

Formative evaluation of the UNFPA Eastern Europe and Central Asia Regional Programme

2022-2025

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Introduction

The formative evaluation of the UNFPA Eastern Europe and Central Asia (EECA) Regional Programme for 2022-2025 is aligned with the Strategic Plan evaluation and assesses UNFPA's organizational readiness and strategic positioning to accelerate progress towards achieving the transformative results in the region.

Quick facts



101

stakeholders interviewed at regional and country level



2 "deep dives"

- demographic resilience
- humanitarian preparedness and response



100+ documents reviewed



12 country-focused engagements

Conclusions

- EECARO integrated and rolled out the accelerators and strategic shifts without clear concepts or comprehensive guidance.
- The Regional Programme 2022-2025 does not have a clear strategy for implementing the accelerators and strategic shifts.
- EECARO played a pivotal supportive role in operationalizing the accelerators and strategic shifts to achieve country-level outputs.
- UNFPA's global focus on the transformative results overlooks significant regional priorities and opportunities within the organization's mandate.
- UNFPA's focus on demographic resilience constitutes a critical response to the population ageing and decline megatrend in the EECA region.
- The Regional Programme for 2026-2029 should accord greater prominence to the humanitarian preparedness and response accelerator and strategic shifts.

Strategic Recommendations

- Collaborate with UNFPA HQ to reinforce the organization's data mandate and further expand its data and analytics work.
- Develop a more comprehensive framework for work on demographic resilience that is suitable for all countries.
- Prioritize leveraging financing for SRHR, GBV and population development while advocating UNFPA HQ for the sustained allocation and mobilization of adequate funding.

Programmatic Recommendations

- Enhance national emergency preparedness and resilience by focusing on environmental scanning and foresight.
- Develop a results-oriented regional strategy to deepen UNFPA's commitment to gender-transformative approaches.
- Formulate a distinct LNOB strategy for the region to serve as a unifying framework for diverse funding sources.
- Develop a region-specific innovation framework encompassing digitalization.

Operational Recommendations

- Formulate a multi-year human resources plan.
- Formulate a plan to implement the UNFPA Knowledge Management Strategy within the EECA region.