

Project Title	Project Code	Project Group	Project Location	Project Start Date (YYYY-MM-DD)	Project End Date (YYYY-MM-DD)	Project Status	Issue Title	Issue Finding	Issue Category	Issue Severity	Recommendation Title	Recommendation Text	Estimated Date
South Africa Country Programme Evaluation (2020-2025)	2025	South Africa CO	ESA	2020-2025	1/1/20	1/1/25	1. Strengthen UN-wide collaboration and national capacity for enhanced policy formulation and implementation. Given the challenges that South Africa faces regarding multidimensional inequalities and poverty, UNFPA SA and other partner UN agencies should advocate for a UN-wide collaborative approach within the UNDOF and UNCT (rather than going it alone) to strengthen national capacity for effective policy formulation and implementation related to the achievement of UNFPA transformative results and SDGs. UNFPA should use its comparative advantage in the promotion of the UNFPA mandate.	1. Strengthen UN-wide collaboration and national capacity for enhanced policy formulation and implementation. Given the challenges that South Africa faces regarding multidimensional inequalities and poverty, UNFPA SA and other partner UN agencies should advocate for a UN-wide collaborative approach within the UNDOF and UNCT (rather than going it alone) to strengthen national capacity for effective policy formulation and implementation related to the achievement of UNFPA transformative results and SDGs. UNFPA should use its comparative advantage in the promotion of the UNFPA mandate.	Accepted	High	1. CO will continue to strengthen collaborations with UNCT, leveraging on its expertise in sexual and reproductive health, gender equality, and population and data. Strengthen efforts on building national capacity through technical assistance and training, engage in joint programmes with other UN agencies, improve on advocacy initiatives to create awareness and promote its mandate.	1. CO will continue to strengthen collaborations with UNCT, leveraging on its expertise in sexual and reproductive health, gender equality, and population and data. Strengthen efforts on building national capacity through technical assistance and training, engage in joint programmes with other UN agencies, improve on advocacy initiatives to create awareness and promote its mandate.	12/31/25
South Africa Country Programme Evaluation (2020-2025)	2025	South Africa CO	ESA	2020-2025	1/1/20	1/1/25	2. Strengthen strategic partnerships and high-level engagement for resource mobilization. Building on the successes of the 5th CP, which expanded partnerships through diverse collaboration methods, such as memoranda of understanding and fostering civil society-government cooperation, the new programme should enhance UNFPA's convening roles in SRHR, youth, gender, and population and development. This includes diversifying partnerships to involve specialized private sector entities and leveraging their contributions to development. Additionally, UNFPA, in collaboration with other UN agencies, should engage regularly with the Treasury and Parliament to advocate for increased investments in its mandate areas and enhance its visibility.	2. Strengthen strategic partnerships and high-level engagement for resource mobilization. Building on the successes of the 5th CP, which expanded partnerships through diverse collaboration methods, such as memoranda of understanding and fostering civil society-government cooperation, the new programme should enhance UNFPA's convening roles in SRHR, youth, gender, and population and development. This includes diversifying partnerships to involve specialized private sector entities and leveraging their contributions to development. Additionally, UNFPA, in collaboration with other UN agencies, should engage regularly with the Treasury and Parliament to advocate for increased investments in its mandate areas and enhance its visibility.	Accepted	High	2. CO to strengthen and deepen strategic partnerships for effective resource mobilization.	2. CO to strengthen and deepen strategic partnerships for effective resource mobilization.	12/31/25
South Africa Country Programme Evaluation (2020-2025)	2025	South Africa CO	ESA	2020-2025	1/1/20	1/1/25	3. Strengthen equity, the human rights-based and leaving no one behind approach. The next country programme should support proof-of-concept and thereafter, advocate to government for national scale-up through national programmes. This approach would prevent uneven resource allocation, promote province-wide progress toward shared development goals, and ensure the benefits of government support lead to comprehensive, equitable outcomes for all communities.	3. Strengthen equity, the human rights-based and leaving no one behind approach. The next country programme should support proof-of-concept and thereafter, advocate to government for national scale-up through national programmes. This approach would prevent uneven resource allocation, promote province-wide progress toward shared development goals, and ensure the benefits of government support lead to comprehensive, equitable outcomes for all communities.	Accepted	High	3. 6th CP to be designed with HRB lens, with strategic interventions led at a national level.	3. 6th CP to be designed with HRB lens, with strategic interventions led at a national level.	12/31/25
South Africa Country Programme Evaluation (2020-2025)	2025	South Africa CO	ESA	2020-2025	1/1/20	1/1/25	4. UNFPA should continue regular collaboration in South Africa and strengthen cooperation by fostering strong partnerships with governments, civil society, and international organizations to amplify impact of South-South cooperation.	4. UNFPA should continue regular collaboration in South Africa and strengthen cooperation by fostering strong partnerships with governments, civil society, and international organizations to amplify impact of South-South cooperation.	Accepted	High	4. CO will continue to strengthen SSTC. Plans are in place to promote more efficient and effective SSTC learning and knowledge sharing.	4. CO will continue to strengthen SSTC. Plans are in place to promote more efficient and effective SSTC learning and knowledge sharing.	12/31/25
South Africa Country Programme Evaluation (2020-2025)	2025	South Africa CO	ESA	2020-2025	1/1/20	1/1/25	5. Strengthen the operational efficiency of the country programme. UNFPA should enhance the technical capacity of implementing partners (IPs) in programmatic and financial management to improve implementation efficiency and their ability to absorb funds. Efforts should focus on reducing bureaucratic hurdles in the financial management system, replacing them with innovative, user-friendly strategies. Additionally, UNFPA should bolster the staffing and technical capacity of the country office (CO) to strengthen its ability to achieve programme goals, particularly in upstream areas such as advocacy, quality policy engagement, development, and implementation. Addressing these needs is essential for the success of programme initiatives.	5. Strengthen the operational efficiency of the country programme. UNFPA should enhance the technical capacity of implementing partners (IPs) in programmatic and financial management to improve implementation efficiency and their ability to absorb funds. Efforts should focus on reducing bureaucratic hurdles in the financial management system, replacing them with innovative, user-friendly strategies. Additionally, UNFPA should bolster the staffing and technical capacity of the country office (CO) to strengthen its ability to achieve programme goals, particularly in upstream areas such as advocacy, quality policy engagement, development, and implementation. Addressing these needs is essential for the success of programme initiatives.	Accepted	High	5. Management will ensure the successful execution of this action as the development of the 6th CP progresses, ensuring that Country Office is fully resourced with the necessary capacities to effectively implement the CPD.	5. Management will ensure the successful execution of this action as the development of the 6th CP progresses, ensuring that Country Office is fully resourced with the necessary capacities to effectively implement the CPD.	12/31/25
South Africa Country Programme Evaluation (2020-2025)	2025	South Africa CO	ESA	2020-2025	1/1/20	1/1/25	6. Strengthen the collaboration within the adolescents and youth communities to improve the effectiveness, coverage, and quality of ASHR policy initiatives. UNFPA should enhance coordination to improve the quality and reach of ASHR policy initiatives and ensure meaningful contributions. It should actively involve the Department of Social Development, the Department of Women, Youth, and People with Disabilities, and the Department of Basic Education in strengthening comprehensive sexuality education implementation in South Africa. UNFPA and its national partners should develop a strategy of advocacy and capacity building for DSD, DWPA, and DBE on AY issues.	6. Strengthen the collaboration within the adolescents and youth communities to improve the effectiveness, coverage, and quality of ASHR policy initiatives. UNFPA should enhance coordination to improve the quality and reach of ASHR policy initiatives and ensure meaningful contributions. It should actively involve the Department of Social Development, the Department of Women, Youth, and People with Disabilities, and the Department of Basic Education in strengthening comprehensive sexuality education implementation in South Africa. UNFPA should develop a strategy of advocacy and capacity building for DSD, DWPA, and DBE on AY issues.	Accepted	High	6. Strengthen the social cluster government department engagement to inform CO youth programming through the National Coordination Forum.	6. Strengthen the social cluster government department engagement to inform CO youth programming through the National Coordination Forum.	12/31/25
South Africa Country Programme Evaluation (2020-2025)	2025	South Africa CO	ESA	2020-2025	1/1/20	1/1/25	7. Advocate to government for streamlined and resilient supply chain management systems to improve the availability, quality, and distribution of health commodities. During the next country programme, UNFPA and its national partners should address the reported shortages of health commodities, such as contraceptives and sanitary pads, at provincial and district health facilities. Ensuring young people have access to a full range of reproductive health services is crucial for preventing unwanted pregnancies and promoting overall health. UNFPA should provide technical support to the Department of Health to identify and resolve supply chain management (SCM) bottlenecks. Together, UNFPA and DCH should strengthen interventions to prevent stock-outs at health facilities. Additionally, UNFPA should advocate for improved government policies to enhance SCM for health commodities.	7. Advocate to government for streamlined and resilient supply chain management systems to improve the availability, quality, and distribution of health commodities. During the next country programme, UNFPA and its national partners should address the reported shortages of health commodities, such as contraceptives and sanitary pads, at provincial and district health facilities. Ensuring young people have access to a full range of reproductive health services is crucial for preventing unwanted pregnancies and promoting overall health. UNFPA should provide technical support to the Department of Health to identify and resolve supply chain management (SCM) bottlenecks. Together, UNFPA and DCH should strengthen interventions to prevent stock-outs at health facilities. Additionally, UNFPA should advocate for improved government policies to enhance SCM for health commodities.	Accepted	High	7. Technical support to the Department of Health to identify and resolve supply chain management (SCM) bottlenecks.	7. Technical support to the Department of Health to identify and resolve supply chain management (SCM) bottlenecks.	12/31/25
South Africa Country Programme Evaluation (2020-2025)	2025	South Africa CO	ESA	2020-2025	1/1/20	1/1/25	8. Promote an intersectional approach to addressing gender-based violence, leveraging the strengths and expertise of diverse stakeholders to create a comprehensive and sustainable response. Addressing gender-based violence requires a unified, multi-sectoral approach involving government, businesses, and civil society. UNFPA must advocate for stronger collaboration among diverse stakeholders. The Provincial Gender-based Violence Strategy in KwaZulu-Natal (KZN) exemplifies this, making KZN the first South African province to create and implement such a plan. Building on this success, UNFPA and partners should promote similar efforts nationwide, encouraging resource sharing, expertise exchange, and comprehensive strategies. This collaborative model ensures a holistic response to gender-based violence, fostering sustainable progress in combating this critical issue across provinces.	8. Promote an intersectional approach to addressing gender-based violence, leveraging the strengths and expertise of diverse stakeholders to create a comprehensive and sustainable response. Addressing gender-based violence requires a unified, multi-sectoral approach involving government, businesses, and civil society. UNFPA must advocate for stronger collaboration among diverse stakeholders. The Provincial Gender-based Violence Strategy in KwaZulu-Natal (KZN) exemplifies this, making KZN the first South African province to create and implement such a plan. Building on this success, UNFPA and partners should promote similar efforts nationwide, encouraging resource sharing, expertise exchange, and comprehensive strategies. This collaborative model ensures a holistic response to gender-based violence, fostering sustainable progress in combating this critical issue across provinces.	Accepted	High	8. The country office will continue to intensify its efforts to identify and promote approaches that will sustain the response for effectively responding to gender-based violence (GBV).	8. The country office will continue to intensify its efforts to identify and promote approaches that will sustain the response for effectively responding to gender-based violence (GBV).	12/31/25
South Africa Country Programme Evaluation (2020-2025)	2025	South Africa CO	ESA	2020-2025	1/1/20	1/1/25	9. Advocate for targeted capacity-building programmes to empower government departments, civil society, and private sector stakeholders to harness the demographic dividend effectively and foster inclusive economic growth. UNFPA and partners should advocate for expanding demographic dividend training to additional districts in UNFPA-supported provinces, aiming to break operational silos, improve coordination across government spheres, and enhance planning, sustainable development, and overall impact.	9. Advocate for targeted capacity-building programmes to empower government departments, civil society, and private sector stakeholders to harness the demographic dividend effectively and foster inclusive economic growth. UNFPA and partners should advocate for expanding demographic dividend training to additional districts in UNFPA-supported provinces, aiming to break operational silos, improve coordination across government spheres, and enhance planning, sustainable development, and overall impact.	Partially accepted	High	9. The ED project was funded by the UK's Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) to integrate population and development issues into national and sub-national planning. The overall objective of the capacity building initiative was to enhance the capacity of provincial government staff to promote the demographic dividend in South Africa. Capacity building initiatives are costly and time-consuming. Collaboration with government is important to discuss sustainability of convening such initiatives and to find a middle ground for cost sharing.	9. The ED project was funded by the UK's Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) to integrate population and development issues into national and sub-national planning. The overall objective of the capacity building initiative was to enhance the capacity of provincial government staff to promote the demographic dividend in South Africa. Capacity building initiatives are costly and time-consuming. Collaboration with government is important to discuss sustainability of convening such initiatives and to find a middle ground for cost sharing.	12/31/25
South Africa Country Programme Evaluation (2020-2025)	2025	South Africa CO	ESA	2020-2025	1/1/20	1/1/25	10. Strengthen data-driven decision-making processes/ frameworks of government departments.	10. Strengthen data-driven decision-making processes/ frameworks of government departments.	Accepted	High	10. The country office will continue to engage with government departments to advance the strategic utilization of data and reinforce data-driven decision-making across all UNFPA mandate areas.	10. The country office will continue to engage with government departments to advance the strategic utilization of data and reinforce data-driven decision-making across all UNFPA mandate areas.	12/31/