

Costed Evaluation Plan

Programme Cycle:	GOVERNMENT OF ETHIOPIA/UNFPA 9TH COUNTRY PROGRAMME: JULY 2020 - JUNE 2025
Evidence utilized in the design of the costed plan	<p>The Costed Evaluation Plan for UNFPA Ethiopia’s 9th Country Programme was informed by the evaluation of the 8th country programme conducted in 2019, and the mid-term review of the UNDAF for Ethiopia 2016 – 2020, conducted in 2018. The 8th Country Programme evaluation report has not yet been rated because it is still undergoing quality review and assessment.</p> <p>Also reference was made to (a) UNFPA Evaluation Office guidance on preparing costed evaluation plans (November 2018); (b) UNFPA evaluation policy 2019 (with special attention to the key features of the policy i.e. enhanced focus on the use of evaluations, greater emphasis on UN coherence through joint evaluations, system-wide evaluations, UN Evaluation Group, and Inter-Agency Humanitarian Evaluation); and (c) the UNFPA Evaluation Handbook 2019.</p>
CP areas	Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH), Adolescents and Youth (A&Y), Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment (GEWE), and Population Dynamics (PD)

Evaluations

Exercise title and type	Purpose of the Exercise	Start and end date (Month, Year)	Estimated Cost \$ ¹	Source of Funding	Key partners when conducting the exercise	Is it a joint exercise?
Evaluability Assessment of the CPD	Determine the readiness of the CPD for end-of-cycle evaluation by investigating the credibility, feasibility, and acceptability of the CP and inform any modifications to ensure the achievement of the planned results. The major users of the results of the evaluability assessment include UNFPA and IPs.	September - November 2023	30,000	Regular resources	The EA Working Group comprising of UNFPA, and selected UN agencies, and partners	No
Country Programme Annual Reviews	Assess and identify any corrective measures to be taken with regards to relevance and effectiveness of the CP and to contribute to continuous evidence-based learning. The major users of the results of the programme annual reviews include UNFPA CO and IPs.	June 2021, June 2022, June 2023, June 2024, and June 2025	50,000	Regular resources	Implementing partners, Beneficiaries, UNFPA, UN Agencies, donors, and selected development	No

¹ The budget of the evaluation plan should be commensurate to the overall budget of the country programme

					and humanitarian partners	
Country Programme Evaluation (CPE)	To enhance the CO's contribution to the realization of UNFPA strategic goals, the SDGs and Government priorities, an independent assessment of the relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, sustainability, and overall performance and achievements of the 9 th CPD will be conducted to inform the development of new CPD.	June - November 2024	100,000	Regular resources	Implementing partners, Beneficiaries, UNFPA, UN Agencies, donors, and selected development and humanitarian partners	No
Thematic Joint Programme Evaluations (GBV and A&Y)	Assess programme performance and achievement of the planned results and facilitate management for results, accountability, knowledge generation, and learning. Evaluation criteria and focus will cover effectiveness, efficiency, sustainability, relevance, impact, and replicability of the joint programmers. Key users of the evaluations include UNFPA, collaborating UN agencies, and Implementing Partners.	According to the individual joint programme evaluation plans	50,000 (UNFPA's contribution)	Non-core resources	UN system and partners	yes
UNSDCF Evaluation	Assess the relevance of UNSDCF outcomes to the CPD outcomes and to generate lessons to support the realignment and inform UNFPA's inputs to the next UNSDCF. The major users of the evaluations include the UNFPA.	According to the UNSDCF Review and Evaluation Plan	20,000 (UNFPA's contribution to the RCO)	Core and Non-core resources	UN System, Government of Ethiopia, civil society organizations, and development partners	Yes

Evaluative activities (not evaluations)						
UN coherence in evaluation	Enable the UNFPA CO to benefit from the sharing of M&E ideas and knowledge within the UN system, and ensure visibility of UNFPA within UNCT. The major users of UN coherence in evaluation include the UNFPA Country SMT, programme staff.	As per UNCT M&E Task Force Schedule	Minimal	Regular resources	UNFPA country SMT and M and E, and other UN agencies	Yes
Internal capacity development activity on evaluation	Leverage results of the CPD through fostering the operationalization of RBM through training, workshops, conferences and other capacity building activities targeting UNFPA programme staff.	According to UNFPA Staff Capacity Development Plan of the CO	Minimal	Regular resources	UNFPA programme staff	No
National Evaluation Capacity Development on evaluation	Leverage results of the CPD through fostering the operationalization of RBM through training, workshops, conferences and other capacity building activities targeting the IPs.	According to the IP Capacity Development Plan of the CO	40,000	Regular resources	Programme staff of UNFPA implementing partners	No
TOTAL			290,000			

A. Template for the technical review of the costed evaluation plan by the Evaluation Office

The table below contains the format to be utilized by the Evaluation Office for the technical review of costed evaluation plans.

General comments on the evaluation plan:	
Name of Country:	
Programme cycle:	
Region:	
Criteria	Assessment
Appropriateness of format including: Evaluation title, purpose of evaluation, timeline including start and end date, estimated cost, source of funding, key evaluation partners	
Articulation with evidence from other evaluations or exercises to prepare the plan and evidence of mapping of information needs to be addressed by plan	
Articulation of purpose of the proposed evaluations	
Number and nature of evaluations foreseen taking into consideration the budget of CPD and programmatic portfolio	
Adequacy of estimated cost of each evaluation	
Adequacy of expected duration of each evaluation	
Timeliness of the exercises to provide input to the next CPD design and programming	