

**Costed Evaluation Plan: Nepal Country Programme (2023-2027)**

Programme Cycle:	9 <sup>th</sup> Country Programme (2023-2027)
Evidence utilized in the design of the costed evaluation plan	<p>As per the UNFPA Evaluation Policy (2019), this Country Office Costed Evaluation Plan has been prepared after a careful review of the existing evaluative evidence, knowledge base and internal consultations as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The evaluation of the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) for the period of 2018-2022 was conducted during 2021-2022 by a team of independent evaluation experts. The main purpose of the evaluation was to generate evidence on performance and adaptability of the UNDAF (2018-2022), based on selected criteria to contribute to greater learning of the UN Country Team (UNCT) in Nepal, as well as to support greater accountability and transparency of the UNCT to UNDAF stakeholders.</li> <li>2. The final evaluation of the ‘AWAAZ – Inclusion for and by persons with disabilities’ project that was implemented by UN Women, UNFPA, WHO and UNDP in 2022. The main purpose of the evaluation was to assess the results and approaches of the project interventions and their contribution to higher-level results (outcome level). The evaluation sought to identify and document the results achieved through the project interventions, challenges encountered as well as to document the lessons learned and best practices. The findings of the evaluation have provided specific recommendations for the future country programmes of the four UN partner agencies and stakeholders willing to contribute to the promotion of the rights of persons with disabilities.</li> <li>3. The Country Programme and its Costed Evaluation Plan also take into account findings and recommendations of recent corporate evaluations, such as: (i) Evaluation of UNFPA support to the prevention, response to and elimination of gender based violence and harmful practices (2012-2017); (ii) Evaluation of UNFPA support to gender equality and women's empowerment (2012-2020); (iii) Developmental evaluation of results-based management at UNFPA (2019); (iv) Evaluation of the UNFPA capacity in humanitarian action (2012-2019); (v) Joint evaluation of the UNFPA-UNICEF Global Programme to Accelerate Action to End Child Marriage (2019); (vi) Mid-term evaluation of UNFPA's Supplies programme (2013-2020); and (vii) Formative evaluation of UNFPA's approach to South-South and triangular cooperation (2020).</li> <li>4. The costed evaluation plan was also informed by the planned corporate evaluations that are listed in the UNFPA Quadrennial Budgeted Evaluation Plan 2022-2025. The following planned evaluations will be of most relevance for the Nepal CO: (i) Mid-term evaluation of the Maternal Health Thematic Fund (launched in 2021); (ii) Joint formative evaluation of the UNFPA-UNICEF Global Programme to Accelerate Action to End Child Marriage; (iii) Evaluation of UNFPA Supplies Partnership; (iv) Formative evaluation of UNFPA response to the COVID-19 pandemic; (v) Formative evaluation of UNFPA support to adolescents and youth (launched in 2021); (vi) Evaluation of UNFPA support to the 2020 round of population and housing census data; (vii) Evaluation of data in humanitarian action. In line with the UNFPA Evaluation Policy (2019) which mandates country offices to conduct a Country Programme Evaluation (CPE) in every other programme cycle, the Nepal CO will undertake a CPE of the 9<sup>th</sup> UNFPA Country Programme for Nepal (2023-2027).</li> </ol>
CP areas	The 9 <sup>th</sup> Country Programme (2023-2027) will focus on the three transformative results: (i) ending the unmet need for family planning; (ii) ending preventable maternal deaths; and (iii) ending gender-based violence and harmful practices, including child

	marriage. The programme will be implemented at the national, provincial, and local levels. It is aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) for Nepal (2023-2027) and the UNFPA Strategic Plan (2022-2025) and will deliver four key outputs on: (i) sexual and reproductive health and rights; (ii) gender equality, gender-based violence and harmful practices; (iii) disaster risk reduction and climate change; and (iv) utilization of development and population data.					
<b>Evaluations</b>						
<b>Exercise title and type</b>	<b>Purpose of the Exercise</b>	<b>Start and end date (Month, Year)</b>	<b>Estimated Cost \$</b>	<b>Source of Funding</b>	<b>Key partners when conducting the exercise</b>	<b>Is it a joint exercise?</b>
Country Programme Evaluation of the 9th Country Programme for Nepal (2023-2027)	<p>To provide an independent assessment of the relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, sustainability, coordination, coverage and coherence of the country programme, especially in the area of sexual and reproductive health and rights, humanitarian action, gender-based violence and harmful practices, , population change and data&gt;</p> <p>The country programme evaluation will also examine the role played by the country office in the coordination mechanisms of the UN Country Team and the Humanitarian Country Team (cluster system) to enhance the UN system-wide contribution to national development results and humanitarian response and recovery; and (iii) draw key conclusions from past and current cooperation and provide a set of clear, forward-looking and actionable recommendations for the next programme cycle.</p>	January - September 2026	USD 100,000	Regular Resources	National Planning Commission, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Affairs and General Administration, Ministry of Health and Population, Ministry of Women, Children and Senior Citizens, Central Bureau of Statistics, Centre for Education and Human Resources Development, provincial ministries of social development, academia, research institutions, civil society organizations, and implementing partners of UNFPA	No
Evaluation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework for Nepal (2023-2027)	To assess the performance of the UNSDCF 2023-2027 in relation to relevance effectiveness, efficiency, and sustainability. The evaluation will assess system-wide efforts to achieve the sustainable	Q1-Q3 2026	USD 10,000 (UNFPA contribution)	Regular Resources	UN Resident Coordinator Office (UNRCO), UNCT, Programme Management Team,	Yes

	development goals and will provide recommendations to inform the next programme cycle of the UNSDCF.				Ministry of Finance, academia, research institutions, civil society organizations, young people, development partners, and implementing partners of UN entities	
Final Evaluation of the Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)-funded Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) project	To provide assessment of the relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, sustainability, coverage and coherence of the project in line with its results framework. The evaluation will be conducted using DFAT's Aid Quality Check evaluation criteria (relevance, coherence, effectiveness, efficiency, sustainability, and impact).	Q1-Q2 2025	USD 40,000	Other resources/ DFAT	DFAT, CEHRD, CDC, FWD, provincial education training centres, and implementing partners of UNFPA (FPAN, MSI Nepal, SISO Nepal, CREHPA, SSDC and FAYA Nepal)	No
Evaluation of the DFAT-funded Strengthening Emergency Preparedness Project (Humanitarian)	To assess the relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, coverage, and connectedness of the project. The evaluation will also examine the effectiveness of the project during humanitarian responses, including COVID-19, floods, and landslides.	Q3-Q4 2023	USD 20,000	Other resources/ DFAT	DFAT, NRCS, WOREC	No
<b>Evaluative Activities (not evaluations)</b>						
UN Coherence in Evaluation (i.e. planned attendance to meetings/workshops organized by UNCT M&E task forces, regional evaluation groups or UNEG)	UNFPA is a member of the UNCT Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Working Group in Nepal. The main purpose of the working group is to share and exchange M&E related ideas, innovations and bring consensus among the team in outstanding M&E issues. UNFPA participates in the M&E working group meetings as coordinated by UNRCO.	Q1 2023- Q4 2027	N/A	-	UNCT, UNDCO, UN Evaluation Development Group for Asia and the Pacific (UNEDAP), National Planning Commission	Yes

	UNFPA will also actively engage in the UN joint outcome results groups of UNSDCF to support preparation and monitoring of the joint work plans and contribution to the UN annual results reports.					
National Evaluation Capacity Development (Partners attendance to training, workshops, as well as other capacity development activities for partners)	A capacity building activity on monitoring and evaluation for the implementing partners of the 9 <sup>th</sup> Country Programme (2023-2027), including relevant government stakeholders, will be organized during the programme period.	Q2 2024	USD 17,000	UNFPA Regular Resources	Implementing partners of UNFPA, government stakeholders	No
Internal capacity development activity on evaluation (UNFPA staff attendance to training, workshops, conferences, etc.)	Participation in the evaluation training organized by the UNEDAP for countries conducting UNSDCF evaluations and/or CPEs.	Q1 2026	USD 7,000	Regular Resources	UNEDAP	Yes
	Participation in training on results-based management, including programme monitoring and evaluation, organized by UNFPA APRO.	Q4 2025	USD 7,000	Regular resources	UNFPA APRO	No
	Participation in the online evaluation training organized by the UNFPA Evaluation Office.	Q1 2023	N/A	N/A	UNFPA Evaluation Office, UNFPA APRO	No