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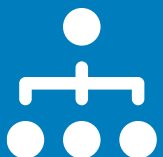
Amendments to the WFP Evaluation Policy

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Proposed change in evaluation policy (para 56) on Regional Evaluation Units (REU) budgeting and reporting lines



Each regional bureau will continue to maintain a regional evaluation unit headed by an experienced evaluation specialist reporting directly to the **Director of Evaluation (DoE) or designate**.



These posts are financed through **OEV's programme support and administrative budgets or alternative funding source** in order to ensure predictability, independence from programmes and adequate staffing.

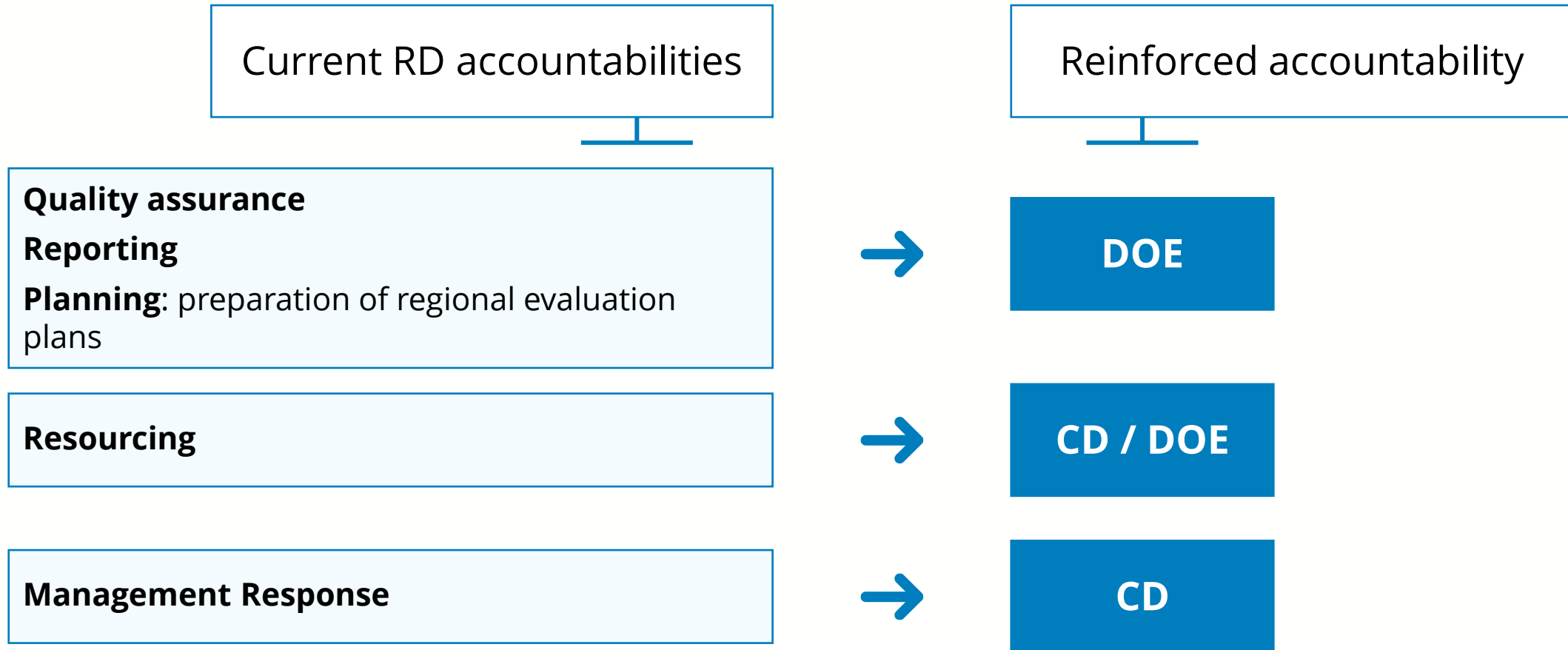
RD's evaluation-related accountabilities to continue

Overarching accountability (**Management Accountability Framework**): Regional directors ensure country offices effectively use evaluations to enhance learning, strengthen accountability, and enable evidence-based decision-making in the areas of their accountabilities

Regional engagement

- In partnership with other UN entities, supporting national evaluation capacity development at country and regional levels
- Supporting the commissioning and management of joint evaluations

RD's evaluation-related accountabilities to be transferred



RD's evaluation-related accountabilities to be retained after removal/transfer

Planning

- Engaging in regular consultations with OEV and country offices to ensure complementarity among evaluations commissioned across the function;
- Ensuring that plans for evaluations are included in the design of regional strategies, interventions and other initiatives;
- ~~Ensuring the preparation and annual update of regional evaluation plans. [Covered by the DoE]~~

Capacity development

- ~~With OEV, providing technical advice to country offices managing evaluations; [Covered by the DoE]~~
- Contributing to the strengthening of evaluation capacity across the region;
- Facilitating evaluation capacity development initiatives in line with the WFP evaluation capacity development strategy.

Use

- ~~Ensuring that CSP and new programmes, initiatives and strategies prepared in the region are based on evidence from evaluations; [Covered by all stakeholders]~~
- ~~Ensuring that all reports on evaluations commissioned within the region are publicly available; [Covered by the DoE]~~
- Promoting the development of evidence products such as evidence summaries
- Facilitating the use of and learning from evaluation evidence within the region and among countries.

RD's evaluation-related accountabilities to be shifted

~~Normative framework~~



Institutional arrangements

Support regional evaluation strategies and chairing of regional evaluation committees

Key issues

Location

Budget
Consolidation

Reporting
Line

- **Keep expertise on the same time zone**, with relevant language skills and regional knowledge, to respond to Country Office demands and to support use of evidence from all types of evaluations.
- **Optimize human resource capacity across regions** i.e. on language or areas of expertise.
- **Utilize more efficiently financial resources across function** given the demand-led approach to Decentralized Evaluations (DEs) and Impact Evaluations (IEs). Safeguards minimum capacity and business continuity.
- **Reduces the risks** of any perceived lack of independence.