

Maldives costed evaluation plan for the 7th Country Programme (2022-2026)

Costed Evaluation Plan: Maldives	
Programme Cycle	The 7 th Country Programme (2022-2026)
Evidence utilized in the design of the costed evaluation plan	<p>As per the UNFPA Evaluation Policy, Country Programme Evaluation (CPE) is mandatory to be conducted every other CP cycle. Under the country programme cycle 6 (2016-2020), with one-year extension up to December 2021 due to COVID-19 global pandemic, the Country Programme Evaluation was conducted in 2019 by an independent evaluation team in accordance with UNFPA Evaluation Policy 2019 and UNFPA Evaluation Handbook 2019. The CPE provided several strategic and actionable recommendations that have been taken into account in the formulation of the 7th Country Programme of Maldives. The evaluation quality assessment (EQA) of the CPE report was accomplished and a ‘Good’ rating was given in the final EQA by the Evaluation Office.</p> <p>The 7th Country Programme and its costed evaluation also take into consideration the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) evaluation conducted in 2020 which provides critical recommendations for improving the UN system’s contribution to national development priorities and informing the new UNSDCF.</p> <p>In addition, the CP7 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. UNFPA Maldives will be actively involved in implementing organization-wide initiatives to improve evaluation culture and practices, and institute a culture of learning.</p> <p>Although CPE is not mandatory for each CP cycle, UNFPA Maldives is planning to conduct a CPE. Maldives is a complex country in terms of its political, economic and social context, despite the relatively small size of the Country Programme. An independent evaluation to demonstrate accountability to stakeholders on performance and to provide an evidence base for the development of the new Country Programme with strong partnership with the Government and other stakeholders will be critical and conducted. CPE will also provide strategic recommendations contributing to the development of the next UNSDCF (2027-2031).</p>
CP area	The 7 th Country Programme will cover two outcomes (i) reducing unmet need for family planning; and (ii) reducing gender based violence and harmful practices

Evaluations						
Exercise title and type	Purpose of the Exercise	Start and end (Month, Year)	Estimated Cost (\$)	Source of Funding	Key partners when conducting the exercise	Is it a joint exercise?
Evaluation of the 7 th Country Programme (2022-2026)	To evaluate the relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, coherence and sustainability of UNFPA support and progress towards the expected outputs and outcomes set out in the results framework of the country programme as well as assessing contribution to the UNSDCF and UNFPA's added value under the CP7. CPE will also identify best practices, challenges, and lessons learned in the course of the implementation of the 8th Country Programme and recommend measures to improve programme outcomes in the next Country Programme.	January-October 2025	75,000	UNFPA Regular Resources	IPs, APRO, Evaluation Office, implementing partners, UNRCO, UNCT members, development partners and other stakeholders	No
Evaluation of the UNSDCF (2022-2026)	The UNSDCF evaluation would assess the relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, coherence and	January-October 2025	None	RR	UNRCO, UNCT members, Ministry of	Yes (Lead by UNRCO together)

	sustainability of UN's support in Maldives and their contributions to addressing national priorities and achieving Sustainable Development Goals. Findings and recommendations from UNSDCF evaluation will also be used to inform the next UNSDCF (2027-2031).				Foreign Affairs, implementing partners, development partners, academia, civil society organization, youth representatives, other stakeholders	with UNCT member agencies)
Evaluative activities (not evaluations)						
UN coherence in monitoring and evaluation of the UNSCDF (planned attendance to meetings/workshops on evaluation organized by UNCT M&E task forces, regional evaluation groups or UNEG, and participation in UN joint initiatives and coordinated activities related to M&E)	UNFPA Maldives is part of the Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group of the UN system that provides technical assistance, quality assurance and guidance to the Results Groups and the UNCT for monitoring through the UNINFO, evaluation and reporting of the UNSDCF implementation, and for preparation of annual results report. UNFPA Maldives will also be active in providing technical support to the	Q1 2022 - Q4 2026	None	RR	UNRCO, UNCT, Regional Office, MFA, relevant line ministries, and other key stakeholders	Yes

	<p>UNCT as custodian of specific UNSDCF outcome and output level indicators. It will also support the Government in Voluntary National Review reporting coordination within the UN system and monitoring of SDGs especially UNFPA mandated indicators.</p>					
<p>Internal capacity development activity on evaluation (UNFPA staff attendance to training, workshops, conferences, etc.)</p>	<p>UNFPA Maldives will continue to strengthen the capacity of the staff, in particular that of the M&E focal point, to ensure that the next CPE will continue to be well managed and of high quality.</p> <p>The staff of the UNFPA Maldives will attend the evaluation training organized by the United Nations Evaluation Development Group for Asia and the Pacific (UNEDAP) to ensure meaningful contribution from UNFPA.</p>	Q1 2025	10,000	RR	Regional Office	Yes
<p>National capacity development on evaluation</p>	<p>UNFPA Maldives will continue to build capacity on results-based management (RBM),</p>	Q1 2023	10,000	RR	Regional office, national partners,	No

	covering evaluation topics for national partners.				implementing partners	
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