

Costed Evaluation Plan: Pakistan Country Programme (2023-2027)

Programme Cycle:	The 10 th Country Programme (2023-2027)
Evidence utilized in the design of the costed evaluation plan	<p>As per the UNFPA Evaluation Policy 2019, this Country Costed Evaluation Plan has been prepared after a careful review of the existing evaluative evidence, knowledge base and consultative exercises as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The ninth country programme evaluation for the period of 2018-2022 was conducted in 2021-2022 by a team of independent evaluation experts in accordance with the UNFPA Evaluation Policy 2019 and the UNFPA Evaluation handbook 2019. The evaluation highlighted the importance of use of data to scale up advocacy and strengthen the focus of the next country programme. 2. The evaluation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Framework (UNSDF) for the period of 2018-2022 was also conducted during 2021-2022 by a team of independent evaluation experts. The UNSDF evaluation emphasized on strengthening the joint programming and oversight including joint monitoring, evaluation and research as well as joint knowledge management initiatives to improve the coherence and effectiveness of the next United National Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (2023-2027). 3. 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 and harmful practices 2012-2017”, Evaluation of UNFPA support to gender equality and women's empowerment (2012-2020) and “Developmental evaluation of results-based management at UNFPA 2019” conducted by the Evaluation Office. 4. The costed evaluation plan builds on the guidelines provided in the UNFPA Quadrennial Budgeted Evaluation Plan 2022- 2025 in line with the UNFPA Strategic Plan 2022-2025 and UNFPA Evaluation Strategy 2022-2025 to enhance the use of evaluations. 5. To roll out the costed evaluation plan, UNFPA will draw on partnerships with major stakeholders, including government departments, civil society organizations, academia and research institutions, among others, to ensure the credible and timely country-led evaluations as listed below. In addition, UNFPA will also engage in partnerships to enhance the evaluation capacities of young evaluators.
CP areas	<p>The tenth country programme (2023-2027) will focus on all 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.</p> <p>The programme will be implemented at the national, provincial, regional and district levels, addressing disparities in terms of geographic location, health, gender, socio-economic and individual status, with the main focus on: (a) strengthening health system governance, gender machineries and data governance systems; (b) scaling the implementation of policies and increasing domestic resources for the ICPD agenda; (c) addressing harmful social and gender norms and discrimination; (d) adolescents and youth-oriented policy and decision making; (e) resilience building to bridge the humanitarian development divide.</p>

Evaluations						
Exercise title and type	Purpose of the Exercise	Start and end date (Month, Year)	Estimated Cost \$	Source of Funding	Key partners when conducting the exercise	Is it a joint exercise?
Country programme Evaluation of the Tenth Country Programme (2023-2027)	<p>To provide an independent assessment of the relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, sustainability, coverage and coherence of the programme especially in the area of sexual and reproductive health and rights, humanitarian action, gender equality/gender based violence, youth and adolescents, population change and data.</p> <p>The evaluation will also identify and analyze innovative/ high impact approaches, lessons learned and good practices and provide strategic and actionable recommendations to inform the direction of the next Programme Cycle which is aligned with national priorities, UNSDCF, the new UNFPA Strategic Plan, ICPD, FP2030 and the SDGs.</p>	Jan-Sep 2026	USD 75,000	Regular resources	Economic Affairs Division, Ministry of national Health Services, Ministry of Planning & Development, Planning and Development Departments, Departments of Population Welfare and Health Academia, Research Institutions, CSOs, Development & Implementing partners	No
Evaluation of United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (2023-2027)	<p>To provide an independent assessment of the performance of the UNSDCF 2023-2027 and assess the UN's strategic positioning and use of strategies given the evolving needs of rights-holders, government priorities, and the changing context in the country. The evaluation will also identify and analyze innovative/ high-impact approaches, lessons learned, good practices, programmatic and operational challenges (e.g., government buy-in, access, capacity of UN system and UN Regional Coordination Office (UNRCO) leadership, etc.);</p> <p>The evaluation will also provide strategic and actionable recommendations to inform the direction of the next Programme Cycle</p>	March-Dec 2026	USD 10,000 (UNFPA contribution)	Regular Resources	UNRCO, United Nations Country Team, Programme Management Team, Economic Affairs Division Ministry of Foreign Affairs Academia, Research Institutions, Civil Society Organization, Young people, Development partners Implementing partners	Yes

	of the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework, which is aligned with national priorities.					
Final Evaluation of the programme titled, “Provision of Life-Saving maternal and Reproductive Health, Protection Support Services for Women and Girls in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, including tribal Districts and Host communities in Baluchistan”	To provide an independent assessment of the relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, sustainability, coverage and coherence of the programme that aims at providing life-saving sexual and reproductive health and gender based violence prevention and response services in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan provinces.	Jan 2024	USD 35,000	Other resources/ DFAT (AUB01)	Implementing Partners, Development Partners, beneficiaries,	No
Evaluative Activities (not evaluations)						
UN Coherence in Evaluation Meetings and workshops focusing on evaluation facilitated by UNCT Planning, monitoring and Evaluation, United Nations Evaluation Development Group for Asia and the Pacific (UNEDAP), United Nations Evaluation Group, and UN joint initiatives and coordinated activities related to evaluations	UNFPA chairs the UNCT Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation (PME) Group in Pakistan which is a technical advisory group. The purpose of this group is to provide technical support to ensure uniformity and standardization of planning, monitoring and evaluation processes including leading the corporate evaluations of the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks, facilitating the capacity building initiatives and ensuring the availability of evaluative evidence for programming. In this respect, regular joint meetings will be organized to review the M & E frameworks, assessment of progress achieved on UNFPA mandated indicators. 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.	Q1 2023 to Q4 2027	-	-	UNCT, UN Programme Management Team, UN Planning, Monitoring & Evaluation Group, UNDCO, UNEDAP, Economic Affairs Division and key stakeholders.	Yes

	UNFPA will also actively participate in the UN Joint Steering Committee co-chaired by Economic Affairs Division and UNRC to review the progress against the expected results of the UNSDCF on an annual basis.					
National Evaluation Capacity Development A training workshop for key government stakeholders on the potential of evaluations in the development programming.	UNFPA as part of the chair of the UN Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Group will organize a training workshop in collaboration with Pakistan Evaluation Association on Results Based Management with particular attention to evaluations activities for the Government stakeholders. The purpose of this workshop will be to orient the stakeholders on the importance of evaluations in the design of the new programmes.	Q2 2023	USD 5,000	UNFPA Regular Resources	UNCT, UN Programme Management Team, UN Planning, Monitoring & Evaluation Group, UNDCO, UNEDAP, Pakistan Evaluation Association, Economic Affairs Division and key stakeholders.	Yes
Internal capacity development activity on evaluation (UNFPA staff attendance to training, workshops, conferences, etc.)	Participation in the evaluation training organized by United Nations Evaluation Development Group for Asia and the Pacific for countries conducting UNSDCF and CPD Evaluations.	Q1 2026	USD 2,500	Regular resources	United Nations Evaluation Development Group for Asia and the Pacific	Yes
Virtual training on effective management of evaluations organized by UNFPA HQ	Participation in the online evaluation training organized by UNFPA Evaluation Office (EO)	Q1 2023	--	NA	UNFPA Pakistan, APRO, EO	No