

Costed Evaluation Plan: Bhutan Country Programme (2024-2028)						
Programme Cycle:	8 <sup>th</sup> Country Programme (2024-2028)					
Evidence utilized in the design of the costed plan	<p>The Costed Evaluation Plan of the 8th Country Programme is informed by a number of reviews and evaluations conducted during the 7th Country Programme period including the UNSDPF (2019-2023) evaluation and the 7th Country Programme evaluation. The 7th CP evaluation that was conducted in 2022 to evaluate the relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, and sustainability provided several strategic and actionable recommendations that were helpful to shape the formulation of the 8th Country Programme as well as the costed evaluation plan. For instance, the CPE recommended the development of coherent ToC and M&amp;E plan as part of the country programme development.</p> <p>Preliminary Findings and recommendations from the final evaluation of UNSDCF (2019 – 2023) in which UNFPA Bhutan was actively involved have informed development of the UNSDCF (2024-2028) and the 8th Country Programme. Further, the 8th Country Programme and its costed evaluation plan have taken into account findings and recommendations of the recent global evaluations such as the “2012 – 2020 Evaluation of UNFPA support to gender equality and women empowerment”, The “2023 Evaluation of UNFPA support to population dynamics and data”, “2023 Formative evaluation of UNFPA support to adolescents and youth” and the “2019 Developmental evaluation of results-based management at UNFPA” conducted by the Evaluation Office. The costed evaluation plan also takes into account the guidelines provided in the UNFPA Quadrennial Budgeted Evaluation Plan 2022-2025.</p>					
CP areas	8th CP will cover all the three results areas: 1. By 2025, the reduction in unmet need for family planning has been accelerated 2. By 2025, the reduction in preventable maternal death has accelerated 3. By 2025, reduction of gender based violence and harmful practices has accelerated.					
Evaluations						
Exercise title and type	Purpose of the Exercise	Start and end date (Month, Year)	Estimated Cost \$	Source of Funding	Key partners when conducting the exercise	Is it a joint exercise?
Thematic evaluation on the 8CP (2024 - 2028) support to the prevention of, response and elimination of gender based violence and harmful practices.	<p>To provide an independent assessment of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Relevance, efficiency, effectiveness and lessons learnt</li><li>• Impact and sustainability</li><li>• UNFPA’s added value and visibility in the country.</li></ul> <p>The thematic evaluation will contribute to</p>	January – August 2027	USD 30,000	Regular resources	Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, Royal University of Bhutan, Prime Minister’s Office, Ministry of Finance, CBS, NGOs.	No

	evidence-based decision-making, and inform the strategic positioning of UNFPA in 9CP.				Ministry of Home and Cultural Affairs, implementing partners of UNFPA	
Joint UNSDCF Evaluation (2024-2028)	To assess the relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, and sustainability of the UNSDCF. Assess how the joint action contributes to the achievement of the SDGs in the country and provide recommendations to UN agencies (UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, WFP, UN RC) to inform the next programme cycle of the UNSDCF and respective agencies country program support.	2027 (January to August)	USD 10,000 (UNFPA contribution)	Regular Resources	UNRCO, Office of cabinet secretariat, Ministry of Finance, Government stakeholders, UN agencies, CSOs, development partners, academia	Yes
<b>Evaluative activities (not evaluations)</b>						
CO capacity development activity on evaluation	Training of CO staff on RBM and Evaluation	April 2024	USD 5,000	Regular resources	APRO and HQ	No
National Evaluation Capacity Development on evaluation	Support to strengthen the capacity of implementing partners and National Evaluation Association of Bhutan on development evaluation and RBM	July –Dec 2024	USD 5,000	Regular resource	APRO, UNICEF, EAB, government, NGOs, academia	Yes
UNEDAP training on managing evaluations	Training conducted by UNEDAP for evaluation managers of UN agencies planning CPEs and UNSDCF evaluations	2026	USD 3,000	Regular Resources	APRO, UNEDAP	Yes

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<sup>2</sup> The budget of the evaluation plan should be commensurate to the overall budget of the country programme

