Message from the Director’s desk

The Evaluation Offices of UNAIDS and UNFPA, in collaboration with WFP, have jointly managed an independent evaluation of the UNAIDS Joint Programme’s contribution to efficient and sustainable financing for the AIDS response.

With changes in the AIDS financing landscape, plateauing of funds for the AIDS response and the implications of the COVID-19 pandemic, the evaluation evidence and lessons comes at an opportune time to promote sustainable and efficient resourcing for the AIDS response.

The evaluation finds that:

- The Joint Programme has made important contributions to improving allocative and technical efficiency of the AIDS response
- In countries, UNAIDS convening power, political advocacy and role as a neutral broker directly contribute to Global Fund and PEPFAR funding processes and domestic commitments to HIV
- The Joint Programme's inclusiveness of civil society, community-based organizations and key populations has directly contributed to funding key population services and community-led responses. However, more is needed to strengthen their capacity to engage in the financing agenda.
The evaluation recommends the Joint Programme to create a common vision and improve coordination with regard to the integration of HIV financing within the wider health and Universal Health Coverage financing agenda. Allocative and technical efficiency, particularly focused on domestic financing, should be a priority for the Joint Programme going forward.

The evaluation lessons will support the roll-out of the new Global AIDS Strategy 2021–2026, including the implementation of UNFPA strategic plan, 2022-2025, with its focus on reaching the furthest behind first. For any further details, please reach out to Louis Charpentier, at charpentier@unfpa.org.

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Access the materials
Evaluation Report
Executive Summary: En, Fr, Sp
Presentation
Management Response (forthcoming)

Additional materials
Appendices and country case studies: Côte d’Ivoire, Kazakhstan, Tanzania and Viet Nam
Evaluation Quality Assessment (forthcoming)