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**Management observation of the Proposal for Strengthening Evaluation in
Decentralized Offices**

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Overall response to the proposal

1. Management commends the proposal on enhancing the use of evaluation for learning in FAO at regional and country levels through decentralized evaluation. It supports approaches that aim to generate additional evaluation evidence and learning and to make it transparent for wider learning.
2. Management welcomes the focus on enhancing learning at the country and regional levels and agrees that level is crucial in the context of the 2030 Agenda and the repositioning of the UN Development System.
3. Management also commends the proposal for its attentiveness towards addressing capacity challenges at country level and seeking solutions that are expected to be manageable and with no additional costs. It will be important to monitor the roll out of the proposal to ensure this remains the case.
4. Regarding the proposed Regional Evaluation Teams composed of outposted OED staff, Management concurs that such teams are likely to benefit from better understanding the regional programmatic context and from collaborating with programme managers at regional and national levels. Management stresses, however, that the need for OED to preserve independence is paramount and that any new arrangements must not compromise this core principle. Management suggests that OED may also wish to consider building maximum time periods that team members would remain in one location into the proposal.
5. Management supports the phased implementation approach as planned, in order to ensure that the proposal reaps the foreseen benefits. It also welcomes the opportunity for the new model to contribute to the Organization's programming cycle and results-based management system and looks forward to collaborating on this further.