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Programme Cycle	Fourth Country Programme (2023-2025)					
Evidence utilized in the design of the costed plan	<p>A number of evaluations conducted by the Country office as well as joint evaluations in which the CO participated provided evidence for the design of this costed evaluation plan. During the current CP (2019-2022), a number of evaluations were conducted including a) the Country Programme Evaluation, b) Evaluation of the Strengthening Midwifery Services Project (SMS II), c) Evaluation of the Peace Building Project (UN Joint initiative Implemented under the Joint Program on GBV Prevention and Response), d) Evaluation of the United Nations Cooperation Framework (2019-2022). These evaluations provide experiences in conducting evaluations in terms of preparations, design, fieldwork, analysis, reporting and dissemination and therefore guided on the timelines, estimated costs, funding as well as key partners. A number of these evaluations highlight also highlighted the need to strengthen capacities for UNFPA staff and other partners in conducting, participating and managing evaluations.</p> <p>Other evidence that guided this evaluation plan include: The Draft South Sudan UNSDCF (2023-2025) M&E Framework (still under development) *** that provides for the Evaluation of the UNSDCF in 2024, the UNFPA Evaluation Policy provides the requirement to conduct Country Programme Evaluation, UNFPA GAC funded project that stipulates the requirement to conduct the project evaluation</p>					
Evaluation Title	Purpose of the Evaluation	Timeline (Month, Year)	Estimated Cost	Source of Funding	Key Partners When Conducting the Evaluation	Is it a Joint Exercise?
UNSDCF (2023-2025) end line Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To support greater learning about what works, what doesn't and why in the context of an UNSDCF. Provide important information for strengthening programming and results at the country level, specifically informing the planning and decision-making for the next UNSDCF programme cycle and for improving United Nations coordination at the country level. Contribute to ensuring the accountability of the UNCT to various stakeholders, including national governments. 	July-December 2024	\$5,000 (UNFPA contribution)	Regular resources	Resident Coordinator's Office, United Nations Country Team, development partners, government institutions and civil society organizations	Yes, with UNCT led by RCO Office
CPD (2023-2025) End line evaluation (CPD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide the UNFPA CO in South Sudan, national stakeholders, the UNFPA ESARO, UNFPA Headquarters as well as a wider audience with an independent assessment of the performance of the UNFPA South Sudan 4th CP 2023-2024 and to broaden the evidence base for the design of the next programme cycle. Specifically, the evaluation will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide an independent assessment of the relevance, effectiveness, efficiency and sustainability of UNFPA support and progress towards the expected 	June-December 2024	\$100,000	Regular resources	Ministries of Gender; Ministry of Health; South Sudan Human Rights Commission; National Bureau of Statistics; Ministry of Education; Non-governmental organizations; civil society groups; United Nations	No. It will be conducted by UNFPA CO with Support from RO and HQ

	<p>outputs and outcomes set forth in the results framework of the country programme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assessment of the geographic and demographic coverage of UNFPA humanitarian action and the ability of UNFPA to connect immediate, life-saving support with long-term development objectives. - Assessment of the role played by the UNFPA CO in the coordination mechanisms of the UNCT with a view to enhancing the United Nations collective contribution to national development results. - Draw key lessons from past and current cooperation and provide a set of clear and forward-looking options leading to strategic and actionable recommendations for the next programme cycle. ● The target audience of the evaluation include the Government of South Sudan, UNFPA (CO, RO, HQs) decision makers and programme managers, key development partners, beneficiaries and United Nations agencies. 				agencies and World Bank	
Final evaluation of the Project “Improved Human Resources for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights and Gender-Based Violence (SRHR/GBV) Services in South Sudan” 2022-2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To (i) assess the relevance, effectiveness, sustainability and efficiency of the programme interventions and their contributions to national priorities in provision of sexual and reproductive health services; and (ii) provide recommendations for the next donor funded programme elaboration. ● The target audience of the evaluation include the Government of South Sudan, UNFPA decision makers and programme managers, key development partners, Government of Canada beneficiaries and United Nations agencies. 	October - December 2025	\$100,000	Other resources	Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, international and local NGOs, implementing partners and Canada (donor partner)	
Evaluative Activities (not Evaluations)						
Capacity Building for UN Coherence in Evaluation including attendance of meeting/workshops organized by UNCT M&E Working Group, HQ and regional evaluation groups or UNEG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Improve UNFPA Country Office Capacity to participate and contribute to UN Coherence Evaluation initiatives ● UNFPA staff to participate include M&E staff, Program Unit heads for SRH, Gender, Youth, Data and Population Change, Humanitarian 	As and when organized	\$5,000	Regular and other Resources	Resident Coordinator Office UNCT members UNCT M&E Technical Working Group Regional M&E Advisor HQ Evaluation Office	Yes

UNFPA CO internal capacity development on evaluation: UNFPA staff attendance to training, workshops, conferences	To improve staff capacity in managing evaluations (all evaluation phases). The targeted staff are M&E Specialist and Analyst, Program unit heads for SRH, Gender, Youth, Data and Population Change, Humanitarian; and project coordinators	June – August 2023	\$10,000	Regular and other Resources	UNCT M&E Technical Working Group Regional M&E Advisor HQ Evaluation Office	No
National Evaluation Capacity Development on evaluation: Capacity assessment and supporting training of national partners on evaluation.	To improve national capacity for conducting and participating in evaluations The target group include M&E staff and Heads of Departments from relevant government ministries, departments and agencies as well as NGO Implementing Partners	Jan – June 2024	\$20,000	Regular and other Resources	UNCT M&E Technical Working Group Regional M&E Advisor Relevant Government MDAs (Health, Gender, Youth, National Bureau of Statistics, Education) NGO Implementing Partners	Yes, with the UN M&E Technical Working group
Total budget			\$240,000			