

# UNICEF and WFP Global Impact Evaluation Forum 2024 at the United Nations



## PARALLEL SESSION 4

### Theme 1

## Capacity development for practitioners in impact evaluation

### OVERVIEW OF SESSION

This session focuses on how to build the capacity of practitioners in humanitarian and development work to conduct and interpret impact evaluations. Strengthening capacity is imperative to achieve lasting impact. By strengthening practitioners' skills, one not only improves the quality of research but also enhances their ability to drive meaningful change. The session aims to foster discussions on the challenges and opportunities of integrating impact evaluation methodologies into livelihood interventions and child protection work. Participants will explore models for training non-specialists, developing communities of practice to support the adoption of these methodologies, and building partnerships among institutions committed to using impact evaluation to improve outcomes.

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