






## EXECUTIVE BOARD DECISION TRACKING TABLE FOR 2022

The following matrix keeps track of the implementation of specific and time-bound requests to UNFPA contained in Executive Board decisions. The decision-tracking matrix is revised on a regular basis to keep the information relevant and up-to-date.



The full text of the Decisions per Executive Board sessions is available by clicking on the decision. The full compendium of Decisions adopted by the Executive Board in 2021 can be found on the [UNFPA Executive Board Website](#).

The status of a decision is indicated as follows: **(1) GREEN** ● signifies (a) ‘completed’ (action has been completed or decision is no longer relevant) or (b) ‘ongoing’ (action in progress, if a recurring item); **(2) YELLOW** ● signifies an action is ‘partially completed’ (action in progress, with a due date, if relevant).

Decision	Category	Responsible division(s)	Request	Deadline	Progress and follow-up action	Status
<b>First Regular Session 2022 (Jan 31 – Feb 4)</b>						
<a href="#">2022/1 Reports of UNDP, UNCDF, UNFPA and UNOPS on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors, 2020</a>	Recommendations of the Board of Auditors	Office of the Executive Director, Ethics Office	Para 1. Welcomes the unqualified audit opinions on UNDP, UNCDF, UNFPA and UNOPS issued by the United Nations Board of Auditors for 2020;			No actions required
			Para 2. Recalls its decision 2021/1 and calls upon UNDP, UNCDF, UNFPA and UNOPS to harmonize further their reporting formats on the implementation of the Board of Auditors recommendations, as appropriate, including, where possible, the time frames for their detailed reporting and the thematic categorization of recommendations into those that are priority, and any other priorities, and requests to work with UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP in that regard, as appropriate;	On-going	UNFPA led the process of harmonizing the reporting format and concluded the process in March 2022. The harmonized template is circulated with UNDP, UNOPS and UNCDF for use in the next reporting cycle.	Completed ●
			Para 3. Acknowledges the progress made by UNDP, UNCDF, UNFPA and UNOPS in implementing the recommendations of the Board of Auditors, and supports the ongoing efforts of UNDP, UNCDF, UNFPA and UNOPS management to implement the recommendations of the Board of Auditors;			No actions required
			Para 4. Notes paragraphs 33-59 and Note 11 in the Board of Auditors report for 2020 (A/76/5/Add.11) relating to the UNOPS sustainable investments in infrastructure and innovation (“S3i”) initiative, and encourages UNOPS to continue to strengthen its risk assessments and risk management.			No actions required

<a href="#">2022/2</a> <a href="#">Protection against sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment</a>			Para 1. Welcomes the updates by UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS on actions to prevent and respond to sexual exploitation and abuse, and sexual harassment;			No actions required
	Ethics	Office of the Executive Director, Office of Audit and Investigations Services (OAIS)	Para 2. Notes the progress made and the need for continued effort to prevent and respond to sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment, including ensuring that the required actions implemented at country, regional and global levels are properly resourced and deliver impact;	On-going	UNFPA continues, in cooperation with UN and non UN entities, its efforts through a range of actions detailed in its annual PSEAH action plan and based on the four pronged PSEAH Strategy.	Completed and ongoing 
	Ethics	Office of the Executive Director, Office of Audit and Investigations Services (OAIS)	Para 3. Requests UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS to continue to take action to ensure a victim/survivor-centred, system-wide and coherent approach at the country, regional and global levels to prevent and respond to sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment, while leveraging their respective mandates, including addressing, as needed, the increased risk of sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment during the COVID-19 response and recovery;	On-going	Progress updates have been provided in advance of the 2022 Annual Session as required.  UNFPA's continued focus is to ensure a coherent victim-centred approach in all prevention and response efforts. To this end, UNFPA participates in all relevant fora, including Online Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (OSCSEA), IASC, OECD/DAC the CEB Taskforce on SH and collaborates closely with the Office of the Victim Rights' Advocate. UNFPA has taken a number of immediate actions to address the increased risk of SEAH during COVID-19, including providing guidance and technical support for all country offices as well as targeted training and consultations with UNFPA PSEA focal points.	Completed and ongoing 
Ethics	Office of the Executive Director, Office of Audit and Investigations Services (OAIS)	Para 4. Further requests UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS to continue to undertake timely and thorough victim/survivor-centred investigations, and to ensure prompt reporting on allegations to Members States through existing mechanisms/channels, as well as dedicated resources to investigations of sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment, and requests an update on how each organization is improving its organizational culture to address all forms of sexual harassment,	On-going	Updates will be provided as requested in the OAIS annual report and PSEAH progress update including submission of PSEAH action plan.  UNFPA continues to undertake timely victim centred investigations. Investigations are undertaken by professional investigators trained and experienced in the conduct of sexual misconduct investigations.	Completed and ongoing 	

			and its actions to prevent and respond to sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment in its policies, procedures, operations, and through improvement of organizational culture at headquarters, regional and country levels, at the annual session, starting in 2022, and asks that this includes analysis of their implementation of system-wide initiatives, including the Implementing Partners Protocol, the Implementing Partner Capacity Assessment and ClearCheck;			
Ethics	Office of the Executive Director, Office of Audit and Investigations Services (OAIS)	Para 5. Requests UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS to continue taking a long-term approach to preventing and responding to sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment, in line with their respective strategic plans;	On-going	UNFPA's PSEAH strategy forms an integral part and contributes directly to the 2022-2025 Strategic Plan. This four-pronged strategy has three key objectives a) to effectively prevent b) to respond promptly when instances occur c) to assist victims and survivors and d) to ensure that all measures are embedded in a robust institutional framework.	In Progress	
Ethics	Office of the Executive Director, Office of Audit and Investigations Services (OAIS)	Para 6. Requests UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS to ensure that leadership at all levels continue to be aware of their responsibilities in protecting against sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment, and that staff with specific protection of sexual exploitation and abuse duties participate in inter-agency coordination mechanisms, as appropriate, and that all relevant staff are provided with appropriate role -specific training to support culture change;	On-going	UNFPA has several mechanisms to monitor progress and ensure uniformed implementation at all levels. These include but are not limited to the annual management compliance programme as well as dedicated PSEAH indicators which are mandatory for all UNFPA business units. Regular dedicated training is provided to staff tasked with carrying out PSEAH activities.	In Progress	
Ethics	Office of the Executive Director, Office of Audit and Investigations Services (OAIS)	Para 7. Commends UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS for the development of their respective strategies and annual submission to the United Nations Secretary-General of action plans on preventing and responding to sexual exploitation and abuse that are implemented at headquarters, regional	Annually	UNFPA's PSEAH action plan has been shared with the Executive Board in advance of the 2022 Annual Session.	Completed and ongoing	

			and country levels, and requests UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS to share headquarters-level action plans with the Executive Board annually;			
	Ethics	Office of the Executive Director, Office of Audit and Investigations Services (OAIS)	Para 8. Requests an update from UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS, at the first regular session of the Executive Board 2023, on metrics used to measure progress on tackling sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment and how integrated results and resources framework indicators on sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment have aligned with relevant quadrennial comprehensive policy review indicators and those of other United Nations development system agencies and ensure that data obtained, including on allegations, using these metrics and indicators and subsequent analysis, systematically inform strategies, policies and procedures.	First regular session 2023	The update will be provided at the first regular session of the Executive Board 2023.	In Progress 
<a href="#">2022/4 UNFPA evaluation</a>			Para 1. Welcomes the relevance and utility of the quadrennial budgeted evaluation plan for 2022-2025;			No actions required
	Evaluation	Evaluation Office	Para 2. Reaffirms the importance of evaluation as an essential tool for learning and accountability, and requests UNFPA to continue to ensure that adequate resources are provided for evaluation, in compliance with the evaluation policy, as endorsed in decision 2019/1 approving the UNFPA evaluation policy (DP/FPA/2019/1), and in keeping with expectations set out in the UNFPA integrated budget, 2022-2025 (DP/FPA/2021/9);	On-going	UNFPA has provided additional resources for the evaluation function in its Integrated Budget 2022-2025 proposal which was approved by the Executive Board.  UNFPA's commitment to provide sufficient resources for the evaluation function is reflected in the steady increase in investments over the years. Even in times of financial challenges and reductions in income during the 2014-2017 and 2018-2021 cycle, UNFPA safeguarded the budgets for the two independent functions and did not reduce their allocations, unlike for other parts of the organization. This is evidenced by an increase of over 308% in the Evaluation Office (from \$4.2 million in 2010 to \$17.2 million for 2022-2025).	In Progress 

				<p>In addition, the quadrennial budgeted evaluation plan (QBEP) 2022-2025 includes funding for all planned centralized and decentralized evaluations, and UNFPA has further strengthened the financial ring-fencing mechanism to support the implementation of country programme evaluations.</p> <p>In relative terms, the 2021 expenditure on evaluation represents 0.83 per cent of the total UNFPA programme expenditure. Similar to 2020, the evaluation function expenditure in 2021 was lower than what was originally budgeted due to the COVID-19 induced travel restrictions for in-country data collection and evaluation capacity-development initiatives. Nonetheless, the actual expenditures grew by 5.5 per cent, from \$8.5 million to \$9.03 million. Overall, without the COVID-19 related reduction, the budgeted original allocation for the evaluation function (at central and decentralized levels) was \$9.48 million, representing 0.87 per cent of the total UNFPA programme expenses for 2021. Although this still falls short of the Evaluation Policy target of 1.4 per cent to 3 per cent against the overall UNFPA programme expenses, the regular resources expenditure of the evaluation function (including net institutional budget) was \$5.2 million, representing 2.0 per cent of the UNFPA regular resources programme expenses, which is within the bounds of the target established in the evaluation policy.</p> <p>The economies of scale are important to be highlighted: As the organization grows, the proportion of spending on evaluation will conversely decrease, even with nominal growth and additional investments.</p>	
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					Policy and Strategy Division with Evaluation Office, and the support of Division of Management Services, also established a financial ring-fencing mechanism to support the implementation of country programme evaluations.	
			Para 3. Acknowledges the transparent and participatory process undertaken in developing the quadrennial budgeted evaluation plan for 2022-2025;			No actions required
	Evaluation	Evaluation Office	Para 4. Requests UNFPA to continue to extend the importance attributed to inter-agency collaboration in the implementation of the Strategic Plan 2022-2025 (DP/FPA/2021/8) to all evaluations of programmes and projects that include partnerships with other United Nations entities;	On-going	UNFPA continues to be fully engaged in contributing to system-wide evaluation mechanisms through actively involved in joint and system-wide evaluations. For instance, UNFPA continued to significantly exceed the commitment to collaborate in at least one joint or system-wide evaluation, with 57 percent (8 out of 14) of centralized evaluations being either joint or system-wide. Going forward, 58 per cent of the proposed evaluations in the next four years will either be joint or system-wide exercises.	Completed and ongoing 