

## Corporate evaluations/studies (2014-2015)

Status as at 2/12/2015

<i>Title</i>	<i>Budget (USD)</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Comments</i>	<i>Management Response</i>
1. Joint Evaluation of Joint Gender Programmes in the UN System	452,825.12	Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report released in November 2013</li> <li>• Budget: UNFPA contribution: USD 14,304.28</li> </ul>	Completed
2. Independent evaluation of the Lebanon Country Programme (2010-2014)	96,312	Completed	Report released in June 2014	Completed
3. Independent evaluation of the Turkey Country Programme (2011-2015)	103,034	Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final report to be released in March 2015</li> <li>• Country Office contribution: USD 38,062</li> </ul>	Under way
4. Evaluation of UNFPA Support to Family Planning (2008-2013)	528,000	Implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inception report released in December 2014</li> <li>• Country case study notes (5) to be released in September 2015</li> <li>• Final report to be released in April 2016</li> <li>• Budget is inclusive of a contract value of USD 439,143</li> </ul>	
5. Evaluation of UNFPA Support to Adolescents and Youth (2008-2014)	518,000	Implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inception report released in February 2015</li> <li>• Country case study notes (6) to be released in December 2015</li> <li>• Final report to be released in May 2016</li> <li>• Budget is inclusive of a contract value of USD 439,670</li> </ul>	
6. Evaluation of UNFPA support to population and housing census data to inform decision-making and policy formulation (2005-2014)	477,000	Implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inception report released in December 2014</li> <li>• Country case study notes (6) to be released in September 2015</li> <li>• Final report to be released in January 2016</li> <li>• Budget is inclusive of a contract value of USD 381,974</li> </ul>	
7. Independent evaluation of the Bangladesh Country Programme (2012-2016)	100,000	Preparatory phase	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final report to be released in February 2016</li> <li>• Country Office contribution: USD 80,000</li> </ul>	

## Annex I

<i>Title</i>	<i>Budget (USD)</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Comments</i>	<i>Management Response</i>
8. Synthesis of UNFPA Programme-Level Evaluations (2010-2013)	49,570	Reporting phase	Final report to be released in May 2015 <i>(See below for further details)</i>	
9. End-line evaluation of H4+ Partnership – Joint support to improve women’s and children’s health	500,000 to 750,000	Preparatory phase	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final report expected in the last quarter of 2016 <i>(See below for further details)</i></li> <li>• All funds from H4+ programme; Budget to be confirmed after scoping</li> </ul>	
10. Mid-term evaluation of the Global Programme to Enhance Reproductive Health Commodity Security (GPRHCS II 2013-2020)	500,000 to 750,000	Preparatory phase	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final report expected in 2017 <i>(See below for further details)</i></li> <li>• All funds from the GPRHCS II; Budget to be confirmed after scoping</li> </ul>	

### **A. Synthesis of UNFPA programme-level evaluations (2010-2013)**

In September 2014, the UNFPA Evaluation Office commissioned a review to synthesize information from final reports of UNFPA programme-level evaluations. The purpose is to contribute to organisational lesson learning and to inform the identification of organisational needs for the improvement of quality of UNFPA programme-level evaluations. The majority of programme-level evaluations are country programme evaluations and the review has focused on 30 final reports of country programme evaluations managed by UNFPA during the period 2010-2013.

The first objective is to review the main findings and recommendations from country programme evaluation reports and generate lessons learned on the relevance and performance of UNFPA country programmes in the three UNFPA programmatic areas of reproductive health, population and development and gender equality, as well as key focus areas outlined in the UNFPA Strategic Plan 2014-2017. A second objective is to review the results from the current UNFPA quality assessment system for country programme evaluation reports and identify trends in quality as well as examples of good practice and lessons for the organisation.

The final report will present lessons learned on quality and performance of UNFPA country programme against key evaluation criteria, including issues of particular interest to UNFPA (such as outreach of vulnerable and disadvantaged groups). The report will also present a number of reflections and recommendations. In February 2015, a draft final report was submitted to the Evaluation Office for comments and quality assurance. It is anticipated that the final report will be available in May 2015.

Indicative budget: \$49,570

### **B. End-line evaluation of H4+ Partnership – joint support to improve women’s and children’s health**

In 2008 UNICEF, UNFPA, WHO, and the World Bank<sup>1</sup> launched the H4 partnership harmonizing support provided to the countries in their efforts to accelerate progress on the reduction of maternal mortality, and improve reproductive health including maternal and newborn health (MNH). This partnership became known as “H4+” when UN Women and UNAIDS joined this common initiative in 2011-12. The goal of H4+ is to accelerate global progress in Sexual Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (SRMNCH) particularly through accelerating progress toward achieving the Millennium Development Goals numbers 4 (*Reduce Child Mortality*) and 5 (*Improve Maternal Health*). In 2010, the United Nations Secretary General spearheaded a global movement known as Every Woman, Every Child (EWEC) to mobilize and intensify global action to improve the health of women and children around the world; the H4+ became the technical arm to implement EWEC.

H4+ received support through a five year (2011-2016) USD 50 million grant from Canada specifically directed at country-level initiatives in five African countries (Burkina Faso, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Sierra Leone, Zambia and Zimbabwe). Subsequently, Sweden International Development Agency (Sida) supported an additional 6 country (Cameroon, Cote d’Ivoire, Ethiopia, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia and Zimbabwe) through a USD 52 million grant for the period 2013-16. The H4+ programme in Canada and Sida supported countries is known as “H4+ Joint Programme.” The H4+ Joint programme is supporting: (i) country level efforts to fulfill commitments made under the EWEC; and (ii) global and regional initiatives for accelerating progress towards MDGs 4 and 5 by strengthening national health systems for the provision of comprehensive integrated gender sensitive and equitable SRMNCH plans.

An end line evaluation of the H4+ Joint programme under H4+ Canada and Sida collaboration will be undertaken with a view to providing an overall independent assessment of H4+ support to Sexual Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health at policy and programme level; the innovations promoted to apply local solutions and effectiveness of coordination mechanism at country, regional and global levels; and to identify key lessons learned for future strategies. The Evaluation Office will explore the possibilities to conduct this evaluation jointly with UNICEF and WHO. The preparatory work for the evaluation will be launched in the second quarter of 2015 with a view to delivering a final evaluation report in the last quarter of 2016.

Indicative budget: \$500,000 - \$750,000

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<sup>1</sup> The World Bank joined H4 in order to increase its collaboration in the SRH/MNCH field and support EWEC.

**C. Mid-term evaluation of the Global Programme to Enhance Reproductive Health Commodity Security (GPRHCS II 2013-2020)**

The Global Programme to Enhance Reproductive Health Commodity Security (GPRHCS) was launched in 2007 to provide multi-year comprehensive support to 12 countries; targeted funding for specific initiative in 34 countries; and ad hoc funding for humanitarian interventions in selected countries. The aim of the programme was to assist the selected countries make rapid progress towards Reproductive Health Commodity Security (RHCS), hence contributing to accelerating progress toward achieving of the programme of action of the International Conference on population and Development (ICPD) and the Millennium Development Goals number 5.b (universal access to reproductive health).

In 2013, the GPRHCS entered its second phase (2013-2020) as one of UNFPA main mechanisms for contributing to universal access to reproductive health in 46 countries, and to the achievement of the FP2020 goal of the London Family Summit of enabling 120 million women in the world's poorest countries to access and use contraceptives in these countries. While procurement of reproductive health supplies has remained a core function, in its second phase, the GPRHCS supports capacity development with a view to ensuring sustainable approaches to RHCS in programme countries. The GPRHCS Phase II programme document estimates that the total resources required are of approximately USD 1.9 billion from 2013 to 2020 with annual budgets progressively increasing over the eight-year period.

An evaluability assessment was conducted in 2014 to ascertain whether its objectives are adequately defined; assess the strength and coherence of its design and logic as well as the verifiability of its expected results. The exercise also aimed at assessing the extent to which the programme could be evaluated in a reliable and credible manner at midterm and final stages of the programme. Considering the challenging contexts in which the GPRHCS operates, the Evaluability assessment recommended a mid-term evaluation after two to three full years of implementation, followed by an evaluation in 2019. The midterm evaluation will aim at assessing the continued relevance of GPRHCS interventions and the progress made towards achieving its planned objectives.

It will provide an opportunity to make modifications to ensure the achievement of these objectives by 2020. In addition, the midterm evaluation will provide an opportunity to ascertain that interventions under the GPRHCS II are implemented in an efficient manner.

This evaluation will be managed by the UNFPA Evaluation Office.

Indicative budget: \$500,000 - \$750,000