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Annual report of the UNFPA Evaluation Office, 2015

Thematic evaluation of UNFPA support to population and housing census data to inform decision-making and policy formulation, 2005-2014

The Executive Board

Part A: Annual report on evaluation for 2015

1. *Takes note* of the present report on the evaluation function at UNFPA (DP/FPA/2016/5), including the Evaluation Office workplan for 2016 (annex I), and the management response to the report;
2. *Reaffirms* the role played by the evaluation function in UNFPA, and the relevance of the principles set out in the revised evaluation policy (DP/FPA/2013/5), and reiterates the importance of adequate resource allocations for evaluation, including from other resources for noncore-funded programmes;
3. *Welcomes* the improvements in the quality of decentralized evaluations, and encourages UNFPA to continue to strengthen capacities and to allocate adequate resources, as appropriate, for decentralized monitoring and evaluation;
4. *Takes note* of the progress in the implementation of the recommendations presented in the 2015 report, and encourages UNFPA to take further action to ensure their full implementation;
5. *Requests* the Evaluation Office to report in 2017 on the state of the evaluation function at UNFPA.

Part B: Thematic evaluation of UNFPA support to population and housing census data to inform decision-making and policy formulation 2005-2014

6. *Takes note* of the thematic evaluation of UNFPA support to population and housing census data to inform decision-making and policy formulation, 2005-2014, and the management response to the report;

7. *Welcomes* the findings and conclusions of the thematic evaluation, especially the recognition of the important role of UNFPA in supporting census within the United Nations system and with national statistics offices, and the significant contribution that UNFPA support provided to the 2010 census round;

8. *Recognizes* the importance of the work of UNFPA in supporting countries to undertake the 2020 round of census and to build the capacity to generate and use such data, as well as civil registration and vital data for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, and stresses the need for countries and other partners to extend the necessary support to position the organization in this regard;

9. *Notes* that a number of strategic issues raised in the report require continued attention and follow-up by management, and welcomes the fact that UNFPA management has already implemented a number of the recommendations set forth in the report;

10. *Requests* UNFPA to fully take into account the recommendations of the thematic evaluation in its strategic and operational response, and to include an update on progress at the annual session 2017.

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