



United Nations Population Fund

UNFPA Management Response to Evaluation

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General Management Response

The recommendations are largely accepted by UNFPA-DPRK and the Evaluation Reference Group (ERG) has endorsed it.

Recommendations

Recommendation 1 : UNFPA's presence in DPRK should be continued, in spite of challenges encountered in the specific context of the country, as part of the overall UN mandate of assistance to its member states

Management Response : Accepted

Key Actions :

Key Action(s)	Deadline	Responsible unit(s)	Semiannual implementation status updates (reports will be generated on June 30 and December 31)	
			Status	Comments
1. 1.1. Finalization of next CP Cycle	March 31,2016	UNFPA CO	December 18,2016,Completed	CPD has been cleared and approved in the September 2016 Executive Board.
			December 18,2016,On Schedule	It has been finalized and approved by the September Executive Board
			December 17,2016,Completed	Was cleared in 2016 June Executive Board
			December 31,2015,On Schedule	First draft has been prepared, shared with APRO and revised. This was discussed with government counterparts and the revision has to be shared with APRO before finalization. Progressing as planned.
			August 03,2015,On Schedule	To be initiated by CO
			August 03,2015,On Schedule	To be initiated by CO

Recommendation 2 : For UNFPA to become a full partner in the international support effort to DPRK and to enhance UNFPA's visibility, it is important for the country office to have an independent representation. The set-up of FAO in DPRK with a Deputy Representative in Pyongyang and a Representative in Beijing could provide a model for this

Management Response : Accepted

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1. Country Director to discuss with HR APRO and HQ	March 31,2016	UNFPA HQs HR & APRO	December 17,2016,Completed	Representative Position was created and the Representative has joined on August 2016
			December 31,2015,On Schedule	Has been discussed by the Country Director and position of Representative has been established and advertised.
			August 03,2015,On Schedule	To be initiated by CO

Recommendation 3 : UNFPA, in particular at the level of the headquarters and the regional office, needs to bring its HR processes in line with the requirements of the CO and avoid long gaps in international senior management and technical support recruitments otherwise risking continuity of the programme as well as agency credibility in-country

Management Response : Accepted

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1. HR Division to initiate process of recruitment well in advance and fasten up the process of recruitment of international staff	December 30,2016	UNFPA HQs HR, APRO & CO	August 01,2017,Completed	Advance actions initiated at all levels
			December 18,2016,On Schedule	All efforts are being made yet given the country context, very few and good candidates apply
			December 31,2015,On Schedule	Actions are being contemplated for speeding up the process.
			August 03,2015,On Schedule	

Recommendation 4 : UNFPA should proactively participate in negotiations with UNDP, UNICEF, and WFP to find a solution to the financial transfer problem, which threatens the continuity of UNFPA’s programme in DPRK. In case no solution can be found at the level of the country based UN organizations, the issue will need to be addressed through the involvement of the headquarters of UNPFA and sister UN agencies, in order to enable continued UN support in DPRK.

Management Response : Partially Accepted

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1. Responsible divisions of UN agencies at HQs to meet and explore a more permanent solution	August 03,2015	UN Agencies HQs	August 01,2017,Completed	Banking channel has been activated subsequent to waivers from the UN Sanctions Committee
			December 18,2016,Delayed	UNCT has been able to obtain waivers from the UN Sanctions Committee and has reactivated the banking channel only recently. The banking channel was closed since the UN Sanctions of March, 2016. UNFPA has no separate bank account and is managed by UNDP.
			December 31,2015,On Schedule	UNCT is working on it and temporarily banking channel is operational but there is conservation mode adopted on local expenditures.
			August 03,2015,On Schedule	

Recommendation 5 : UNFPA should invest in resource mobilization, including the development of a resource mobilization strategy.

Management Response : Accepted

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1. Resource Mobilization strategy developed for CP6	October 03,2016	UNFPA CO & APRO	August 01,2017,Completed	CO has prepared the resource mobilization strategy as part of the CP development
			December 18,2016,On Schedule	As part of the CPD development process, resource mobilization strategy has been developed; particularly for the upcoming census 2018. Representative met with potential donors during the last quarter of the year. We are yet to hear.
			December 31,2015,On Schedule	CO is already preparing several proposals and census resource mobilization strategy will be developed in the first half of 2016. RoK fund for socio-economic survey and preliminary census activities to the tune of \$ 1.3 million has been sanctioned and \$ 800,000 has been released
			August 03,2015,On Schedule	CO is already preparing several proposals
2. Census Project proposal for 2018 developed	June 30,2016	UNFPA CO	December 18,2016,Completed	The Census and Resource Mobilization Proposal has been developed and shared with the potential donor
			December 31,2015,Delayed	Will be initiated in the first quarter of 2016.
			August 03,2015,On Schedule	Will be initiated in IV quarter of 2015

Recommendation 6 : UNFPA CP should continue to prioritize its involvement in programme areas such as RTI/STIs, cervical cancer control, EmONC

and promotion of midwifery, that are recognized as relevant by and have sufficient support from Government, rather than areas such as adolescent reproductive and sexual health, broad method mix for FP, violence against women and prevention of HIV, which the government so far does not support

Management Response : Accepted

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			Status	Comments
1. Formulate next Country Programme document	April 01,2016	UNFPA CO	December 18,2016,Completed	Completed and approved in the September Executive Board
			December 31,2015,On Schedule	Initiated and on schedule
			August 03,2015,On Schedule	To be initiated in the last quarter of 2015
			August 03,2015,Completed	To be initiated in the last quarter of 2015

Recommendation 7 : UNFPA CP should shift its focus to capacity development at the national and sub-national levels, complemented by attention to promoting an enabling environment. With capacity development as a major means of engagement, sufficient attention will need to be paid to capacity assessments at the level of organizations and individuals concerned, to inform the process. As such there is substantial scope in capacity building and the initiatives identified in the current country programme such as introduction of new midwifery curriculum, RTI/STI and cervical cancer screening, demography course, quantitative and qualitative research should be pursued and institutionalized in line with the Strategic Plan (2014-17).

Management Response : Accepted

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1. Capacity development strategies will be prioritized in CP6	April 01,2016	UNFPA CO	January 01,2017,Completed	In line with the country code classification, the new CP has taken the suggested activities into consideration and is reflected in the approved CPD.
			December 31,2015,On Schedule	Has been taken into consideration during the CPD preparation in line with the SP 2014-17 guidelines and country colour code classification
			August 03,2015,On Schedule	
			August 03,2015,Completed	

Recommendation 8 : UNFPA CP should review the approach to sub-national programming and align selection of provinces and counties in close cooperation with Government of DPRK, ensuring efficient access to the areas (options would include a focus on one province and covering all counties of that province or coverage of selected counties in adjoining provinces). Make use of the SDHS data to focus the programme on underserved areas and vulnerable groups with a high need for RH support. If government insists on the inclusion of service delivery as an approach, in spite of UNFPA's business model for the country office in DPRK under the new strategic plan, then there is a need to focus more on Operations Research perspective e.g. improvement of quality of care

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1. Consultations using evidence-based data with the government and stakeholders during CPD formulation and its finalization	June 30,2016	UNFPA CO	January 01,2017,Completed	Consultations were held in line with the evidence-based data generated from SDHS 2014 and PSA document. Accordingly, the new CPD and CPAP have been prepared.
			August 03,2015,On Schedule	New CPAP from 2017 onwards
			August 03,2015,Completed	New CPAP from 2017 onwards

Recommendation 9 : UNFPA CP should advocate with key policy decision makers such as NCC and MoPH for future inclusion of those aspects of UNFPA’s mandate that are presently not included in the programme and which are not yet viewed as problematic and/or prioritized by the Government of DPRK. Ways to achieve this include the provision of data and evidence on neglected issues and making use of these in advocacy and awareness raising of government stakeholder at the national level together with other UN agencies and bilateral development partners and INGOs

Management Response : Accepted

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1. To use evidence-based data for advocating on priority areas that need attention	April 02,2018	UNFPA CO	October 05,2017,Completed	It was done as part of the new country programme.
			August 01,2017,On Schedule	Advocacy efforts are underway
			August 01,2017,On Schedule	It is an on-going process and CO is advocating with the government on the priority area of family planning.
			December 21,2016,On Schedule	SDHS survey results were disseminated and priority areas have been discussed. Population Ageing came out to be one important area while the others were on family planning and adolescents.CO will be pursuing these areas in the new CP
			December 21,2016,Delayed	SDHS survey results were disseminated and priority areas have been discussed. Population Ageing came out to be one important area while the other was on family planning.
			December 31,2015,On Schedule	SDHS survey results were disseminated and priority areas have been discussed. Population Ageing came out to be one important area.
			August 03,2015,On Schedule	
2. Prepare CP6 document and CPAP, providing for knowledge management and advocate for areas that need further attention by including potential projects under the resource mobilization strategy	April 03,2017	UNFPA CO	August 01,2017,Completed	CO has factored in the priority area in the CPAP and have included it in the resource mobilization strategy
			December 18,2016,On Schedule	Areas needing further attention have been factored into the development of CPD and CPAP as well. The CPAP is in the final stage of approval.
			December 31,2015,On Schedule	Due attention has been given and external resources for pre-census activities has been mobilized.
			August 03,2015,On Schedule	

Recommendation 10 : Negotiate with WHO and UNICEF the handing over of the service delivery and commodity procurement aspects in the current 11 counties and beyond in order to phase out this activity from the UNFPA programme, while maintaining continuity of service delivery and commodity procurement at the national level. With the programme cycle extension till December 2016 this will mean that the CO has a transition period of nearly

two years before the start of the next CP, when these aspects should no longer be part of the business model of UNFPA in DPRK

Management Response : Partially Accepted

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			Status	Comments
1. Discussion with government stakeholders on preparations for next CP Cycle and reflected in CPD and CPAP	January 04,2016	UNFPA CO	August 01,2017,Completed	CPD and CPAP documents approved
			December 18,2016,On Schedule	CPD has been approved and CPAP finalization is underway.
			December 31,2015,On Schedule	2016 CPD and CPAP documents
			August 03,2015,On Schedule	2016 CPD and CPAP documents

Recommendation 11 : Advocate, through the provision of data and evidence, involvement of experts, and raising of international attention, for those issues of UNFPA's mandate for which support is not yet considered relevant by Government of DPRK, including MDR, HIV, GBV and a focus on adolescents and youth

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1. Resource mobilization for SRH and other areas of UNFPA's mandate (eq. cervical cancer, syphilis screening)	April 03,2017	UNFPA CO	October 05,2017,Completed	Resource Mobilization for the new country programme developed and prioritized. Cervical cancer and Syphilis screening have been dropped.
			October 05,2017,Delayed	Resource mobilization has become difficult due to the current political environment and UN Sanctions
			August 01,2017,On Schedule	Part of the resource mobilization strategy.
			January 01,2017,On Schedule	Will be initiated in CP6 cycle of the programme. Resource mobilization efforts are underway and in December 2016 several donor countries were met with and briefed about the UNFPA activities and those proposed for the new country programme.
			August 03,2015,On Schedule	Will be initiated in CP6
2. Preparations for next CP cycle	December 31,2015	UNFPA CO	August 01,2017,Completed	CPD and CPAP approved
			December 18,2016,On Schedule	CPAP has been shared with APRO and the comments have been incorporated. It has been shared again for final vetting and will be signed with the government by the end of the year or in January 2017.
			December 31,2015,On Schedule	Has been initiated as per the plan
			August 03,2015,On Schedule	To be initiated in the last quarter of 2015

Recommendation 12 : Invest in midwives: follow up on their new education curriculum and ensure that they also provide new-born care, while insisting on inclusion of quality of care. Advocate for a nation-wide support system to identify and address existing weaknesses

Management Response : Accepted

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1. Ensure completion of ToT on new midwifery curriculum and its introduction in midwifery colleges in the country	June 30,2015	UNFPA CO	August 01,2017,Completed	ToT was completed in May-June 2017
			August 01,2017,On Schedule	On-going; ToT was completed in first half of 2017 and for faculty of all medical colleges in the country
			December 18,2016,Delayed	On-going; Second ToT could not be completed this year due to cash-flow interruptions. The ToT will be planned in 2017 and up scaling will be attempted after the learning's from the pilot phase in 2019
			December 31,2015,On Schedule	On-going. ToT has been completed and the new curriculum has been introduced in one medical college on a pilot-basis.
			December 31,2015,On Schedule	On-going
			August 03,2015,On Schedule	On-going
2. Strengthen skills lab at all Midwifery colleges in the country	October 31,2016	UNFPA CO	December 18,2016,Completed	Completed
			August 03,2015,On hold	Included in project proposal "Strengthening Midwifery" -to be initiated once funding is secured
			August 03,2015,On Schedule	Included in project proposal "Strengthening Midwifery"
3. Initiate regular in-service training for graduated midwives	April 02,2018	UNFPA CO	October 05,2017,Completed	This has been considered as part of the new country programme. Activities have been planned accordingly.
			August 01,2017,On Schedule	This intervention has been included in the new country programme cycle. Training module development will be initiated in 2017.
			December 18,2016,On Schedule	Midwives have been included in various on-going RH related training programmes. However in 2017, it is planned to develop training modules for refresher training of midwives.
			August 03,2015,On hold	Included in project proposal "Strengthening Midwifery" to be initiated once funding is secured

Recommendation 13 : Invest in proper handling of obstetric complications by obstetricians and midwives through capacity development including exercising and proposing mock cases for discussion. Support the re-activation of MDR at provincial and national levels in order to enable the identification of causes of maternal deaths and to enable the instigation of corrective measures to further decrease the maternal mortality ratio

Management Response : Accepted

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1. In-service training for RH personnel with emphasis on EmONC.	June 30,2016	UNFPA CO	October 05,2017,Completed	It has been taken into consideration and is part of the new country programme.
			August 01,2017,On Schedule	Has been initiated
			December 18,2016,Delayed	The training could not take place due to disruption in the banking channel and in-country cash flow. Will be done in the new country programme cycle.
			December 31,2015,On Schedule	Included in 2016 work-plan
			August 03,2015,On Schedule	
2. Advocate with MoPH on reintroduction of MDR using the SDHS findings	December 31,2015	UNFPA CO	August 01,2017,Completed	Advocated with MoPH and MPDSR training is underway.
			December 18,2016,On Schedule	This has been negotiated with the government and UNFPA along with WHO and UNICEF will be technically leading the MPDSR from 2017 on wards
			December 31,2015,On Schedule	Has been proposed in 2016 work-plan
			August 03,2015,On Schedule	To be initiated

Recommendation 14 : Continue support to cervical cancer screening and treatment as an important part of RH and support scaling up with Government (MoPH) and other development partners. Assess opportunities to expand the piloting of breast cancer screening. This will need more equipment and training, to be provided through re-focusing of existing resources and mobilization of alternative resources

Management Response : Partially Accepted

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			Status	Comments
1. Advocate for scaling up cervical cancer programme in DPRK	March 31,2017	UNFPA CO	October 05,2017,Discontinued	Not prioritized in the new country programme and hence dropped.
			August 01,2017,Discontinued	Advocated but had to be discontinued due to lack of funds
			December 18,2016,On Schedule	Cervical cancer intervention will be scaled up in programme areas of UNFPA in the new CP cycle. Need to mobilize resources for country wide implementation.
			August 03,2015,On Schedule	Need to mobilize resources
2. Prepare project proposal to mobilize resources for further scaling the project	March 31,2017	UNFPA CO	October 05,2017,Discontinued	Cervical cancer and syphilis screening were not prioritized in the new country programme and hence discontinued.
			October 05,2017,On hold	Due to the current political environment and UN Sanctions, as resource mobilization has become difficult.
			January 01,2017,On Schedule	UNFPA will focus its efforts in 4 provinces and 8 counties as part of its capacity building initiatives in screening, diagnosis and treatment in the new country programme cycle. Resource mobilization for up-scaling will be developed thereafter.
			August 03,2015,On Schedule	

3. Prepare Resource Mobilization strategy and include cervical cancer screening programme (linked to action 11.1)	April 28,2017	UNFPA CO	October 05,2017,Completed	Cervical cancer and syphilis screening have been dropped while resource mobilization strategy has been developed as part of the new CP.
			January 01,2017,On Schedule	As stated above in 14.1 and 14.2
			August 03,2015,On Schedule	

Recommendation 15 : Develop commodity security at national, provincial and county level (KLMIS) and implement a “pull-strategy” through provision of technical support. This will need enhanced collaboration with WHO, UNICEF and other international donors such as Global Fund

Management Response : Accepted

Key Actions :

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			Status	Comments
1. KLMIS tested and finalized	December 31,2015	UNFPA CO	December 31,2015,Completed	KLMIS tested and finalized but CO couldn't operationalize because fiber optic cable that is under the sanctions list could not be procured. Request has been placed with HQs for clearance.
			August 03,2015,On Schedule	

2. Pilot intervention to experiment "pull-strategy"	January 15,2016	UNFPA CO	August 01,2017,Completed	Training was conducted but could not be introduced due to procurement challenges and UN sanctions. This has been discussed with the government and an off-line system has been introduced.
			December 18,2016,Delayed	Training was conducted but could not be introduced due to procurement challenges due to sanctions. This has been discussed with the government and will be introduced as an off-line system in the new country programme.
			August 03,2015,On Schedule	Will be initiated and tried till end 2016

Recommendation 16 : Adapt the amount of emergency medicines distributed to the actual needs of the provinces and counties concerned through a better estimation of incidence of common obstetric and new-born complications. Advocate for inclusion of these medicines in the national procurement system

Management Response : Accepted

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1. Build capacity of counterparts in commodity forecasting and help introduce as part of LMIS	January 01,2016	UNFPA CO	January 01,2017,Completed	This initiative has been completed and revised software has been introduced at national and provincial levels. There is still work to be done of linking county and lower levels to the provinces for implementing bottom up planning or pull strategy.
			December 31,2015,Completed	
			December 31,2015,On Schedule	Training on forecasting has been completed as part of LMIS with assistance from APRO
			August 03,2015,On Schedule	

Recommendation 17 : Advocate with MoPH for universal provision of at least 4 contraceptive methods to women in all counties within the national FP programme. Hand over the procurement of contraceptives to WHO and UNICEF, if possible, or to Pharmacy Department of the MoPH while at the same time offering technical assistance through expert advice from the Global Programme for Reproductive Health Commodity Security

Management Response : Rejected

Key Actions :

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			Status	Comments
1. Advocate with MoPH the need for expansion of contraceptive basket	January 01,2018	UNFPA CO	October 05,2017,Completed	Has been done as part of the new CP and is also reflecting in the revised RH Strategy.
			December 18,2016,On Schedule	Advocacy is on-going based on the SDHS results. This has been considered as an important intervention in the new country programme.
			August 03,2015,On Schedule	To be initiated after SDHS survey results dissemination

2. Discuss with WHO and UNICEF regarding leveraging of RH supplies	March 31,2017	UNFPA CO	August 03,2015,Completed	
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Recommendation 18 : Further develop the research capacity at national and sub-national levels, and particularly the analysis and utilization of both quantitative and qualitative data and development of information for planning sectoral strategies, through continued support to Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS) as well as the Kim Il Sung University (KISU) and selected Line Ministries, in particular Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) & Provide technical support to CBS and other line ministries in strengthening data management systems at national and sub-national levels for better use of data for planning, implementation and monitoring of key development indicators as well reporting on the MDGs.

Management Response : Accepted

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1. Road-map for enhancing research capabilities of statistical agencies and academia prepared and implemented	March 31,2016	UNFPA CO	October 05,2017,Completed	CP6 has included it as one of the key intervention areas
			December 18,2016,On Schedule	CP6 has included it as one of the key intervention areas and will be pursued during the programme cycle
			August 03,2015,On Schedule	CP6 will include it as one of the key intervention areas

2. Provide technical support to CBS and other line ministries in use of SDHS data for better tracking of indicators in line with national and international requirements	March 31,2016	UNFPA CO	October 05,2017,Completed	
			August 01,2017,On Schedule	Capacity building programmes were initiated and thematic reports based on SDHS have been prepared
			December 18,2016,On Schedule	Further analysis of SDHS data is underway. Five thematic reports have been planned of which three will be accomplished in 2016
			December 31,2015,On Schedule	Advanced statistical analysis training was organized for counterparts and will continue in 2016 as well.
			August 03,2015,On Schedule	

Recommendation 19 : Continue to invest in capacity development for teaching and data analysis in Kim Il Sung University so that higher level academic programmes could be established in future

Management Response : Accepted

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1. Develop demographic teaching, research and data analysis capabilities of faculty members of KISU	December 31,2019	UNFPA CO	October 05,2017,Completed	Included in new CP and interventions have been designed accordingly.
			October 05,2017,On Schedule	Reflected in the new CP and interventions have been designed accordingly.
			August 01,2017,On Schedule	Faculty of KISU were engaged in SDHS thematic report analyses and writing
			December 18,2016,On Schedule	Refresher training of teachers are planned in the new country programme and provision for improvement of educational qualification of teachers has also been made.
			December 31,2015,On Schedule	This initiative is underway and training of trainers has been completed. Improving academic qualification of teachers is being considered.
			August 03,2015,On Schedule	
2. Help introduce Master's Programme in Demography	December 31,2019	UNFPA CO	October 05,2017,Completed	Included in the new CP and intervention has been proposed accordingly.
			January 01,2017,On Schedule	This is an activity that has to be reviewed and on the basis of findings a decision has to be made on feasibility of introduction in 2019.
			August 03,2015,On Schedule	

Recommendation 20 : Support preparations for the 2018 census by building capacities and providing technical support in developing research proposals, as well as increasing the knowledge base of policy-makers and programme managers in the use of innovative technologies for data gathering and processing, and information dissemination

Management Response : Accepted

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1. Facilitate situational analysis of CBS at national and sub-national levels to assess the IT infrastructure and provide technological options for undertaking census	March 31,2016	UNFPA CO	December 18,2016,Completed	This initiative has been completed and the inputs have been factored into the census budgeting.
			December 31,2015,On Schedule	Will be initiated by end February 2016
			August 03,2015,On Schedule	
2. Facilitate exposure visits to enhance knowledge on census-taking using newer technologies (GIS, data processing using scanners and tablets using android software etc.)	December 31,2015	UNFPA CO	December 18,2016,Discontinued	UN Sanctions does not permit GIS initiative and therefore has been dropped. Training on others will be considered subject to waivers on importation and procurement from the Sanctions Committee
			December 18,2016,Discontinued	UN Sanctions does not permit this initiative and therefore has been dropped.
			December 31,2015,Completed	Exposure visits of census officials to China and Cambodia were organized to familiarize on the different aspects of census taking. The visit also coincided with inter-censal survey of China and field exposure was provided.
			August 03,2015,On Schedule	
3. Help develop Census and Resource Mobilization Proposal after having finalized the IT requirements	March 31,2016	UNFPA CO	December 18,2016,Completed	This initiative has been completed.
			December 31,2015,On Schedule	Is being initiated in February 2016
			August 03,2015,On Schedule	
4. Assist in resource mobilization for Census 2018	May 31,2016	UNFPA CO	October 05,2017,Completed	Proposal has been developed and resource mobilization is underway.
			August 01,2017,Delayed	Proposal has been submitted and has been delayed due to UN Sanctions
			December 18,2016,On Schedule	This initiative is underway and Representative had interactions with potential donors.
			December 31,2015,On Schedule	The proposal for resource mobilization will be done after the census proposal is ready. However, funding for pre-census on the basis of a proposal is being funded by RoK.
			August 03,2015,On Schedule	

5. Facilitate initiation of Pre-Census activities	October 03,2016	UNFPA CO	October 05,2017,Completed	Pre-census activities have been completed and pilot census is underway.
			December 18,2016,On Schedule	Pre-census activities are underway through funding support of RoK. Census Operational Plan, Questionnaires, Mapping and Household listing forms and manuals are being put together.
			December 31,2015,On Schedule	Pre-census activities will start from end February on wards.
			August 03,2015,On Schedule	