Costed Evaluation Plan: Thailand

Programme cycle
The 12th Country Programme (2022-2026)

Evidence utilized in the design of the costed evaluation plan
The development of a costed evaluation plan for the 12th Country Programme considers and takes into account findings and recommendations from a number of evaluations conducted during the 11th Country Programme period. These include:

1. The UNFPA Thailand 11th Country Programme Evaluation (CPE) for the period 2017-2021 was conducted in 2020 by an independent evaluation team in accordance with the UNFPA Policy 2019 and UNFPA Evaluation Handbook 2019. The overall EQA for CPE report is rated “very good”. The CPE provided several strategic and programmatic recommendations that are useful and have been used to formulate the 12th Country Programme of Thailand.

2. The Development Evaluation of Results-Based Management at UNFPA conducted in 2019 by the Evaluation Office. The evaluation recommended UNFPA to enhance the organizational development of RBM solutions. Thailand Office will be actively involved in implementing organization-wide initiatives to improve evaluation culture and practices and integrated relevant activities below.

3. Evaluation of UNFPA support to the prevention, response to and elimination of gender based violence (GBV) including harmful practices (HP) 2012-2017 highlights the importance of quality evidence to support countries in strengthening their focus on prevention programmes and services, and informing the national implementation of international commitments and gender policies and legislation. CP12 will contribute to UNFPA response and prevention to reduce GBV and harmful practices through strengthening evidence and focusing on social norms change as well as systematic production and exchange of learning and knowledge through South-South and Global Cooperation initiatives in the area of GBV and harmful practices as recommended by this evaluation.

4. The Formative Evaluation of UNFPA Approach to South-South and Triangular Cooperation, conducted in 2020 by the Evaluation Office, has helped to inform the design of CP12 and the costed evaluation plan. Recommendations from the report that have been taken into account are: (a) to consider SSC as key intervention under the population dynamics to accelerate UNFPA transformative results from Thailand good practices to other countries; (b) to identify, establish and strengthen partnerships with government agencies and other partners including academia, CSOs, private sectors, and UN agencies to produce and share quality technical assistances; and (c) to improve monitoring and evaluation of SSC interventions, and strengthen efforts in the communication and knowledge management of SSC results.

5. The evaluation of the United Nations Partnerships Framework (UNDAF, 2017-2021) was conducted in 2021. The evaluation provides actionable recommendations for the UN system in improving its contribution to national development priorities and informing the new UNSDCF.

CP areas
The 12th Country Programme will cover two outcomes (i) unmet need for family planning; and (ii) gender based violence and harmful practices

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Evaluation of the Country Programme (2022-2026)

To provide an independent assessment of the relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, coherence and sustainability of UNFPA support and progress towards the expected outputs and outcomes set forth in the results framework of the 12th Country Programme; and to identify best practices, challenges, and lessons learned in the course of the implementation of the 12th Country Programme. Strategic and programmatic recommendations of this evaluation will be used to inform the development of the next Country Programme cycle (2027-2031).

Q1-Q3 2025 $83,000 RR NESDC, MOPH, UNCT members, and Key Stakeholders Yes

Evaluation of the UNSDCF (2022-2026)

The UNSDCF evaluation would assess progress towards the achievement of the expected results set forth in the UNSDCF (2022-2026), and its contribution to national priorities. The findings and recommendations of this evaluation will be used by UNRC, UN organizations and Government to inform the design of the next UNSDCF.

Q1-Q3 2025 $10,000 (UNFPA Contribution) RR UNRCO/UNCT, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, other relevant stakeholders Yes (Lead by UNRCO together with UNCT member agencies)

Evaluative activities (not evaluations)

UN Coherence in Monitoring and Evaluation (participation in UN joint initiatives and coordinated activities related to M&E)

1. UNFPA Thailand is a member of the UN Data and Monitoring Group of the UN system in Thailand which will provide technical support in the implementation and monitoring of all UNSDCF results including data quality assurance, oversight and reporting to the respective UN outcome groups and UNCT for evidence-based progress reporting. As a custodian of specific UNSDCF outcome and output level indicators based on the national SDG indicator framework, UNFPA will be responsible for data collection, analysis and reporting on those indicators.

2. UNFPA Thailand, as part of the active member of UN Data and Monitoring Group will strengthen the data ecosystem and take a pivotal role in a joint initiative to support the Government in strengthening the national statistics system/capacity, and reporting/reviewing progress towards SDG achievement.

Q1 2022-Q4 2026 $10,000 (UNFPA Contribution) RR UNCT, Regional Office, MoFA, line ministries and other stakeholders Yes
| Internal capacity development activity on evaluation (UNFPA staff attendance to training, workshops, conferences, etc.) | 1. UNFPA Thailand staff will participate in the evaluation training organized by the United Nations Evaluation Development Group for Asia and the Pacific (UNEDAP) 2. UNFPA Thailand will continue to strengthen its M&E system and the capacity of the staff and implementing partners to ensure the evaluability of the Country Programme. | Q4 2022-Q2 2023 | $3000 | RR | Regional Office | Yes |
| National capacity Development on RBM (training, workshops for partners) | UNFPA Thailand will organize a workshop(s) on Results Based Management (RBM) covering evaluation topics for key government counterparts and national partners including implementing partners (IPs), which will be facilitated by internal and external resource persons. | Q3-Q4 2022 | $1500 | RR | Regional Office, national partners, implementing partners | No |