

9th Programme Cycle costed Evaluation Plan						
Programme Title:	Government of Malawi /UNFPA 9 TH COUNTRY PROGRAMME					
Programme Cycle:	January 2024 - December 2028					
Region/ Country	East and Southern Africa Region (ESARO)/ Malawi Country Office					
Evidence utilized in the design of the costed plan	<p>The Costed Evaluation Plan utilized evidence from reviews and evaluations conducted during the 8th Country programme period namely,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Country Programme Evaluation (CPE) of the 8th Country Programme. The 8th CPE was conducted in 2022 to evaluate the relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, impact and sustainability of the 8th Country Programme. The evaluation quality assessment (EQA) of the CPE report resulted in a preliminary ‘very good’ rating, pending the final EQA by the Evaluation Office. Findings and recommendations from the evaluation have informed development of new 9th Country Programme Document and used as an evidence for advocating 3 transformative results in UNSDCF development process as One UN.b) United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) Evaluation. An independent evaluation of UNSDCF 2019-2023 was conducted in 2022 (still to be finalised to date). UNFPA Malawi Country Office was actively involved as an evaluation manager and a member of the reference group.c) Census evaluation					
CP areas	<p>The 9th Country Programme will cover three Strategic Plan Outcome areas: 1) Reduce preventable maternal deaths; 2) Reduce unmet needs for family planning; 3) Reduce GBV and harmful practices. 9th CPD will also focus on reducing transmission of HIV/AIDS among adolescent and youth.</p> <p>Programme outputs will cover the following: 1) Policy, population change and data; 2) Quality Care and Services; 3) C. Gender and Social Norms ; 4) Accelerating Humanitarian Actions and 5) Adolescent and Youth.</p>					
Evaluations						
Evaluation Title and type	Purpose of the Evaluation	START & END Timeline (Month, Year)	Estimated Cost US\$	Source of Funding	Key Evaluation Partners	Is it a joint exercise?
FINAL EVALUATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS JOINT PROGRAMME ON GIRLS EDUCATION IN MALAWI (2018-2024)	a. Accountability and Transparency: assess relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, impact and sustainability of the UN Joint programme on girls’ education.	August – December 2024	\$120,000 (managed by UNICEF); UNFPA will provide	Other resources (Royal Norwegian Embassy)	Ministry of Education; Ministry of Health and Population; Ministry of Youth; Ministry of Gender, Children, Disability and Social Welfare; United	Yes

	<p>b. Generate evidence for consideration in future designing, replication and implementation of similar programmes.</p> <p>c. Deepen stakeholders' knowledge and understanding of the underlying assumptions guiding the implementation of the programme; the Theory of Change; and the cultural context in which the programme was implemented.</p>		technical support.		Nations Children's Fund; World Food Programme.	
EVALUATIVE EVIDENCE OF 9TH UNFPA COUNTRY PROGRAMME	<p>a. Generate evidence on relevance, efficiency, effective, impact and sustainability of the UNFPA country programme for accountability and transparency</p> <p>b. Enhance understanding and interactive learning from the country programme implementation in consultation with key stakeholders and beneficiaries</p>	March-August 2027	\$ 25,000	Core Resources	Government of Malawi, Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Youth and Sports, Ministry of Gender, Ministry of Local Government, National Statistical Office and CSO partners	No

FINAL EVALUATION OF THE UMOYO WATHU (UN JOINT PROGRAMME)	<p>a. Accountability and Transparency: assess relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, impact and sustainability of Health Systems Strengthening and BEmONC services in six targeted districts of Malawi</p> <p>b. Generate evidence for consideration in future designing, replication and implementation of similar programmes.</p>	<p>July-November 2024</p>	<p>\$ 30,000 (UNFPA's contribution)</p>	<p>Other resources (FCDO)</p>	<p>Government of Malawi; Ministry of Health and 6 District councils; Kamuzu University of Health Sciences</p>	<p>Yes</p>
UNSDCF (2023-2027) EVALUATION	<p>a. Demonstrate greater accountability of the United Nations to stakeholders by objectively verifying results achieved within the framework of the UNDAF and assessing the effectiveness of the strategies and interventions used</p> <p>b. Support learning for strengthening programming and results at the country level, specifically informing the planning and decision-</p>	<p>March-August 2027</p>	<p>Total budget: \$150,000</p> <p>UNFPA contribution: \$25,000</p>	<p>Core resources</p>	<p>Government of Malawi, United Nations organizations, Civil Society Organizations, development partners and other stakeholders</p>	<p>Yes</p>

	<p>making for the next UNDAF programme cycle and for improving United Nations coordination at the country level</p> <p>c. Generate evaluative evidence from the 9th Country Programme and draw lessons that will guide the design of subsequent programmes.</p>					
EVALUATIVE ACTIVITIES (NOT EVALUATIONS)						
INTERNAL CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY ON EVALUATION UNFPA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development capacity of CO personnel and implementing partners in: Results-based Management, Planning and programming for evidence-based results, Theory of change, logical framework and indicators 	Annually 2024-2028	\$ 80,000	Regular resources	M&E staff, CO management, implementing partners	No
UN COHERENCE IN EVALUATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support policy coherence and coordination at national and district levels include regular participation in the UNSDCF mechanisms (Strategic Priority areas, Gender, M&E and 	Annually, 2024-2028	N/A	N/A	UN country team, government partners, CSO partners and donors	Yes

	Communications groups). This will ensure that the UNSDCF implementation will be conducted in an inclusive manner and promote national ownership through the active and meaningful engagement of relevant national stakeholders.					
NATIONAL EVALUATION CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT ON EVALUATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNFPA Malawi will work with UN M&E group to participate and contribute to a series of virtual and face-to-face sessions and workshop on results-based management (RBM), covering evaluation topics for national partners and key government counterparts 	Annually 2024-2028	N/A, to be budgeted based on the UN wide agreement	Core resources	Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, National Planning Commission, National Statistical Office, other relevant line ministries, UN agencies	Yes
TOTAL BUDGET			\$ 130,000			