

Sri Lanka costed evaluation plan for the 10th Country Programme (2023 – 2027)

Programme Cycle Costed Evaluation Plan						
Country	Sri Lanka					
Programme cycle	10th country programme, 2023-2027					
Evidence utilized in the design of the costed plan	<p>The 10th Country Programme and its costed evaluation plan have taken into account findings and recommendations from a number of evaluations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. UNFPA Sri Lanka 9th Country Programme Evaluation (CPE) for the period of 2018-2022 was conducted in 2021 by an independent evaluation team in accordance with the UNFPA Evaluation Policy 2019 and UNFPA Evaluation Handbook 2019. The CPE report is at the finalization stage and the evaluation quality assessment (EQA) of the CPE report is ongoing. The CPE provides several strategic and programmatic recommendations that are helping to shape the formulation of the 10th Country Programme of Sri Lanka. 2. The United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) for the period of 2018-2022, has provided actionable recommendations for improving the UN system’s contribution to national development priorities, including for the development of the United Nations Sustainable Development Framework (2023-2027), and used for the development of this Costed Evaluation Plan. 3. The Development Evaluation of Results-Based Management at UNFPA conducted in 2019 by the Evaluation Office recommended UNFPA strengthen the M&E/RBM system to be innovative and comprehensive, making it a real-time system that tracks programme progress, in line with key principles of RBM; and enhance the use of results information for adaption, and driving organizational learning and further strengthening the culture of RBM. The planned evaluations under this Costed Evaluation Plan will incorporate these recommendations. UNFPA Sri Lanka will continue its RBM system through its lessons learned from RBM Seal initiatives. 4. 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)”, and “Evaluation of UNFPA support to gender equality and women’s empowerment (2012-2020). <p>The following evaluations were planned in accordance with the UNFPA Evaluation Policy, UNFPA Evaluation Handbook 2019. Given the CPE was conducted for the 9th programme cycle and as CPE is not mandatory for each CP cycle, UNFPA Sri Lanka has opted to not conduct a CPE of the 10th country programme. Instead, UNFPA Sri Lanka will conduct thematic evaluation of the 3 transformative results. The evaluation will take an approach directed at the programme’s overarching support for advancing gender equality and the empowerment of women.</p>					
CP areas	The 10th Country Programme will cover 3 Strategic Plan outcome areas on Family planning, Maternal Health, and Gender-based violence and harmful practices.					
Evaluation Title	Purpose of the Evaluation	Timeline (Month, Year)	Estimated budget (USD)	Source of Funding	Key Evaluation Partners	IS it a joint

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						exercise?
Thematic evaluation on support for advancing gender equality.	The purpose of the evaluation is to provide a comprehensive understanding of UNFPA CO's support for advancing gender equality and the prevention, response, and elimination of gender-based violence in the country. The evaluation is intended to contribute to accountability for past performance, support evidence-based decision-making, and inform the development and implementation of strategic plans, policies, and programmes. This will include (1) assessing the CO's contribution towards upholding the rights of women and girls especially, those who are marginalized and empowering them, addressing inequalities, discriminatory norms, and practices in the context of achieving the transformative goals (2) assessing the coordination and complementarity of interventions with government, CSO and development partners, (3) identifying lessons learned and actionable recommendations to support evidence-based decision making for designing future interventions.	January - October 2026	USD 55,000	UNFPA Regular Resources	APRO, Evaluation Office, Implementing Partners, and other stakeholders	No
UNSDCF evaluation	The purpose of the evaluation is to generate evidence and lessons learned (for accountability and learning) and provide actionable recommendations for organizational learning and guiding the formulation of the next UNSDCF. The evaluation will assess the relevance,	March - December 2026	USD 5,000	UNFPA Regular Resources	UNCT, Government, CSOs, development partners, academia, IPs,	Yes

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	effectiveness, efficiency, sustainability, and added value of UNSDCF programme and results towards achieving SDGs and will be used by UNRC, UN organizations, and the Government to inform the design of the next UNSDCF.				other stakeholders	
Evaluative activities (not evaluations)						
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 part of the Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group of the UN system in Sri Lanka which provides technical assistance, quality assurance, and guidance to the Results Groups and the UNCT for monitoring, evaluation, and reporting on the UNSDCF implementation, and preparation of the annual results report. Through this, UNFPA will provide support to Voluntary National Review reporting and provide technical support for developing the M&E Framework for the UNSDCF, SDG and reporting on UNFPA mandated indicators.	Q1 2023 - Q4 2027	-	-	UNCT, RO, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, relevant ministries, and other key stakeholders	Yes
Internal capacity development activity on evaluation (UNFPA staff attendance at training, workshops, conferences, etc.)	To attend an evaluation training organized by the United Nations Evaluation Development Group for Asia and the Pacific (UNEDAP)	Q1, 2025	USD 3,000	RR (APRO contribution)	Regional Office	No
National Evaluation Capacity Development on evaluation (Partners attendance in training, workshops, as well as other	To organize a training workshop on results-based management (RBM), covering evaluation topics for national partners and key government counterparts, which will be facilitated by internal and external resource persons.	Annual	USD 10,000	RR	All IPs, RO,	No

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capacity development activities for partners)						
Online training on evaluation	CO staff will take the online evaluation training, developed by UNFPA EO	2023	0	N/A	All CO staff	No