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Adapting evaluations to the COVID-19 pandemic

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From the Director's desk

COVID-19 is affecting the entire world adversely but it is disproportionately impacting those already left behind, including women and girls. Now more than ever, evaluation provides critical evidence to understand if the response and recovery efforts are working or not, why, for whom and under what circumstances. As the pandemic spreads across nations, evidence-based decisions are vital for a full response and recovery. Therefore, evaluation must be central to the global response to the pandemic.

At UNFPA , we are taking steps to ensure that evaluations are agile and adaptive to COVID-19, so that they continue to be a source for relevant and high quality evidence. Given that each country is dealing with a unique local context in response and recovery to COVID-19, Evaluation Office together with regional M&E advisors have developed guiding principles for evaluation at the time of the pandemic. These principles serve as a living framework that will continue to be updated based on real time lessons.

Read here: [Adapting evaluations to the COVID-19 pandemic](#)

I also encourage evaluation managers to visit betterevaluation.org, an international collaboration to improve evaluation practice and theory that generates and shares information on evaluation options (methods/processes) and approaches. As evaluation managers adapt evaluations to the COVID-19 crisis, the resources on this platform can also help to discover the most suitable method and approach for an evaluation based on the context.

As country offices begin the adaptation process, we stand ready to support our colleagues on the ground. Please note that the Evaluation Office must approve the proposed adjustments made in the conduct and management of country programme evaluations.

Finally, as we navigate these uncertain times, our commitment to evidence and learning continues to guide us. I wish you and your family, safety and good health.

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