

Independent mid-term evaluation of the UNFPA Supplies Partnership 2021–2030



Evaluation Brief

The UNFPA Supplies Partnership is a key global flagship programme, ensuring sustainable, equitable access to sexual and reproductive health (SRH) commodities, including modern contraceptives and life-saving maternal health medicines. As a key driver of the UNFPA Strategic Plan, the Partnership directly contributes to eliminating unmet need for family planning and ending preventable maternal mortality. The UNFPA Independent Evaluation Office assessed the performance of the Partnership in expanding access to modern contraceptives and life-saving maternal health medicines particularly in hard-to-reach areas, and in strengthening health systems necessary to sustain and enhance these efforts.

54
programme countries
covered by the evaluation

 **7** country
case studies

Field: Cameroon, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Honduras and Kenya
Desk: Pakistan, Yemen and Zambia

190+
documents reviewed

250+
interviews at global,
regional and country levels



240+
survey respondents

Key messages

- With its strategic shift toward **government ownership, mutual accountability, and sustainable domestic financing**, the Partnership aligns well with global development principles.
- While the Partnership's **country eligibility and classification criteria are robust** and contextually grounded, the **lack of a transition strategy remains a gap** and the role of the Partnership in the humanitarian-development-peace continuum has yet to be clearly defined.
- Phase III governance reforms have **enhanced transparency, inclusivity, and stakeholder engagement**, but the **meaningful participation of civil society and country-level stakeholders remain uneven**.
- Despite **strong adaptability and government engagement** the Partnership's **collaboration with other local partners** remains limited, which constrains its ability to strengthen national ownership and sustainability required for health system strengthening.
- With tools such as the Compact and Match Fund, the Partnership has **effectively catalysed national commitments to sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR)** financing and incentivizing results by linking funding to progress.
- While UNFPA's strategic position enables it to serve as a **powerful advocate and convener in the SRHR space**, the decline in donor contributions and overall funding cuts pose a **risk to the Partnership's sustainability**.
- The **Partnership's implementation capacity is constrained** by a gap in human resource capacity, notably in sustainable financing, supply chain management and advocacy.

Independent mid-term evaluation of the UNFPA Supplies Partnership 2021–2030



Evaluation Brief

Recommendations

1. Clarify and consistently **communicate the partnership's strategic focus**.
2. **Revise the classification of programme countries** to reflect their political, economic and health contexts.
3. **Identify programming aspects and contexts** for strengthening work in humanitarian contexts.
4. Intensify resource mobilization by **diversifying the Partnership's funding sources** and by strengthening domestic resource mobilization in programme countries.
5. **Optimize Steering Committee and sub-committee processes** to improve efficiency, strengthen country representation, and bolster governance.
6. **Strengthen support to UNFPA country offices** to enhance collaboration and coordination with in-country partners to address systemic SRH challenges more effectively.

Report available at unfpa.org/evaluation

Copyright © UNFPA 2025, all rights reserved.

The analysis and recommendations of this report do not necessarily reflect the views of the United Nations Population Fund. This is a publication by the Independent Evaluation Office of UNFPA.

✉ evaluation.office@unfpa.org

✂ [@unfpa_eval](https://twitter.com/unfpa_eval)

▶ [@UNFPA_EvaluationOffice](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUNFPA_EvaluationOffice)

in [UNFPA Independent Evaluation Office](https://unfpa.org/evaluation)

