. Several regional and country programmes and projects were evaluated during the programming cycle. This enabled the Office to identify the following important lessons that were learned and should be taken into account in future interventions.

Guidelines and review mechanisms can assist field presences to establish appropriate organizational structures and clarify strategies to narrow down the scope of activities in accordance with needs on the ground and the comparative advantages of UN Human Rights.

Limited access to financial, administrative and human resources, including for staff members that are living in difficult conditions in the field, restricts their potential to have a substantive impact on human rights issues on the ground. To offset these limitations, there is a need for the streamlining and expediting of internal administrative and financial procedures for field presences, especially the deployment of staff, which can increase the effectiveness of field operations, particularly those that are affected by high turnover.

Finally, evaluations that assessed the effectiveness of organizational arrangements at the field level indicated that field presences are better at understanding the complex environment in which they operate and at implementing the Office's mandate whenever they are composed of a diversified workforce, both in terms of gender diversity and professional backgrounds. They also indicated that field presences need to focus on the key human rights issues in their respective countries or regions, identified through systematic needs assessments, to which UN Human Rights can contribute added value.

Staff training

The knowledge and expertise of its staff are one of UN Human Rights' comparative advantages. As the project and programme evaluations at the field level concluded, the effective implementation of the UN Human Rights programme requires regular staff capacity needs assessments, development of training plans for all staff and access for all staff to relevant training programmes. These capacity-building efforts are particularly useful in areas such as: project management, RBM systems, resource mobilization and financial reporting. When the mandate of a field presence involves special themes that require particular knowledge or skills, focused assessments of capacity needs should be taken into account to develop appropriate training plans.

Annex III: Abbreviations and acronyms

CAT	-Committee against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading	HRDDP	Human Rights Due Diligence Policy
	Treatment or Punishment -Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading	HRMMU	Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine
	Treatment or Punishment	HRUF	Human Rights up Front
CCA	Common Country Assessment	IASC	Inter-Agency Standing Committee
CED	Committee on Enforced Disappearances	ICPPED	International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance
CEDAW	-Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women -Convention on the Elimination of	ICCPR	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
	All Forms of Discrimination against Women	ICCPR-OP1	First Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and
CERD	Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination		Political Rights
CESCR	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights	ICCPR-OP2	Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
CMW	Committee on Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families	ICERD	International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination
CRC	-Committee on the Rights of the Child -Convention on the Rights of the Child	ICESCR	International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
CRPD	-Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities -Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	ICRMW	International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families
CSO	Civil Society Organization	ICRC	International Committee of the Red
DFS	Department of Field Support	ICRC	Cross
DPA	Department of Political Affairs	ILO	International Labour Organization
DPKO	Department of Peacekeeping Operations	IOM	International Organization for Migration
EA	Expected Accomplishment	LDCs	Least Developed Countries
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization	LGBTI	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender
GANHRI	Global Alliance for National Human Rights Institutions	MINUJUSTH	and Intersex persons United Nations Mission for Justice
GMO	Global Management Output		Support in Haiti
HRA	Human Rights Adviser	MINUSCA	United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic
HRBA	Human Rights-Based Approach	MINUSMA	United Nations Multidimensional
HRC HR Committee	Human Rights Council Human Rights Committee		Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali

MONUSCO	United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
NHRI	National Human Rights Institution
NPM	National Preventive Mechanism
ОСНА	Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
OHCHR	Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
ОМР	OHCHR Management Plan
OP-CAT	Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment
OP-CEDAW	Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
OP-CRC-AC	Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict
OP-CRC-SC	Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography
OP-CRC-IC	Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure
OP-ICESCR	Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
RBM	Results-Based Management
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
SIDS	Small Island Developing States
SGBV	Sexual and Gender-Based Violence
SOP	Standard Operating Procedure
SPT	Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

UDHR	Universal Declaration of Human Rights
UNAMA	United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan
UNAMID	African Union - United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur
UNAMI	United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq
UNCT	United Nations Country Team
UNDAF	United Nations Development Assistance Framework
UNDG	United Nations Development Group
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNIOGBIS	United Nations Peacebuilding Support Office in Guinea-Bissau
UNJHRO	United Nations Joint Human Rights Office
UNMIL	United Nations Mission in Liberia
UNMISS	United Nations Mission in South Sudan
UNOCI	United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire
UNODC	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
UNOG	United Nations Office at Geneva
UNSMIL	United Nations Support Mission in Libya
UNSOM	United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia
UPR	Universal Periodic Review
WHO	World Health Organization

Annex IV: UN Human Rights organizational chart

