Evaluation annual report and two centralized evaluations presented to the Executive Board
On 8 June 2023, the 2022 Annual Report on the evaluation function and two centralized evaluations, the evaluation of UNFPA support to population dynamics and data and the formative evaluation of UNFPA support to adolescents and youth, along with their respective management statements, were presented at the Executive Board Annual Session 2023.

**Evaluation continues to provide important insight** into our activities on the ground – what works, what we need to do better and how

Dr. Natalia Kanem
UNFPA Executive Director

Evidence and lessons from evaluations have been instrumental to the design and success of UNFPA country, regional and global response

Management commends the Evaluation Office for its continuous efforts to make the evaluation function fit to deliver adaptive, high-quality and relevant evaluations that help improve development results

Diene Keita
UNFPA Deputy Executive Director, Programme

A joint statement by 22 Member States (Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, the Republic of Moldova, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and Türkiye) welcomed the 2022 Annual Report on the evaluation function and the two centralized evaluations. The Member States
commended the Evaluation Office on its excellent performance in 2022, noting the achievement of almost all targets of the key performance indicators.

We would like to echo the management's compliment to the Evaluation Office for its agility and adaptiveness, enabling steady progress despite a rapidly shifting and challenging context.

**Joint statement by 22 Member States**

Bernhard Soland  
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Watch highlights from the 2022 Annual Report on the evaluation function
From the Director’s desk
Marco Segone | Director, UNFPA Evaluation Office

I’m pleased to share with you the Annual Report on the evaluation function which captures the performance of UNFPA evaluation in 2022 at centralized and decentralized levels, including its accomplishments and the areas for growth.

The report captures the alignment of the evaluation function to the United Nations Secretary-General’s Our Common Agenda, in regard to enhancing global solidarity and multilateralism, furthering human rights, providing evidence on emerging mega-trends, and building stronger multi-stakeholder and intergenerational evaluation partnerships, with youth and parliamentarians.

The evaluation function delivered high performance in 2022 with nine out of ten key performance indicators achieved. The evaluation function is breaking new ground in leveraging Artificial Intelligence to increase the real time responsiveness, effectiveness and efficiency of the evaluation function.

In 2022, the Evaluation Office also intensified advocacy for building intergenerational solidarity with youth in evaluation, which was co-driven by youth, as part of the Eval4Action advocacy campaign.

The implementation rate of centralized evaluations continued to be 100% and more than 60% of centralized evaluations continue to be joint or system-wide, delivering on the commitment to the United Nations reform process.
A record 23 centralized and decentralized evaluations were completed as planned. Going forward greater efforts are required to advance the decentralized evaluation function and humanitarian evaluations.

In the spirit of accountability and learning, the evaluation function was peer-reviewed by an independent, diverse and intergenerational panel. The results of the peer review will inform the revised evaluation policy, which will be presented at the Executive Board First Session 2024.

I’m also pleased to share two new centralized evaluations on emerging mega-trends: first, the evaluation of the UNFPA support to population dynamics and data, and second, the formative evaluation of the UNFPA support to adolescents and youth.

The evaluation of the UNFPA support to population dynamics and data is the first evaluation on this theme at UNFPA and includes a specific focus on the demographic dividend, population ageing and low fertility. The evaluation provides UNFPA with lessons and evidence to further advance thought leadership and future casting of the population and development work at UNFPA.

The formative evaluation of the UNFPA support to adolescents and youth assesses the implementation of the UNFPA Strategy on Adolescents and Youth, My Body, My Life, My World. Following a new approach, the evaluation engaged young people in meaningful ways throughout the evaluation process, such as advisors, decision-makers, contributors, and as key sources of evidence and insight. For the first time
in UNFPA, a Youth Steering Committee co-managed the evaluation alongside the senior evaluation team.

A strong evaluation function and timely and relevant evidence from these evaluations will support UNFPA to move to the next level, as it reaches a midpoint in the implementation of its Strategic Plan 2022-2025. This evidence will also inform the global review of the ICPD on its 30th anniversary in 2024.