

Costed Evaluation Plan: MONGOLIA	
Programme cycle:	Seventh Country Programme Document (2023-2027)
Evidence utilized in the design of the costed plan	<p>The 7th Country Programme and its costed evaluation plan are developed and informed by findings and recommendations from the following evaluations carried out during the 6th Country Programme period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Country Programme Evaluation (CPE) for the UNFPA Mongolia Sixth Country Programme, 2017-2021 (extended for 1 year up to December 2022 due to COVID-19 global pandemic and to align with the extension of the United Nations Development Assistance Framework as agreed between the Government of Mongolia and the UNCT) was carried out in 2020 by an independent evaluation team including young evaluators in accordance with UNFPA Evaluation Policy 2019 and UNFPA Evaluation Handbook 2019. The CPE provided several strategic and programmatic recommendations that are used for the formulation of the 7th Country Programme in Mongolia. The evaluation quality assessment (EQA) of the CPE report is rated “very good”. - The United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) evaluation (2017-2021) was completed in November 2021. Actionable recommendations from this evaluation have been used to inform the development of the United Nations Sustainable Development Framework (2023-2027) and have been considered for the development of this costed evaluation plan. - The Development Evaluation of Results-Based Management at UNFPA conducted in 2019 by the Evaluation Office recommended UNFPA to use results information for adaptation, and driving organizational learning and further strengthening the culture of RBM. The planned evaluations under this costed evaluation plan will take into account recommendations from this evaluation. UNFPA Mongolia will continue to strengthen the RBM system for the new CP. - Evaluation of UNFPA support to gender equality and women’s empowerment (2012-2020) and Evaluation of UNFPA support to the prevention, response to and elimination of gender-based violence and harmful practices (2012-2017). - The final Evaluation of the “Innovation in Maternal Health Services, Mongolia: From Pilot to Institutionalization” project (Telemedicine project Exit Phase, 2017-2019) which was conducted in 2019. The evaluation highlighted the successful implementation of telemedicine and encouraged to document the best practices and results of the project. Furthermore, it recommended continuing the advocacy and technical assistance to ensure the interventions' sustainability and scaling up the telemedicine interventions to soums. The recommendations were reflected in the next phase of the project which is expected to start at the end of 2022 as well as in the formulation of the new country programme and its costed evaluation plan. - The end Evaluation of UNFPA, Oyu Tolgoi Joint Project “Accentuating the Positive: Youth for Development in Khanbogd soum (Umnugobi province)” conducted in 2020. The evaluation highlighted the importance of peer education, replicating the successful model on YDC and youth-friendly SRH cabinet in other targets soums and ensuring the participation of local government and non-government partners in the development and implementation of youth projects and programmes. - The Midterm Evaluation of “Combating Gender-Based Violence in Mongolia” project in 2018. It highlighted the project achievement on evidence generation on GBV and strengthening GBV response, including multidisciplinary response and innovative interventions targeted for men and boys. It provided recommendations to continue advocating and providing technical assistance on evidence generation, revision or update in policy where the gaps lie, strengthening GBV responses and BCC initiatives to address the discriminatory social norms. The project's next phase is approved, started in 2020 and will continue till 2023. - The end Evaluation of the “Integrated Support Programme on Women’s and Youth Health in Umnugobi province” project conducted in 2021. It provided recommendations to ensure the sustainability of the programme's interventions and replicate best practices, including youth empowerment initiatives such as start-ups and Youth development centers and YFSRH cabinets at the soum level in other places. The next phase of the programme in Umnugobi is expected to start by the end of 2022 and continue during CP7.

	As part of the donor funding, these following project evaluations are planned and will be conducted in accordance with the UNFPA Evaluation Policy, UNFPA Evaluation Handbook 2019. Although CPE is not mandatory for each CP cycle, UNFPA Mongolia is planning to conduct a CPE, given the following reasons: (a) a complex country programme with a large donor funding and initiatives to increase domestic financing that requires and independent assessment to demonstrate accountability to stakeholders on performance under the country programme, and to provide an evidence base for formulation of the new country programme and UNSDCF (2028-2032); and (b) contribute to important lessons learned toward accelerating the achievement of three transformative results by 2030.					
CP areas	The 7th Country Programme will cover three outcomes (i) accelerated the reduction of unmet need for family planning; (ii) accelerated the reduction of preventable maternal deaths; and (iii) accelerated the reduction of gender-based violence and harmful practices.					
Evaluations						
Exercise title and type	Purpose of the Exercise	Start and end date (Month, Year)	Estimated Cost \$ ²	Source of Funding	Key partners when conducting the exercise	Is it a joint exercise?
End evaluation of the “Combating Gender-Based Violence in Mongolia, Phase Two” project	To assess the project impact and coherence, relevance, efficiency, and effectiveness of the project interventions, and identify the lessons learned, good practices, and recommendations for the future GBV prevention and response, and to inform the Government of the improvement and scale up to country wide.	February-June 2023	30,000 USD	Non-core	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implementing partners (MLPS, MoJHA, CCCP, MoH, NPA, NCGE, NSO, NCAV) - Development partners (SDC, IDLO, ADB) - Beneficiaries 	No
End evaluation of the “Integrated Support Programme on People’s Health in Umnugobi province, 2022-2026	<p>To assess programme performance and achievement to address the critical and emerging health and social issues in Umnugobi province, covering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - sexual and reproductive health of women, adolescents and youth, - non-communicable diseases and communicable diseases, - youth empowerment, - and gender-based violence. <p>The evaluation will cover the relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, and sustainability of the “Integrated Support Programme”. Lessons learnt and recommendations will be used to inform the next CP.</p>	Feb-June 2026	8,000 USD	Non-core resource	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implementing partners MLSP, MoES MoH FCYDD, GEA, NCMCH Umnugobi Governor’s Office and other two selected provinces 15 Soms Governor’s Office of Umnugobi - Partners WHO, UNICEF, IOM Embassy of Australia Oyu Tolgoi LLC, Gobi-Oyu Development Support Fund - Beneficiaries - NGOs (youth and people with disabilities) 	No
Evaluation of National Maternal and Child Health Action Plan 2022-2024	The evaluation will assess and provide information on the relevancy, effectiveness, efficiency, impact and	March-September 2024	12,000 USD	Regular and non-core resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government entities MoH, NCMCH, NCHD, MoES, UBHD - MNUMS, 	Yes

	sustainability of the implementation of the National MCH action plan.				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development partners UNICEF, JICA - NGOs MAM, MFOG, MSI, OPDs: MAB, MNWUA, MAFMP 	
End evaluation of the fourth phase of telemedicine project	To assess relevance, efficiency, and effectiveness of the project. The evaluation will identify the lessons learnt and good practices of project, which will inform the improvement and scale up of the maternal services in Mongolia.	June – November 2026	45,000 USD	Non-core resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government entities MoH, NCMCH, NCHD, MoES, UBHD - MNUMS - Development partners UNICEF, JICA - NGOs MAM, MFOG, MSI, OPDs: MNFB, MNWUA, MAFMS 	No
Country evaluation Program	To assess CP's relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, and sustainability; identify the best achievements against objectives, best practices, challenges, and lessons learned during the programme implementation and provide recommendations for the next Country Programme for improved outcomes.	April-November 2026	70,000 USD	Regular resource	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government MoFA, MLSP, MoJHA, MoES, MOH and selected local government - Implementing partners NSO, FYDCA, CCCP, NCGE, NCAV, NPA - Development partners (including UN agencies) - Beneficiaries 	No
UNSDCF evaluation (2023-2027)	To assess the coherence, relevance, efficiency, effectiveness of the UNSDCF to support the country to achieve SDGs; and inform UN agencies, including UNFPA, on inputs and contributions for the next UNSDCF.	March to October 2026	7,000 USD	Regular resource	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UN agencies - Government entities led by MoFA - Academia - CSOs/NGOs - Beneficiaries - Development partners 	Yes. With UN agencies
Evaluative activities (not evaluations)						
UN coherence in evaluation (participation in UN joint initiatives and coordinated activities related to M&E)	UNFPA Mongolia will actively participate and attend meeting/workshops organized by UNCT, evaluation task forces, M&E group and regional evaluation groups or UNEG.	January to December 2023-2027	1,500 USD	Regular resource	UNCT members, MoFA, line ministries, and other stakeholders	Yes, with Un agencies

	As a member of the UN Data and Monitoring Group of the UN System in Mongolia which will provide technical support in the implementation and monitoring of all UNSDCF results, UNFPA CO will provide timely inputs and its RBM knowledge; ensure UNFPA visibility at the UNCT and UNSDCF outcome groups; and benefit from the M&E knowledge and experience from other UN agencies. UNFPA Mongolia will also take a pivotal role in a joint initiative to support the Government in strengthen national statistics system, utilization of evaluative evidence and reporting/reviewing progress toward SDG achievement.					
Internal capacity development activity on evaluation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> UNFPA Mongolia will organize training and workshop to continue to improve knowledge of CO staff and support the RBM operationalization to ensure the evaluability of the Country Programme. UNFPA Mongolia will participate in the evaluation training organized by the United Nations Evaluation Development Group for Asia and the Pacific (UNEDAP) 	According to CO Capacity Development Plan (2023-2027)	10,500 USD (1,500 per year for (1) each year and 3,000 USD from APRO for (2))	Regular resource	APRO, HQ	No
National Evaluation Capacity Development on evaluation	<p>To improve the capacity of the national agencies including implementing partners on RBM including their engagement in evaluation and utilization of the evaluation results.</p> <p>UNFPA Mongolia will carry out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trainings on RBM including evaluation topics for key government counterparts and national partners including implementing partners (IPs), which will be facilitated by internal and external resource persons. 	2023-2027	4,000 USD	Regular resource	Implementing partners	No

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initiatives to strengthen capacity of young evaluators for their engagement in the CO evaluations including CPE. 					
Online training on evaluation	To improve capacity of CO staff through online evaluation training course developed by UNFPA EO	2023	0	N/A	All CO staff	No

Abbreviation:

- MoFA Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- MoES Ministry of Education and Science
- MoJHA Ministry of Justice and Home Affairs
- MLSP Ministry of Labour and Social Protection
- MoH Ministry of Health
- NSO National Statistical Office
- CCCP Coordination Council of Crime Prevention
- FYDCA Family, Children and Youth Development Agency
- NPA National Police Agency
- NCGE National Committee on Gender Equality
- NCAV National Center Against Violence
- NCMCH National Center for Maternal and Child Health
- GEA General Education Agency
- MNUMS Mongolian National University of Medical Science
- NCHD National Center for Health Development
- UBHD Ulaanbaatar Health Department
- MAM Mongolian Association of Midwives
- MFOG Mongolian Federation of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
- MSI Marie Stopes International
- OPD Organization of Persons with Disability
- MNFB Mongolian National Federation of the Blind
- MNWUA Mongolian National Wheelchair Users Association
- MAFMS Mongolian Association of Family Medicine Specialists