

**PROGRAMME CYCLE EVALUATION PLAN**

**MALAYSIA FIRST COUNTRY PROGRAMME**

<p>Programme Cycle:</p>	<p>The First Country Programme (2022-2025)</p>
<p>Evidence utilized in the design of the costed plan</p>	<p>As per the UNFPA Evaluation Policy, CPEs are mandatory to be conducted every other CP cycle. This is the first programme cycle evaluation plan by the Malaysia CO for a CPD review.</p> <p>The costed evaluation plan of the new CP was developed after careful consideration of the previous programmes/projects reviews conducted in the past years and the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) 2021-2025. The plan also considers the Guidance on Preparing Costed Evaluation Plans by the UNFPA Evaluation Office.</p> <p>This Country programme and its costed evaluation plan also take into account findings and recommendations of the recent global and thematic evaluations such as “Evaluation of UNFPA support to the prevention, response to and elimination of gender based violence (GBV) and harmful practices (HP) 2012-2017”, and “Developmental evaluation of results-based management at UNFPA 2019” conducted by the Evaluation Office.</p> <p>The former evaluation states the importance of quality evidence to support countries strengthening their focus on prevention programmes and services with the greatest potential to reduce GBV and HP as well as informing the national implementation of international commitments and gender policies and legislation. Moreover, the evaluation also highlights UNFPA’s health sector response as the most tangible contribution of UNFPA to quality accessible services. The CP1 will contribute to improve evidence generation on GBV and HP, and health sector response to GBV including capacity of healthy systems to implement MISP. As recommended by the evaluation, the 1st Country Programme will contribute to the organizational commitment to systematic production and exchange of learning and knowledge through South-South and Global Cooperation initiatives in the areas of GBV and harmful practices.</p> <p>In addition, this CP also takes into account recommendations from the developmental evaluation of results-based management at UNFPA which provides a way forward for UNFPA in the organizational development of RBM solutions. The evaluation recommends that to move to the next stage of RBM, to institute a culture of learning. The evaluations planned during this first CP reflects the learning agenda.</p>

	The UN and the Government of Malaysia are in agreement stages of the UNSDCF (2021 – 2025) which is the first overarching UN framework of cooperation with Malaysia as the country did not have any UNDAF in the past. The UNSDCF (2021-2025), requires a final independent evaluation of the UNSDCF will be carried out in the penultimate year of the Cooperation Framework’s implementation which will contribute to the next CCA and UNSDCF process. The CPE, therefore, will be designed so that the UNSDCF will benefit from CPE.					
CP areas	This Country Programme will cover the following new Strategic Plan outcomes: Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH), Adolescents and Youth and Population Dynamics under Outcome 1 to accelerate the reduction of unmet needs for family planning; and Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment under Outcome 3, accelerate the reduction of GBV and harmful practices					
Evaluations						
Evaluation Title	Purpose of the Evaluation	Start and end date (Month, Year)	Estimated Cost \$ <sup>1</sup>	Source of Funding	Key partners when conducting the exercise	Is it a joint exercise?
Country Programme Evaluation (CPE) for the 1 <sup>st</sup> Country Programme (2022-2025)	To provide an independent assessment of the relevance, effectiveness, efficiency and sustainability of the UNFPA programme including progress towards the expected outputs and outcomes set forth in the results framework of the country programme, its contribution to UNSDCF; and to provide lessons learned, actionable strategic as well as managerial findings and recommendations to inform the development of the next country programme cycle (2026-2030). The primary users of the CPE will be UNFPA, Malaysian government counterparts, current and potential implementing partners in Malaysia, UN system, and other development partners.	February - December 2024	USD 60,670 (pls. refer to Annex I for the cost estimation for the evaluation )	Regular & other resources	EPU, Line Ministries (National Coordinating Ministry), Government key partners, civil society organizations, private sector, academia and UN sister agencies.	No

<sup>1</sup> The budget of the evaluation plan should be commensurate to the overall budget of the country programme

Final Evaluation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) 2021-2025	To evaluate the overall contribution of the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) towards national priorities of Malaysia while identifying lessons and best practices to feed into the formulation of the next Cooperation Framework (2025-2030). The primary users of the evaluation will be UNRC, UN organizations, Malaysian government counterparts, civil society organizations, the private sectors, academia, and other development partners.	July – November 2024	USD 10,000 (UNFPA contribution to the UNSDCF evaluation)	Regular & other Resources	Economic Planning Unit (EPU) (National Coordinating Ministry), Line Ministries, UN Country Team, Development partners, NGOs, Civil Society	Yes
Evaluative activities (not evaluations)						
Internal capacity development activity on evaluation (UNFPA staff attendance to training, workshops, conferences, etc.)	Attendance to the evaluation training organized by UNEDAP for countries conducting CPEs.	Q1 2024	USD 1,500	Regular resource from APRO	UNEDAP	Yes
UN coherence in evaluation (i.e. planned attendance to meeting/workshops organized by UNCT M&E task	Attendance to evaluations, meetings /workshops organised by UNCT Results Groups as part of joined evaluation process of UNDCDF	Q1 to Q2 2024	USD 0		UNCT, UN Evaluation Group for Asia and the Pacific (UNEDAP), EPU and line ministries	Yes

forces, regional evaluation groups or UNEG)						
National Evaluation Capacity Development on evaluation (Partners attendance to training, workshops, as well as other capacity development activities for partners)	Partners attendance to evaluation capacity building as appropriate	Oct – Dec 2023	USD7,500	Regular & Other resources	IPs	Yes