

**Costed Evaluation Plan:  
Iran**

<b>Programme cycle</b>	<b>The 7th Country Programme (2023-2027)</b>
<b>Evidence utilized in the design of the costed evaluation plan</b>	<p><b>The development of a costed evaluation plan for the 7th Country Programme considers and takes into account findings and recommendations from a number of evaluations conducted during the 6th Country Programme period. These include:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The UNFPA Iran 6th Country Programme Evaluation (CPE) for the period 2017-2021 was conducted in 2020-2021 by an independent evaluation team in accordance with the UNFPA Policy 2019 and UNFPA Evaluation Handbook 2019. The overall EQA for CPE report is rated “good”. The CPE provided several strategic and programmatic recommendations that are useful and have been used to formulate the 7th Country Programme of Iran.</li> <li>2. The internal assessment of the United Nations Partnerships Framework (UNDAF, 2017-2021) was conducted in 2021. The evaluation provides actionable recommendations for the UN system in improving its contribution to national development priorities and informing the new UNSDCF.</li> <li>3. Formative Evaluation of UNFPA Approach to South-South and Triangular Cooperation, UNFPA Evaluation Office, 2020</li> <li>4. Formative Evaluation of the UNFPA Innovation Initiative, UNFPA Evaluation Office, June 2017</li> <li>5. Evaluation of the UNFPA Support to the HIV Response (2016-2019), UNFPA Evaluation Office, 2020</li> <li>6. What works to amplify the rights and voices of youth, Meta-synthesis of lessons learned from youth evaluations (2015-2020) to support the implementation of the United Nations Youth Strategy</li> <li>7. Evaluation of UNFPA Support to Gender Equality and Women Empowerment (2012-2020), Evaluation office, 2021</li> <li>8. Interagency Humanitarian Evaluation of Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women and Girls, October 2020</li> </ol>
<b>CP areas</b>	<b>The 7th Country Programme will cover the three outcomes (i) unmet need for family planning, (ii) gender based violence and harmful practices; and (iii) reduction of preventable maternal deaths.</b>

**Evaluations**

<b>Evaluation Title</b>	<b>Purpose of the Evaluation</b>	<b>Timeline (Month, Year)</b>	<b>Estimated budget</b>	<b>Source of Funding</b>	<b>Key Evaluation Partners</b>	<b>Is this a joint evaluation?</b>
Final Evaluation of the Country Programme (2023-2027)	To provide an independent assessment of the relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, coherence and sustainability of UNFPA support and progress towards the expected outputs and outcomes set forth in the results framework of the 7th Country Programme; and to	Q4 2025-Q3 2026	\$70,000	RR	MFA, MOH, MOCLSW, SCI, UNCT members,	No

	Identify best practices, challenges, and lessons learned in the course of the implementation of the 7th Country Programme. Strategic and programmatic recommendations of this evaluation will be used to inform the development of the next Country Programme cycle (2028-2032).				and Key Stakeholders	
Evaluability Assessment of the 7th Country Programme (2023-2027)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To assess the programme theory of change and determine the extent to which the progress towards programme results can be reliably measured, monitored and evaluated and address any challenges encountered at the beginning of implementation;</li> <li>Assess the availability of relevant data as well as systems and capacities that make the data available; and</li> <li>The assessment results will be used by UNFPA and partners for improvement of country programme implementation, monitoring and evaluation.</li> </ol>	April to June 2023	\$10,000	RR	All Implementing Partners (IPs) and key UN Organizations CF Results Groups)	No
Evaluation of the UNSDCF (2023-2027)	The UNSDCF evaluation would assess progress towards the achievement of the expected results set forth in the UNSDCF (2023-2027), and its contribution to national priorities. The findings and recommendations of this evaluation will be used by UNRC, UN organizations and Government to inform the design of the next UNSDCF.	Q1-Q4 2026	\$5,000	RR	UNRCO/UNCT, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, other relevant stakeholders	Yes (Lead by UNRCO together with UNCT member agencies)
<b>Evaluative activities (not evaluations)</b>						
Internal CO capacity on RBM, including evaluation	To enhance the capacity of CO staff on RBM twice during the cycle through support from APRO. The topic will cover all elements of the programme cycle, including evaluations.	2023, 2025	0	NA	Regional Office	No
Capacity building of the UN Planning, Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (UN PMEL) Group	To enhance and revive the capacity of members of the PMEL, chaired by UNFPA, in the area of adaptive RBM, which will include evaluations as one of the topics. The training will be conducted twice during the cycle.	2023, 2025	\$5,000	RR	UN Agencies and partners	Yes
National capacity Development on RBM (training, workshops for partners)	UNFPA Iran will organize bilateral sessions with implementing partners to strengthen the RBM capacity of IP and the evaluability of the CP. These bilateral sessions will start early in 2022 and continue once a year through the 2023-2027 cycle.	2023, 2024, 2025,2026	0	NA	Implementing partners and MFA	No
Online evaluation training	The CO staff will undertake the online training module, developed by the UNFPA Evaluation Office	2023	0	NA	EO, HQ, APRO,	No

UNEDAP evaluation training	The CO staff who will manage the CP evaluation will attend the UNEDAP evaluation training	2026	\$3,000	RR/APRO budget	APRO	Yes
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