

COSTED EVALUATION PLAN

Lao PDR SEVENTH COUNTRY PROGRAMME

Programme Cycle:	The Seventh Country Programme (2022-2026)
Evidence utilized in the design of the costed plan	<p>According to the UNFPA Evaluation Policy, a Country Programme Evaluation (CPE) should be conducted once in every two cycles of the country programme. Under the country programme cycle 6 (2017-2021), a Mid-Term Review 2019 and the Country Programme Evaluation 2020 were conducted by independent consultants, and the quality assurance for the CPE was provided by APRO and EO. The new Country Programme Document (2022-2026) takes into account findings and recommendations of the MTR and Final CPE of CP6.</p> <p>A Country Programme Evaluation is not planned in the new Country programme cycle 7 (2022-2026), but thematic and project evaluations, and the UNSDCF evaluation that are included in the CEP will provide information and evidence for the next Country Programme Development (CP8).</p> <p>The evaluation of the United Nations Partnership Framework (UNPF 2017-2021) of Lao PDR was carried out by an independent consultant team in 2020 as per the Lao PDR UNPF Monitoring & Evaluation Framework (2017-2021) and UNFPA CO was actively involved as a member of the group. Findings and recommendations from the Lao PDR UNPF evaluation and Common Country Assessment (CCA) have informed development of the UNSDCF (2022-2026) for Lao PDR and as well as of the 7th Country Programme (2022-2026) of UNFPA CO in Lao PDR.</p> <p>The 7th Country Programme and its costed evaluation plan have taken into account findings and recommendations of the MTR and CPE of cycle 6(2017-2021) that UNFPA Lao CO supports the government in their implementation of Essential Service Packages(ESP) to the prevention and response to gender based violence (GBV) and harmful practices (early Marriages-Nang Noi Girl Group Initiative) including in humanitarian settings. Comprehensive Sexual Education programme evaluation will be conducted in the CP7 to provide concrete findings and recommendations for scaling up country wide.</p> <p>In the CP7, the country programme evaluation (CPE) will not be conducted but only the MTR and thematic evaluations under the 7th country programme will be carried out to get good practices, challenges and lessons learned to inform the scaling up initiatives and new country programme development.</p> <p>According to the monitoring and evaluation plan in the UNSDCF Lao PDR (2022-2026), a final independent evaluation of the UNSDCF will be commissioned in the penultimate year of the Cooperation Framework period, in order to contribute to the</p>

	preparation of a subsequent Cooperation Framework. The evaluation of UNSDCF will be conducted in 2025 and UNFPA CO will ensure full reflections of the 7 th UNFPA country programme's contribution to achievements of UNSDCF targets.					
CP areas	The 7 th Country Programme will fully cover the following areas of UNFPA strategy plan: Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR), Adolescents and Youth, Gender equality and women's empowerment, and Population Dynamics					
Evaluations						
Evaluation Title	Purpose of the Evaluation	Start and end date (Month, Year)	Estimated Cost \$ ¹	Source of Funding	Key partners when conducting the exercise	Is it a joint exercise?
1) Thematic evaluation of Adolescent Girl Initiatives(Nang Noi Girl Groups-NNGG)	To evaluate the effectiveness, efficiency, and sustainability of NNGG initiative in target provinces (Borkeo, Savannakhet and Oudomxay) and to inform the MOES the improvement and scale up to country wide	Jan-June 2023	20,000 USD	Regular resources (FPA90)	Ministry of Education and sport, Ministry of Health and Lao Youth's Union	No
2)Mid-term Evaluation of UN joint programme for National Mother, New born, Children, Reproductive health and Adolescent and youth strategy (NMNCRAH)	Assess programme performance and achievement of the planned results that contributed to the NMNCRAH implementation. The evaluation would also particularly look at the achievements, challenges and recommendations for the next programme.	June/Nov. 2024	10,000 USD (UNFPA contribution to the joint evaluation)	Luxembourg U CJ21	Ministry of Health	Yes
3) Final Evaluation of the UNSDCF (2022-2026)	To evaluate the relevance, effectiveness, efficiency and sustainability of the UNSDCF outcomes and country programme	May/ December 2025	10,000 USD (UNFPA contribution to the	Regular sources FPA90	Resident Coordination Office RCO, Ministry of planning and Investment	Yes

¹ The budget of the evaluation plan should be commensurate to the overall budget of the country programme

	outcomes and to identify challenges and opportunities to inform the next UNSDCF.		UNSDCF evaluation			
4) Evaluation of the Comprehensive Sexual Education roll out Programme with MOES	To evaluate the CSE implementation in target provinces (3) and to inform the improvement and scale up to country wide.	April/Nov 2024	30,000 USD	Regular sources FPA90	Ministry of Education and Sport, Ministry of planning and Investment	No
Evaluative Activities(Not Evaluation)						
UN Coherence in Monitoring and Evaluation (participation in UN joint initiatives and coordinated activities related to M&E)	<p>1.UNFPA will be an active member of the UN M&E Task Force that 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 One Country Results report annually. As the custodian of specific UNSDCF outcome and output level indicators, UNFPA will be responsible for data collection, analysis and reporting on those indicators on an annual basis.</p> <p>2. As a member of the Joint Steering Committee co-chaired by the Ministry of Planning and Investment, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the UNRCO, UNFPA will participate in annual review meetings to review progress towards the expected results as set forth in the UNSDCF and recommend strategic adjustments to accelerate action and remain relevant in a changing environment.</p>	January 2022 – December 2026			UNCT, Regional office, Ministry of Planning and Investment, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other national stakeholders	Yes

CO Capacity Building on Evaluation	Country Office staff will participate in an evaluation training organized by the United Nations Evaluation Development Group for Asia and the Pacific (UNEDAP)	Quarter 1, 2024	\$2,500	Regular Resources	Regional office	Yes
Contribution to National Capacity Development on Evaluation	Organize one training workshop on Results Based Management (RBM) covering evaluation topics for national partners including implementing partners (IPs), which will be facilitated by internal and external resource persons.	Quarter 2, 2023;	\$6,000	Regular Resources	Regional Office, National partners, IPs	No