GOOD PRACTICES ON
Ending preventable maternal deaths
Ending unmet need for family planning
Ending gender-based violence and all harmful practices

A synthesis of UNFPA country programme evaluations
2019
Purpose

- Leverages evidence from previous evaluations to identify good practices and common challenges across UNFPA three transformative results
- Aggregates learning on what works and does not work to enhance programming effectiveness and continued organizational learning
- Aims to support current programming at all levels of the organization, and accelerate the implementation of the ICPD and 2030 Agenda
Methodology

- Systematic review and analysis of evidence captured in 57 UNFPA country programme evaluations (CPEs) conducted between 2012 and 2018

- Mixed methods, including a qualitative desk review, thematic coding process and selection of illustrative country-level examples

- Limited to secondary data presented in the CPEs, and thus subject to the same methodological constraints found in the reports themselves
Good practice on transformative result 1: End preventable maternal deaths

GP1: Quality services aligned with international standards
- Aligning services and protocols with international standards and providing universal healthcare coverage contributes to higher-quality maternal health services

GP 2: Strengthened technical skills
- Capacity development strengthens the technical skills of health workers and increases national SRHR competencies, reducing maternal mortality

GP3: Policies promoting safe motherhood
- Improving policies, protocols and laws to promote safe motherhood contributes to better maternal health outcomes
Good practice on transformative result 2: End unmet need for family planning

% of CPEs

GP1: Promoting behaviour change
- Targeted SRHR awareness-raising, specifically around family planning, helps increase knowledge and supports positive behaviour change among key communities

GP 2: Improved access to quality family planning service
- Expanding the role of both service providers and/or communities in healthcare and the consistent availability of supplies improves access to and use of family planning among diverse populations and within under-served areas

GP3: Policy frameworks are essential to family planning
- Actionable policy frameworks, especially those supported by government financial commitments, contribute to stronger and more sustainable family planning programmes
Good practice on transformative result 3: End gender-based violence and all harmful practices

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Overarching **good practices** across transformative results

- **Attention to and transformation of discriminatory social and cultural norms, attitudes, behaviours and beliefs** accelerates positive change in all transformative results.

- **Planning for and ensuring attention to SRHR in crisis situations** leads to more responsive humanitarian interventions that help rebuild communities.

- **Strategic use of diverse partnerships with government, UN agencies, civil society and influential actors at local, national, regional and global levels** helps to accelerate change.

- **Supporting the generation and use of quality data** promotes targeted action and accountability across all transformative results.

- **UNFPA interventions that engage in gender analysis and integrate gender mainstreaming** are better positioned to improve the lives of women and girls.
Overarching challenges across transformative results

Overarching challenge 1: Institutional weaknesses such as insufficient internal capacity within UNFPA, a need for (additional core) funding and unevenly developed exit strategies limit the progress, effectiveness and sustainability of UNFPA support.

Overarching challenge 2: Contextual challenges or weaknesses in national-level capacities, policies, infrastructure and health systems, compounded by unfavourable socio-cultural norms, continue to be particularly challenging and impact progress in all transformative result areas. UNFPA interventions aim to address these challenges.
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