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UNFPA Management Response to Evaluation

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General Management Response

Sudan CO accepts almost all recommendations of the CPE and prepared a response plan with detailed actions addressing the recommendations and the operational implications presented in the CPE report.

Recommendations

Recommendation 1 : UNFPA should continue the good practice of basing programme interventions on research and needs assessments, national strategies and plans, participatory consultations with stakeholders and implementing partners and mapping of existing interventions of other

organizations to insure complementarity and UNFPA coverage of priority gaps.

Management Response : Accepted

Key Actions :

Key Action(s)	Deadline	Responsible unit(s)	Semiannual implementation status updates (reports will be generated on June 30 and December 31)	
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1. In preparation for the new CP, the CO should consider the following: - Using national surveys and updated statistics (MICS 2014) and thematic researches for Country Situation Analysis;	December 31,2015	Management	May 05,2016,Completed	The 2014 MICS results had been used for preparing CSA based on which the new CPD drafted
			February 22,2016,Completed	The 2014 MICS results had been used for preparing CSA based on which the new CPD drafted
2. - Using the CPE findings, conclusions and recommendations to inform the new CPD	January 31,2016	Management	February 22,2016,Completed	Lessons learned, conclusions and recommendations of the CPE has informed development of the new CPD
3. - From the experience of the current CP, conduct internal mind mapping exercise to assess what worked well and what did not work well	December 31,2015	Management	February 22,2016,Completed	Mind mapping exercise based achievements and challenges experienced during the current CP was instrumental in formulating the new CPD. ASRO had supported the CO to pass through a successful process;

4. Consultations with national stakeholders on the CPD processes	December 31,2016	Management	December 31,2016,Completed	Consultation started with process of the UNDAF. UNFPA CO engaged technical consultation with various sectors from October till December. CPD draf has been endorsed during the annual review and planning meeting in mid-december 2016. Consultations will continue on CPAP development during the first quarter off 2017.
			February 22,2016,On Schedule	Extension of the Sudan UNDAF to one year led to delays in the consultations with stakeholders on the CP and CPAP processes
			February 22,2016,Completed	Extension of the Sudan UNDAF to one year led to delays in the consultations with stakeholders on the CP and CPAP processes
5. Conduct mini state baseline surveys for establishing baselines of new indicators	February 15,2017	Management	May 23,2017,Completed	All indicators selected for the new CP have baselines except for one on EmONC for which a national assessment is being supported and conducted by Ministry of Health. The EmONC assessment is expected to help in calculating the coverage based on actual need.
			November 29,2016,On Schedule	The baseline shall be conducted in 2017 because the current program cycle has been extended to one year ending 2017
			November 15,2016,On Schedule	The baseline is for establishing baselines for states and community indicators; this is useful for setting targets to all indicators;
			May 05,2016,On Schedule	The baseline is for establishing baselines for states and community indicators; this is useful for setting targets to all indicators;
			February 22,2016,On Schedule	The baseline is for establishing baselines for states and community indicators; this is useful for setting targets to all indicators;

Recommendation 2 : UNFPA to maintain its emergency response readiness to enable appropriate responsiveness to emerging humanitarian needs (manmade or natural)

while also strengthening coordination and collaboration with relevant stakeholders for the identification and planning of programme interventions that respond to the priority needs, within UNPA mandate, of vulnerable groups in the conflict-affected areas, and among refugees' communities.

Management Response : Accepted

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1. Prepare Emergency Preparedness Plan taking into account the minimum preparedness actions (MPAs)	June 30,2016	HRU	June 30,2016,Completed	Two emergency preparedness plans have been prepared in 2016: 1. Nino response plan. 2. Flood response plan for all Sudan.
			February 22,2016,On Schedule	UNFPA supports the national and states ministries of health to prepare emergency preparedness plan
2. Participation in MIRA and other needs assessment among the IDPs and refugees	December 31,2016	HRU	December 31,2016,Completed	UNFPA participated in the joint needs assessment (jebal Merra and Sortoni) with other UN agencies in Darfur and other humanitarian settings, including the two areas (White Nile and South Kordofan).
			February 22,2016,On Schedule	UNFPA actively participates in the joint needs assessment with other UN agencies in Darfur and other humanitarian settings
3. Maintain and strengthen UNFPA lead role in coordination of the GBV sub-sector group in humanitarian context	December 31,2016	HRU	February 22,2016,Completed	UNFPA will continue its lead role in the GBV sub-sector groups

Recommendation 3 : UNFPA CO to focus efforts towards accessing financing resources for the thematic areas that were least funded in the past

couple of years i.e. Population dynamics and development interventions. Owing to the general lack of interest of traditional donors in these areas, UNFPA ought to target as well non-traditional donors and the private sector.

Management Response : Accepted

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1. Develop Resource Mobilization Plan targeting both traditional and non-traditional donors as well as government and private sector	December 31,2016	Management	May 23,2017,Completed	For the current program cycle, a resource mobilization plan already in place and action plan reviewed and updated. Resource Mobilization Plan for the new CP (2018-2021) also developed and submitted - as mandatory annex - for approval in the Executive Board sessions in September 2017.
			December 31,2016,Completed	Resource mobilization plan already in place and action plan updated in June 2016. It's one of the annexes for the new CPD 2018-2021
			December 31,2016,On Schedule	Resource mobilization plan already in place and action plan updated in June 2016. It's one of the annexes for the new CPD 2018-2021
			February 22,2016,On Schedule	Resource mobilization plan already in place but it has an action plan which needs to be reviewed and updated annually. How much mobilized versus planned;

2. Strengthen visibility and communication	December 31,2016	Management	November 29,2016,Completed	The CO updated the Communication Strategy and is working on policy briefs, fact sheets, advocacy materials as well as BCC
			February 22,2016,On Schedule	The CO updated the Communication Strategy and is working on policy briefs, fact sheets, advocacy materials as well as BCC
3. Strengthen capacity of IPs on administrative and financial procedures to improve IPs' conformity with UNFPA reporting and financial requirements	December 31,2017	Program and Operations	February 22,2016,Completed	This is will be addressed by implementation of the HACT Plan and the routine visits by program and finance staff

Recommendation 4 : In the upcoming 7th CP, UNFPA to discuss and include in its programming with implementing partners' measures of sustainability especially as it concerns technical support and organizational capacity building.

Management Response : Accepted

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<p>1. UNFPA to include, in future programme interventions, plans to improve degrees of sustainability, specifically for institutional/organizational capacity building and for culturally sensitive thematic interventions such as GBV and FGM/C.</p>	<p>December 31,2017</p>	<p>Management</p>	<p>May 23,2017,Completed</p>	<p>The new CP took care of the sustainability measures which will be detailed in the upcoming CPAP. In 2016, some AWP activities were covered from local component and the government agreed to allocate additional resources to complement for addressing national needs and gaps. For example, the government, through the PHC Expansion Program took over the basic midwifery training previously funded by UNFPA.</p>
			<p>January 10,2017,On Schedule</p>	<p>The proposed measures will include gradual phase out from supporting specific activities coupled with institutional and human capacity building interventions mainly to government partners.</p> <p>Key sustainability measures ensured so far include but not limited to: a) adoption of the Mercy and Affection campaign - as main religious discourse to fighting FGM and CM - by the government; b) the Expansion Health Program initiated by the government took over the responsibility of basic midwifery training which was largely supported by UNFPA; c) the integration of GBV and RH in the form of policies and national task force with wide representation of state and non-state actors;</p>
			<p>February 22,2016,On Schedule</p>	<p>The proposed measures will include gradual phase out from supporting specific activities coupled with institutional and human capacity building interventions mainly to government partners;</p>

2. Sustainability issues ought to be discussed with implementing partners at the time of drafting the AWP to clarify expectations and to gain IPs' support to work towards improving sustainability of UNFPA supported interventions.	January 01,2017	Management	November 29,2016,Completed	Sustainability issues has been discussed during the thematic reviews during November - December 2016. The government committed to avail the resources needed to sustain UNFPA supported interventions. Ministry of Finance already released the local component for the program partners as part of 2016 Government Budget.
			February 23,2016,On Schedule	Sustainability issues will be identified and informally discussed with government partners before 2017
3. UNFPA to implement activities related to sustainability of the programs' interventions;	December 31,2017	Management	May 23,2017,Completed	New division of labor agreed whereby the government took over the responsibility of major activities (e.g. basic midwifery training, forecasting, storage, distribution and reporting on FP). Efforts will continue to strengthen national capacity for owning and implementing SDGs.
			January 10,2017,On Schedule	With the extension of the current CP, joint work with the government for further identification of gaps and division of labor is needed to start in the second half of 2017 and before the new CP cycle in 2018;
			February 23,2016,On Schedule	This implies joint work with the government on identifying weaknesses and plan accordingly for implementation.

Recommendation 5 : Despite inherent challenges of coordination, UNFPA should continue and enhance its efforts to improve coordination with other partner UN

Agencies for joint advocacy of the government and in the implementation of joint programmes specifically for Gender, GBV and FGM/C programmes.

Management Response : Accepted

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1. Enhance UNFPA leading role and active participation in the UNDAF thematic groups established in November 2015	March 30,2017	Management	May 23,2017,Completed	UNFPA took active role in the preparation of the Sudan (2018 - 2021) UNDAF through effective participation in the thematic and M&E Working Groups.
			December 01,2016,On Schedule	UNFPA had already involved in the UNDAF development process through nomination of focal points for the thematic areas. UNDAF process has been delayed to one year but UNFPA will continue its role in the development process;
			February 23,2016,On Schedule	UNFPA had already involved in the UNDAF development process through nomination of focal points for the thematic areas. UNDAF process has been delayed to one year but UNFPA will continue its role in the development process;
2. Maintain UNFPA active involvement in the humanitarian clusters, in particular health and protection and its lead role of SGBV sub-cluster	December 31,2016	HRU	December 31,2016,Completed	UNFPA is continuing its role as lead of the GBV sector and co-lead of the health sector in humanitarian setting; this includes planning, coordination and monitoring of the GBV and health sectors;
			February 23,2016,On Schedule	UNFPA will continue in its role as lead of the GBV sector and co-lead of the health sector in humanitarian setting; this includes planning, coordination and monitoring of the GBV and health sectors;

Recommendation 6 : UNFPA to maintain its value added in RH, HIV Prevention and Gender and expand on its strategic positioning at the state level and with local actors.

Management Response : Accepted

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1. Adopt innovative and more focused approaches in the design and implementation of the new GF Grant 2015-2017	June 30,2016	HIV/AIDS Unit	June 23,2016,Completed	<p>Innovative approaches adopted in the design and implementation of the new GF Grant 2015 – 2017;</p> <p>UNFPA worked jointly with C&NCD and reviewed the technical and operational challenges facing the implementation of the HIV intervention.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An in-depth analysis of the HIV testing uptake and continuum of care was conducted to obtain the necessary information to design innovative approaches of implementation. - Brainstorming exercise was conducted with the target population to analyze the implementation gaps and provide thoughts on innovative communication approaches to increase the services utilization. - Although the context and the funding profile cannot accommodate major adjustment to the service package, some required technical adjustments were made to ensure efficient provision of service and increased testing uptake. - The Implementation Guidelines were reviewed and updated according to the service package adjustments.
			February 23,2016,On Schedule	In preparation for innovative approaches to the implementation of HIV/AIDS projects, UNFPA had series of consultation meetings with IPs and will make use of existing evaluation and impact assessment studies.

2. Design innovative approaches in the area of RH with focus on life-saving drugs, family planning positioning , midwifery, EMoC and Fistula	June 30,2016	RH Unit	June 21,2016,Completed	The following actions have been conducted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishment of active case finding for obstetric fistula by midwives at community level; • Agreement with the central medical supplies on integrating of RH commodities in the their national distribution system; • Establishment of family planning model centers to increase the availability and utilization of long acting methods; • Partnership with Liverpool Maternal and Newborn Health Center on the improvement of EmONC services with focus on competency – based training; • Initialization of EmONC mapping to provide evidence for future planning of EmONC interventions and services
			February 23,2016,On Schedule	The CO will make of the CPE findings, documentation of good practices, RHCS survey and further consultations with IPs on improved implementation modalities and approaches.
3. Finalize and implement BCC strategy addressing GBV, in particular FGM and Child Marriage	June 30,2016	Gender Unit	February 23,2016,Completed	CO comments on the BCC strategy submitted to the consultant for finalization. The strategy is developed based on the concepts and objectives of the Mercy and Affection Campaign

Recommendation 7 : UNFPA to exert additional efforts in coordination with UN RC-UN Agencies to seek funding and design programmes to transition to a more development oriented intervention assistance to Sudan.

Management Response : Accepted

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1. Ensure that UNFPA will contribute to the development of the resource mobilization plan to support and take advantage from the fund raising for the upcoming UNDAF 2017-2021	April 30,2016	Management	December 31,2016,Completed	The CO updated its resource mobilization plan and already started communication with donors and developing/submitting proposals for funding different projects namely on HIV/AIDS and GBV and RH in humanitarian settings. For the upcoming UNDAF, UNFPA will support the resource mobilization efforts for the 2018 census together with other priorities.
			December 31,2016,On Schedule	he CO updated its resource mobilization plan on April 2016. The document has been reviewed by ASRO Coordinator of Integrated Field Support Unit, Technical Advisor, Youth, HIV/AIDS. It is currently used for resource mobilization actions and will be submitted as annex for the new CPD 2018-2021
			June 30,2016,On Schedule	The CO updated its resource mobilization plan on April 2016. The document has been reviewed by ASRO Coordinator of Integrated Field Support Unit, Technical Advisor, Youth, HIV/AIDS. It is currently used for resource mobilization actions and will be updated and submitted as annex for the new CPD 2018-2022.
			February 23,2016,On Schedule	The CO updated its resource mobilization plan and already started communication with donors and developing/submitting proposals for funding different projects namely on HIV/AIDS and GBV and RH in humanitarian settings. For the upcoming UNDAF, UNFPA will support the resource mobilization efforts for the 2018 census together with other priorities.

2. Design in the upcoming program 2017-2021 strategic interventions that focus on resilience and development	April 30,2017	HRU	May 23,2017,Completed	The new UNDAF and UNFPA CP starting 2018 covered both humanitarian and development assistance with more integrated approach and resilient interventions in Darfur and the rest of the post-conflict areas.
			January 10,2017,On Schedule	Some resilience activities in Darfur reflected in 2016 AWP. 2017 AWP will reflect resilience activities making use of ASRO Concept Note on resilience. The Darfur Development Strategy to which UNFPA is contributing to its implementation is also about resilience interventions.
			February 23,2016,On Schedule	From the beginning of this year, the CO started consultations with government on resilience activities in Darfur with some reflected in 2016 AWP. The next UNDAF starting 2018 will cover both humanitarian and development assistance with more integrated approach.

Recommendation 8 : The UNFPA needs to promote and tune the RH interventions to accommodate the anticipated expansion to the under-served localities to deliver better quality RH services and information to vulnerable groups.

Management Response : Accepted

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1. Review of the current RH interventions and use evidence-based approaches to improve the delivery of the RH services and information;	June 30,2016	SRH Unit	June 21,2016,Completed	The following actions have been conducted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documentation of two good practices on fistula and community mobilization; • Decentralization of the MDSR report and the production of state specific annual MDSR reports; • Review of the LMIS training approach and development of additional on-job training component; • Midwifery gap analysis and evaluation of the national midwifery strategy are planned to take place in the second half of 2016; • Evaluation of the utilization of the RH emergency kits will be conducted in 2016;
			February 28,2016,On Schedule	Documentation of Good Practices for lessons learned/what worked well and what did not work well for replication and scaling up;
2. Replicate the modality of locality implementation/focus based on needs and accessibility	January 31,2017	Management	October 17,2017,Completed	The modality of locality focus has been identified in the new CP/CPAP through strategic interventions in SRH and GBV related outputs. This modality has been approved in the CP document.
			January 10,2017,Delayed	the replication of the modality of locality implementation was planned to start with the new cycle in 2017 and the deadline was made accordingly. Given the extension of the CP, the replication will still depend on assessment of the current performance and funding availability for the new CP;
			February 28,2016,On Schedule	The replication depends on assessment of the current performance and funding availability;
3. Strengthening of the referral and midwifery supervisory systems to improve the overall performance especially at the PHC level	June 30,2016	SRH Unit		
			February 28,2016,Completed	

Recommendation 9 : UNFPA needs to support the community-based family planning services through adoption of effective approaches to strengthen the delivery,

monitoring and reporting of the FP commodities to ensure availability at the community level towards improving the quality of the provided services.

Management Response : Accepted

Key Actions :

Key Action(s)	Deadline	Responsible unit(s)	Semiannual implementation status updates (reports will be generated on June 30 and December 31)	
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1. Establish partnership with CMS and FMoH to ensure timely delivery and distribution of commodities at state and HF levels;	February 01,2016	SRH Unit	February 28,2016,Completed	Partnership agreement with FMoH and CMS established;
2. Conduct monitoring visits by the RHCs logistician and report on progress at HF levels	December 31,2016	SRH Unit	November 29,2016,Completed	Monitoring visits at national, state and HF levels are conducted by the the RHCs logistician with reports and actions for implementation and follow up;
			February 28,2016,On Schedule	Monitoring visits at national, state and HF levels are conducted by the the RHCs logistician with reports and actions for implementation and follow up;
3. Strengthen the LMIS at state and HF levels	December 31,2016	SRH Unit	December 31,2016,Completed	- Format for reporting at health facility level developed _ service providers trained on the new reporting format - Automated system for commodities forecasting, distribution and reporting in place and functional
			February 28,2016,On Schedule	Support to the Health MIS Strategy currently being revised by FMoH through capacity building and technical support

4. Capacity building for health service providers on FP and LMIS to ensure quality reporting on utilization and stock status;	December 31,2016	SRH Unit	December 31,2016,Completed	360 health providers from all states received training on LMIS. Manual LMIS reporting format was redesigned to fit with the new E-LMIS (ERP) used by National Medical Supply Fund (NMS)
			February 28,2016,On Schedule	Capacity building on FP methods and LMIS are on-going activities;
5. Strengthening of the midwifery supervisory system to improve the quality of the community-based FP services	December 31,2016	SRH Unit	December 31,2016,Completed	200 village midwives trained on community-based distribution of family planning methods. This is line with the implementation of task shifting strategy.
			February 28,2016,On Schedule	Support will continue to strengthen the capacity of VMWs in FP to ensure quality service delivery and reporting;

Recommendation 10 : It is necessary to conduct operational research to find out if the intervention of IGAs/life skills for MARPs and PLWHA is effective to empower the target groups and to yield concrete evidence for further expansion.

Management Response : Rejected

Recommendation 11 : UNFPA should support the advocacy and coordination for the implementation of NPP/PoA, for ICPD 2014 and Sustainable Development Goals

Management Response : Accepted

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1. Advocate for NPP/PoA and support coordination between NPC and line government ministries	June 30,2016	Management	June 21,2016,Completed	The following actions and results have been concluded under this recommendation: - Training on integration of population issues conducted in favor of States Population Councils and line ministries to agree on roles and responsibilities in the implementation of NPP/PoA - Study to Morocco to learn from the experience in integration conducted May 2016 involving NPC, MoF and UNFPA, - NPC conducted consultative meetings with line ministries on roles and responsibilities - As a result of advocacy, Government funding allocation to the implementation of NPP/PoA has increased - NPC role as a national advisory for SDGs enhanced the capacity of NPC to better coordinate NPP/PoA within national development framework
			February 28,2016,On Schedule	
2. Provide technical support to NPC for coordination and monitoring state population councils	December 31,2016	PD Unit	December 31,2016,Completed	An assessment has been conducted for all state population councils, Based on this, a coordination mechanism established and actively involved in the orientation on the SDGs. A coordination meeting conducted in December 2016.
			February 28,2016,On Schedule	
3. Provide technical support to some line sectors for better integration of population dynamics	December 31,2016	PD Unit	December 31,2016,Completed	Study tour conducted to Morocco on May 2016 to learn from the experience in the integration of population dynamics, involving line sectors and Ministry of Finance. Extensive consultations engaged with various and workshop organized On April 2016 in partnership between UNFPA and ESCWA.
			February 28,2016,On Schedule	

<p>4. In collaboration with other UN agencies and international organizations, organize orientation sessions and develop policy briefs on SDGs at national and state levels including the ICPD unfinished agenda</p>	<p>March 31,2016</p>	<p>Management</p>	<p>January 10,2017,Completed</p>	<p>At the commemoration of UN Day 24 October 2016, UNCT organized an exhibition and public show to raise awareness around SDGs. The exhibition included the logos of each SDG, and explanation for each SDG with its targets in addition to photos from each UN entity showing current work towards each SDG with Arabic and English Captions. Resident Coordinator Office has consolidated all UN agencies orientation/dissemination sessions. UNCT has organized on 3 May an orientation session on SDGs targeting over 100 participants from government representatives (federal and states), civil society and academia representatives. UNCT is discussing a collective approach to the 2030 SDGs. PMT and UN UN inter-agency communication group have been assigned to coordinate the joint efforts and develop an interagency communication strategy in support of SDGs localization. UNFPA has supported National Population Council organize sessions in Red Sea in Feb 2016.</p>
			<p>May 05,2016,Completed</p>	<p>Resident Coordinator Office has consolidated all UN agencies orientation/dissemination sessions. UNFPA has supported National Population Council organize sessions in Red Sea in Feb 2016. In addition, advocacy materials have been developed and disseminated by the UN Communication Group, Chaired by UNFPA Deputy Representative</p>
			<p>May 05,2016,On Schedule</p>	<p>Resident Coordinator Office has consolidated all UN agencies orientation/dissemination sessions. UNFPA has supported National Population Council organize sessions in Red Sea in Feb 2016. In addition, advocacy materials have been developed and disseminated by the UN Communication Group, Chaired by UNFPA Deputy Representative</p>
			<p>February 28,2016,On Schedule</p>	

Recommendation 12 : UNFPA should intensify the support for the production of an improved quality of data related to population dynamics and reproductive health.

Management Response : Accepted

Key Actions :

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1. Support capacity of local demographers and statisticians in support of production of quality products	September 30,2016	PD Unit	May 23,2017,Completed	
			December 31,2016,Completed	Two fellowships for CBS staff to CDC for Master degree in Demography. Also, study to Jordan to learn for their experience in conducting census using new technology (PDA and GIS) in October 2016.
			December 31,2016,On Schedule	Two fellowships for CBS staff to CDC for Master degree in Demography. Also, study to Jordan to learn for their experience in conducting census using new technology (PDA and GIS) =in OPctober 2016.
			February 28,2016,On Schedule	

2. The CO will partner with a profound Research Institute for conduct of research and studies on RH and population dynamics;	June 30,2016	PD Unit	December 31,2016,Completed	Preparation of EMoC survey is ongoing under the leadership of Ministry of health, hopefully in partnership with Columbia University as recommended by MHTF team. A study on demographic dividend carried by NPC with the support of a former UNECA senior expert.
			June 30,2016,Delayed	This activity has been delayed due to lack of capacity in-country. CO is prospecting with external institutions at regional and international levels. CO has received in April 2016 a mission of the Center of Maternal and New born Heath (CMNH) in Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine to support the FMoH in the area of Emergency Obstetric and Neonatal Care (EmONC) in Sudan.
			February 28,2016,On Schedule	

Recommendation 13 : UNFPA to continue and enhance support for youth empowerment and engagement in the community education, on reproductive health and related issues, while advocating for identification of the youth/adolescents SRH needs.

Management Response : Accepted

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1. Institutional and technical capacity building for y-peer as change producing agent – for effective engagement with youth groups and general population	June 30,2016	PD Unit	February 28,2016,Completed
2. Increase and support existing youth centers/spaces to become more youth-friendly social centers to address SRH through inter-generational dialogue	December 31,2016	PD Unit	February 28,2016,Completed

Recommendation 14 : UNFPA should intensify community mobilization and advocacy for maternal health and GBV including to law adoption and law enforcement efforts for reducing FGM and CM for promoting gender justice.

Management Response : Accepted

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1. Strengthen the gender equality, and GBV coordination mechanisms among the federal and state level partners; this implies support reconstituting the current division of responsibilities for better coordination;	June 30,2016	Gender Unit	June 22,2016,Completed	GBV coordination mechanisms have been strengthened at federal, state and community levels: - 2 quarterly meetings of national task force, 6 state task forces established (Ghadaref, Kassala, Al Gezeera, Red Sea, Nothern State, North Kurdoufan and Khartoum. In addition, 12 task forces have been established at locality level in four states, 3 localities in each state (Red Sea, Ghadaref, Kassal and North Kordofan).
			February 28,2016,On Schedule	
2. Finalize, endorse and implement Almahada wa alrahma Initiative	March 31,2016	Gender Unit	February 28,2016,Completed	
3. Support the CVAW unit for coordinating the law reform interventions.	March 31,2016	Gender Unit	May 05,2016,Completed	Support to CVAW is included in the 2016 AWP and its implementation has already started.
			February 28,2016,On Schedule	
4. Increase the people-centered advocacy for more awareness at the individuals, family and community levels as key entry points for creating the momentum for change	December 31,2016	Gender Unit	December 01,2016,Completed	The Mercy and Affection Initiative which has recently been endorsed creates a solid basis for advocacy at all levels. It will be extensively used as a framework for 2017 gender and GBV planning processes.
			February 28,2016,On Schedule	
5. Develop a plan of action for law reform process with clear tasks, roles and timelines;	April 30,2016	Gender Unit	May 08,2016,Completed	Draft of the plan has been developed and its implementation is ongoing.
			February 28,2016,On Schedule	

Recommendation 15 : For future programmes, UNFPA to improve strategic interventions design and indicator system to better capture mid-level and intermediary activity results.

Management Response : Partially Accepted

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1. In the new CP, strategic interventions shall be developed based on the SP's modes of engagement which has to be relevant and specific;	March 15,2017	M&E Unit	May 23,2017,Completed	In the new CP, strategic interventions have been developed around the SP modes of engagement. The document scored 104 out of 110 with high score in technical robustness and other assessment criteria.
			December 01,2016,Delayed	Given the one year request for CP extension, the new CP development is in progress and shall be submitted in April 2017 while the CPAP will be finalized by June 2017.
			June 30,2016,Delayed	As a consequence of CPD extension (2017), this action has been delayed and will be conducted in 2017 during CPAP development phase.
			May 05,2016,Delayed	A request for one year extension to Sudan CP has been submitted ending 2017;
			February 28,2016,On Schedule	
2. Keep updating the e-database with all indicators including the mid-level results	December 31,2016	M&E Unit	November 29,2016,Discontinued	No need to continue with the program database system as the SIS (MyResults) is replacing the program database system
			May 05,2016,Delayed	2015 data have not been entered into the database system due to delays in identifying an intern
			February 28,2016,On Schedule	