

### Costed Evaluation Plan: Bangladesh (2022-2026)

Programme Cycle:	The 10 <sup>th</sup> Country Programme (2022-2026)					
Evidence utilized in the design of the costed evaluation plan	<p>A number of evaluations conducted during the 9<sup>th</sup> Country Programme period have been carefully reviewed and considered for the development of a costed evaluation plan for the 10<sup>th</sup> Country Programme. These include;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The UNFPA Bangladesh 9th Country Programme Evaluation (CPE) for the period 2017-2021 (extended for 1 year up to December 2021 due to COVID19 global pandemic and in the spirit of aligning better to the national 8<sup>th</sup> Five Year Development Plan) was conducted in 2019 by an independent evaluation team in accordance with the UNFPA Evaluation Policy 2019 and UNFPA Evaluation Handbook 2019. The CPE provided several strategic and actionable recommendations that will be helpful to shape the formulation of the next Country Programme in Bangladesh. The evaluation quality assessment (EQA) of the CPE report was accomplished and a ‘Good’ rating was given in the final EQA by the Evaluation Office.</li> <li>2) The Developmental Evaluation of Results-Based Management at UNFPA conducted in 2019 by the Evaluation Office mentioned that: 1) UNFPA Bangladesh M&amp;E/RBM system was innovative and comprehensive and 2) commended for its real time system that tracks programme progress, reflecting key principles of RBM. Further recommendation was made for UNFPA to use results information for adaptation, and driving organizational learning and further strengthening the culture of RBM. The planned evaluations will incorporate assessments of RBM practices identified in this evaluation.</li> <li>3) The United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) evaluation has been conducted in 2020 which provided actionable recommendations for improving the UN system’s contribution to national development priorities, especially for incorporating into the new UNSDCF, and used for the development of the Costed Evaluation Plan.</li> </ol> <p>The costed evaluation plan also takes into account the guidelines provided in the UNFPA Quadrennial Budgeted Evaluation Plan 2018-2021.</p>					
CP areas	The 10th Country Programme will cover four outcome areas: a) Sexual Reproductive Health; b) Adolescent and Youth; c) Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment; and d) Population Dynamics					
<b>Evaluations</b>						
Exercise title and type	Purpose of the Exercise	Start and end date (Month, Year)	Estimated Cost \$	Source of Funding	Keypartners when conducting the exercise	Is it a joint exercise?

<p>Final evaluation of the Tenth Country Programme (CPE) (2022-2026)</p>	<p>The purpose of the country programme evaluation is summarized below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) To provide an independent assessment of the relevance, effectiveness, efficiency and sustainability of UNFPA support and progress towards the expected outputs and outcomes set out in the results framework of the country programme.</li> <li>2) To demonstrate accountability to stakeholders on performance in achieving development results and on invested resources for the period 2022-2026.</li> <li>3) To provide supportive evidence-based findings to enable informed decision making.</li> <li>4) To contribute important lessons learned, forward-looking options leading to strategic and actionable recommendations for the formulation of the next Country Programme in Bangladesh.</li> </ol> <p>The main audience and primary users of the evaluation are the decision makers and programme managers in UNFPA Bangladesh staff, national counterparts, donors, implementing partners, key stakeholders, as well as UNFPA APRO and HQ.</p>	<p>Q1-Q3, 2025</p>	<p>100,000</p> <p><b>Note:</b> due to the large size of Country Programme, the CPE will be conducted by independent evaluation team comprised of international team leader and national thematic evaluators on SRH, A&amp;Y, Gender Equality and Population dynamics including humanitarian response.</p>	<p>UNFPA Regular Resources</p>	<p>Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Ministry of Women and Children Affairs, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Planning, Bangladesh Parliament Secretariat. academia, implementing partners, UNRCO, UNCT member, development partners, stakeholders</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Final Evaluation of</p>	<p>Joint final evaluation of Cooperation</p>	<p>Q3-Q4</p>	<p>20,000 (UNFPA's</p>	<p>UNFPA</p>	<p>UNRCO, UNCT</p>	<p>Yes</p>

the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework- UNSDCF (2022-2026)	Framework to assess the relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, sustainability and added value of UNSDCF programming and results at the country level towards achieving Sustainable Development Goals to inform the next CF (2026-2030).	2025	contribution)	Regular Resource	members, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, implementing partners, development partners, academia and experts, civil society organizations, other stakeholders	(Lead: UN RCO together with UNCT member agencies)
Final evaluation of the project - 'Global Programme to End Child Marriage Phase II'	To determine the extent of which the project was able to meet the intended results with efficiency, effectiveness and relevance to the country's need. The evaluation will document lessons learnt and good practices from the project.	Q3 – Q4, 2023	\$30,000	Other Resources (GPECM Funds)	Department of Women Affairs (DWA), Ministry of Women and Children Affairs (MoWCA), implementing partners, UNICEF, other relevant stakeholders	Yes, joint with UNICEF, (Phase 1 evaluation was managed jointly by Evaluation Office of both agencies)
Final evaluation of the joint project implemented by UNFPA and UNICEF - 'Improving maternal, sexual, and reproductive health and rights in Bangladesh'	To determine the extent of which the joint project implemented by UNFPA and UNICEF was able to meet the intended results with efficiency, effectiveness and relevance to the country's needs. The evaluation will document lessons learnt and good practices from the project.	Q1-Q2, 2022	- (Budget included in UNICEF's work plan)	Other Resources (Canada)	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), implementing partners, Global Affairs Canada (GAC)	Yes, joint with UNICEF
<b>Evaluative activities (not evaluations)</b>						

<p>UN coherence in evaluation</p> <p>(planned attendance to meeting/ workshops on evaluation organized by UNCT M&amp;E task forces, regional evaluation groups or UNEG, and participation in UN joint initiatives and coordinated activities related to M&amp;E)</p>	<p>1) UNFPA is part of the UN Data, as well as Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group of the UN system in Bangladesh which provides technical assistance, quality assurance, and guidance to the Results Groups and the UNCT for monitoring, evaluation, and reporting on the UNSDCF implementation, and for preparation of the annual results report.</p> <p>1) UNFPA, as the active member of UN Data Group and UN M&amp;E Group, takes a pivotal role to support the Government in Voluntary National Review reporting coordination within the UN system, and provides technical support in revising SDG's M&amp;E Framework and reporting on UNFPA mandated indicators.</p>	<p>Q1 2022-Q4 2026</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>UNCT, Regional Office, General Economics Division (GED), relevant Ministries, and other key stakeholders</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Internal capacity development activity on evaluation (UNFPA staff attendance to training, workshops, conferences, etc.)</p>	<p>1) UNFPA Bangladesh intends to build the capacity of the staff, to ensure that the next compulsory CPE is well managed and produces the expected results.</p> <p>2) Country Office staff will participate in the evaluation training organized by the United Nations Evaluation Development Group for Asia and the Pacific (UNEDAP).</p>	<p>Q1 2024</p>	<p>\$2,500</p>	<p>UNFPA Regular Resource</p>	<p>Regional Office</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>National Evaluation Capacity Development on evaluation</p>	<p>UNFPA Bangladesh will organize a training workshop on results-based management (RBM), covering evaluation topics for national partners and key government counterparts, which will be</p>	<p>Q1 2023</p>	<p>\$6,000</p>	<p>UNFPA Regular Resource</p>	<p>Regional Office, national partners, implementing partners</p>	<p>No</p>

	facilitated by internal and external resource persons.					
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