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This joint evaluation conducted collaboratively by the Evaluation Offices of UNFPA and UNICEF assesses the extent to which, and under what circumstances, the Joint Programme on Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) has contributed to accelerate FGM abandonment over the last 10 years. In this way, the joint evaluation serves as a critical tool contributing to the 2030 development agenda, in particular to Goal 5, Target 5.3 that relates to FGM.

The evaluation concludes that the Joint Programme has intensified and advanced the issue of FGM at the international level, while galvanizing support of critical and emerging actors at the regional and national level. Further, while the Joint Programme’s emphasis on changing social norms to promote abandonment of FGM is appropriate, it can lead to unrealistic expectations on what is possible to achieve in a few years. In addition, the changes in FGM practice have presented challenges to the Joint Programme that it is working to address, however, it needs to develop formalized, proactive strategies to address these changing dynamics.

Among the several recommendations, the evaluation highlights the importance of UNFPA and UNICEF long-term engagement to sustain the existing positive momentum for change towards FGM abandonment as well as, the Joint Programme’s strategic positioning within a wider gender transformative agenda.

We hope the body of knowledge and evaluative evidence emerging from this joint evaluation will further shape the implementation of Phase III of the Joint Programme (2018-2021), and UNFPA and UNICEF work in this area beyond 2021.

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