

UNFPA Management Response to: Evaluation of the 7th UNFPA Country Programme for Malawi (2012-2018)

Evaluation Coverage Time Period: 2012-2018

Year of Management Response: 2018

Recommendation Title	Recommendation	Accepted/ Not Accepted	Priority	Action Title	Action Description	Estimated Implementation Date
1. Strategic Recommendation 1: All Programme areas	1. There is need for the UNFPA CO to continue building and strengthening partnerships with other UN Agencies under the umbrella of Delivering as One (DaO) so that resources can be sourced and pooled together to support joint programmes of the UNCT thereby enhancing the added value of UNFPA. Partnerships with bilateral development partners and national departments should also be explored and strengthened.	Accepted	High	1.1 Strategic Partnership Engagement	<p>1.1 UNFPA CO guided by 8th CP intergrated resource mobilization, partnership and South-South Cooperation plan will expand the scope of partnership with multisectoral, billateral and private partners including non state actors in the sectors of Youth, HIV, Humanitarian, Family Planning areas.</p> <p>1.2 UNFPA CO will undertake a mapping exercise to identify new and strengthen the existing partnerships.</p>	12/31/2020

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Programmatic Recommendation 1: All Programmes	Continue to align the CP to national and international goals and objectives with regards to SRH/HIV and gender equality and women empowerment, with greater emphasis on the needs of the community that UNFPA supports.	Accepted	High	CPD prioritize interventions targetting the Community beneficiaries	2.1 UNFPA CO 8th Country Programme Document is in line with the Malawi Growth and Development Strategy III (2017-2022) which responds to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It is also aligned to the UNFPA Strategic Plan for 2018-2021 and the 2019-2023 United Nations Development Assistance Framework for Malawi. Consultations have also been done with government departments, civil society organisations and other relevant stakeholders to widen the scope and impact of the interventions at Community level.	12/31/2020
Programmatic Recommendation 2: All Programmes	6.2.2 Continue to increase the effectiveness of the Country Programme outputs, the scope and geographical spread of the interventions need to be thinned down.	Accepted	High	Geographical scope guided by evidence.	3.1 UNFPA CO will continue with the five focus districts to build on what was invested in the previous cycles and create synergies to improve the poorly performing indicators.	12/31/2019

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Programmatic Recommendation 3: All Programmes	The next CP should continue to create conditions that will deepen the suitability of the Country Programme interventions.	Accepted	High	New CPD Sustainability	<p>4.1. UNFPA CO will strengthen the capacity of non state actors in areas of programming and resource mobilization to leverage resources and continued implementation.</p> <p>4.2 UNFPA CO will continue to advocate for resource allocation from national revenue budget towards SRHR programme to promote ownership.</p>	12/30/2023
Programmatic Recommendation 4: Population Dynamics	There is need for continued strengthening of national capacity to create data base for follow up generate, analyse and utilize data to inform, monitor and evaluate policies and programmes and integrate population dynamics issues into development plans and programmes	Accepted	High	Demographic intelligence for inclusive/targeted Planning	<p>5.1 CO will continue to build capacity at national and sub-national levels to use the data, especially from the 2018 Poppulation and Housing Census, in planning, monitoring and evaluation.</p> <p>5.2 UNFPA will play an active role in the Data Group of the new UNDAF that will foster tracking the progress of the SDG indicators at national level.</p>	12/31/2019

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Programmatic Recommendation 5: Monitoring and Evaluation	There is need to strengthen the UNFPA CO' monitoring and evaluation mechanism to ensure the availability of complete information on programme outcomes, lessons learnt and challenges.	Accepted	High	Robust M&E Systems	6.1 The CO will facilitate on job training on Results Based Management and M&E for IPs and UNFPA staff. 6.2 The CO will develop and maintain an integrated data base for real time performance tracking of results, in line with the Strategic Information System for effective monitoring and improve data quality .	12/31/2023
Programmatic Recommendation 6: SRHR/HIV and Gender	6.2.7. Cross-cutting issues in CP must be taught and emphasised in all programme activities.	Accepted	High	Mainstreaming Gender	7.1 The CO will train IPs in programming and monitoring on gender and youth programmes. 7.2 UNFPA CO will continue to review the Business processes under each thematic area in order to integrate knowledge and enhance programming of cross cutting issues.	12/31/2019