

ZAMBIA PROGRAMME CYCLE COSTED EVALUATION PLAN	
Programme Title:	Government of the Republic of Zambia/UNFPA 9TH COUNTRY PROGRAMME
Programme Cycle:	January 2023 - December 2027
Region:	East and Southern Africa Region (ESARO)
Evidence utilized in the design of the costed plan	<p>The Costed Evaluation Plan utilized evidence from reviews and evaluations conducted during the 8th Country programme period namely, (a)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Country Programme Evaluation (CPE) of the 8th Country Programme. The 8th CPE was conducted in 2019 to evaluate the relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, and sustainability of the 8th Country Programme. The evaluation quality assessment (EQA) of the CPE report resulted in a preliminary ‘very good’ rating, pending the final EQA by the Evaluation Office. b) United Nations Partnership Development Framework (UNPDF) Evaluation (2020). An independent evaluation of UNPDF for Zambia 2016-2020 (extended to 2022) was conducted in 2021 (still to be finalised to date) as per the UNPDF Monitoring & Evaluation Framework (2016-2020). UNFPA Zambia Country Office was actively involved as a member of the reference group. Findings and recommendations from the evaluation of UNPDF have informed development of the UNSDCF (2023-2027) for Zambia and the 9th Country Programme (2023-2027). c) Reference was made to (i) UNFPA Evaluation Office guidance on preparing costed evaluation plans (November 2018); (ii) UNFPA evaluation policy 2019 (with special attention to the key features of the policy i.e. enhanced focus on the use of evaluations, greater emphasis on UN coherence through joint evaluations, system-wide evaluations, UN Evaluation Group, and Inter-Agency Humanitarian Evaluation); and (iii) the UNFPA Evaluation Handbook 2019.
CP areas: Outcomes and outputs	<p>The 9th Country Programme will cover three Strategic Plan Outcome areas:</p> <p>Family planning: By 2025, the reduction in the unmet need for family planning has accelerated</p> <p>Preventable maternal deaths: By 2025, the reduction of preventable maternal deaths has accelerated</p> <p>GBV and other harmful practices, with HIV as a cross-cutting outcome: By 2025, the reduction in gender based violence and harmful practices has accelerated.</p> <p>The three outcome areas will be achieved through four output areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Policy and accountability: By 2027, enhanced integration of sexual and reproductive health and rights, including the prevention of and response to gender-based violence and harmful practices into policies and plans, relevant laws and accountability frameworks which are effectively implemented, monitored and evaluated (b) Quality of care and services: By 2027, strengthened capacities of systems, institutions and communities to provide high quality integrated sexual reproductive health and rights information and services to address HIV and gender based violence in development and humanitarian contexts.

<p>c)Population change and data: <i>By 2027, strengthened data systems and evidence built on relevant and current population dynamics, socio-economic and environmental changes to inform development, humanitarian and recovery policies, plans and programmes on gender and SRHR.</i></p> <p>(d) Adolescents and youths: <i>By 2027, adolescents and young people have strengthened skills and opportunities to exercise their rights to sexual and reproductive health services and information, especially bodily autonomy, leadership and participation</i></p>						
Evaluations						
Evaluation Title and type:	Purpose of the Evaluation	START & END Timeline (Month, Year)	Estimated Cost US\$	Source of Funding	Key Evaluation Partners	Is it a joint exercise?
CPD (2023-2027) EVALUABILITY ASSESSMENT	<p>a. To determine the extent to which the progress towards programme results can be reliably measured, monitored and evaluated, with the objective to address any evaluability challenges at the beginning of implementation;</p> <p>b. Assess the availability of relevant data as well as systems and capacities generating and collecting the data; and</p> <p>c. improve country programme design and implementation, monitoring and evaluation.</p>	April - June 2023	20,000	Regular resources	Key UN agencies (i.e. UNWOMEN, UNICEF, UNHCR, ILO, IOM and UNSDCF Result Groups), Government agencies and all other Implementing Partners (IPs).	No
THEMATIC JOINT PROGRAMME EVALUATIONS (GBV AND ADOLESCENTS AND YOUTHS)	<p>a. Assess programme performance and achievement of the planned results and</p> <p>b. Facilitate management for results, accountability, knowledge generation, and learning. Evaluation criteria and focus will</p>	Aligned to the individual joint programme evaluation plans	30,000 (UNFPA's contribution)	Other resources	UN system and partners	Yes

	cover effectiveness, efficiency, sustainability, relevance, impact, and replicability. Key users of the evaluations include UNFPA, collaborating UN agencies and IPs					
FINAL EVALUATION OF THE 9TH COUNTRY PROGRAMME	<p>The purpose of the CPE is to:</p> <p>(a) obtain an independent opinion on the relevance, efficiency and effectiveness of 9th CP, 2023-2027,</p> <p>(b) identify lessons learned and produce evidence for decision making for the next CP design; and</p> <p>(c) evaluate the UNFPA contribution to the UNSDCF, UN Country Team coordination, and UNFPA's added value under the 9th CP, including the managerial, operational and M&E systems and structures that support the CO's programme work</p>	January to June 2027	70,000	Regular resources	ESARO, GRZ, IPs and other local partners	No, to be financed by Country Office
UNSDCF (2023-2027) EVALUATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To assess the achievement of UNSDCF outcomes as related to the CPD outcomes and to generate lessons to support the realignment and inform UNFPA's inputs to the next UNSDCF. This evaluation will be used by UNRCO, UN agencies and GRZ to inform the UNRCO and GRZ the design of the next UNSDCF. 	According to the UNSDCF Review and Evaluation Plan	N/A Budget under the Resident Coordinator Office	Core as UNFPA contribution	Government line ministries, Development Partners, UN Result Groups, CSOs, Academia, and professional organizations	Yes with the UNCT

EVALUATIVE ACTIVITIES (NOT EVALUATIONS)						
INTERNAL CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY ON EVALUATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development capacity of CO personnel and implementing partners in: Results-based Management, Planning and programming for evidence-based results, Theory of change, logical framework and indicators 	April 2023 to December 2023	10,000	Regular resources	ESARO, GRZ, Implementing Partners	No
UN COHERENCE IN EVALUATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support policy coherence and coordination at national and provincial levels include regular participation in the UNSDCF TWGs (Adolescent Health TWG; RMNCAH&N TWGs for reproductive, maternal and adolescent health, as well as for HIV). This will ensure that the UNSDCF evaluation will be conducted in an inclusive manner and promote national ownership through the active and meaningful engagement of relevant national stakeholders throughout the evaluation process. 	Q1 2023 to Q4 2026 Annually-proposal	N/A	N/A	UNCT, relevant GRZ agencies	Yes with the UNCT
NATIONAL EVALUATION CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT ON EVALUATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNFPA Zambia will organize a series of virtual and face-to-face sessions and workshop on results-based management (RBM), covering evaluation topics for national partners and key government counterparts 	Q3 2023 to Q2 2024	15,000	Core and non-core resources	Ministry of Finance and National Development, Ministry of Health, National Statistics Office, UN agencies, ESARO	Yes with the UNCT

TOTAL BUDGET			145,000			
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