

Costed Evaluation Plan Côte d'Ivoire Country Office

Programme cycle	United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Côte d'Ivoire 9th Country Programme (2026-2030)
Indicative budget	US\$ 75 million
Country programme priority areas (outputs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Output 1: By 2030, national capacities, including those of communities, are strengthened to provide integrated, quality, inclusive, continuous, and rights-based maternal and neonatal health information and services to women, adolescents, and young people, particularly the most vulnerable, especially in underserved and humanitarian contexts. ● Output 2: By 2030, national capacities are enhanced to ensure equitable and universal access to a comprehensive range of modern contraceptives and quality family planning services, tailored to the needs of the population, particularly women, men, adolescents, youth, and marginalized people. ● Output 3: By 2030, national structures and communities are enhanced capacities to improve the prevention and quality management of gender-based violence, including female genital mutilation and child marriages, and supporting the socio-economic empowerment of women and girls and their resilience, including in humanitarian settings. ● Output 4: By 2030, the capacities of national institutions are strengthened to enhance the production, archiving, dissemination, and use of quality disaggregated data for planning, monitoring, and evaluating national policies and international commitments, including the Sustainable Development Goals, the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD), the three transformative results, as well as assessing the influence of megatrends.
Previous country programme evaluation	<p>Period covered: 7th Country Programme (2017-2020)</p> <p>Year of completion: 2020</p> <p>Evaluation quality assessment rating: Very Good</p>
Gap mapping/analysis of relevant evaluative evidence and knowledge gaps that are strategically important to inform the design and implementation	<p>The Costed Evaluation Plan (CEPlan) for the Côte d'Ivoire Country Programme (2026-2030) is informed by a comprehensive analysis of evaluative evidence. The evaluations planned in this CEPlan, including the country programme evaluation (CPE), will provide relevant information on the performance of the programme, particularly in the areas of maternal health, family planning, gender equality and women's empowerment, and population data and change. The results of the CPE will be used to inform the development of the next programme, in order to accelerate the achievement of the transformative results of UNFPA.</p>

<p>of the upcoming country programme</p>	<p>For Output 1 of the CP, existing evaluations highlighted evidence gaps related to investment in health system reforms, particularly in areas such as strengthening midwifery, expanding and improving the functioning of emergency obstetric and newborn care, and enhancing the quality of maternal deaths reviews as well as the prevention and management of obstetric fistula. Evaluations also identified weak performance of community-based initiatives for demand generation as a challenge, requiring more evidence to identify the most effective approaches. The CPE of the 9th programme cycle (2026-2030) will assess the overall effectiveness, efficiency and sustainability of UNFPA's contributions to the national health system reforms, with a focus on maternal and newborn health. In addition, the upcoming United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) evaluation (2026-2030) will provide insights into the contributions of joint United Nations initiatives in supporting the national government's efforts to strengthen the health system.</p> <p>For Output 2 of the CP, evaluations identified significant evidence gaps related to the measurement of political will, the efficiency and coordination of support among family planning stakeholders, the influence of community engagement on the use of modern contraceptives, and the effectiveness of supply chain strategies in ensuring the sustainable availability of family planning commodities. The CPE of the 9th programme cycle (2026-2030) will examine UNFPA's efforts to galvanize political commitment for family planning, as well as the effectiveness of the strategies and approaches that UNFPA is implementing to ensure equitable access to a comprehensive range of modern contraceptives. It will also assess efforts to ensure the quality and youth-friendliness of family planning services, and to address socio-cultural norms and barriers that hinder access to family planning.</p> <p>For Output 3 of the CP, existing evaluations identified significant evidence gaps in measuring the impact of gender-transformative approaches to transform discriminatory gender norms, such as engagement with women-led and faith-based organizations, as well as men and boys. The CPE of the 9th programme cycle (2026-2030) will assess the effectiveness of the gender-transformative approaches applied under the programme, including male engagement strategies, and explore the conditions under which they result in sustained changes in knowledge, attitudes and behaviours. In parallel, the UNSDCF evaluation (2026-2030) will provide insights on UNFPA's contribution to reducing gender inequality, within the broader framework of United Nations system-wide programming.</p> <p>For Output 4 of the CP, evaluations highlighted key evidence gaps in the effective integration of population and development issues in development planning, particularly for issues relating to megatrends (migration, urbanisation, environment). The CPE of the 9th programme cycle (2026-2030) will assess the effectiveness of approaches for integrating population and development issues into local and national planning for sustainable development, including the performance of the existing mechanism and data to monitor the demographic dividend.</p> <p>Given the cross-cutting nature of humanitarian aspects across the four outputs of the country programme, the limited evidence on the effectiveness of humanitarian responses, and the evolving humanitarian context in Côte d'Ivoire, the CPE of the 9th programme cycle (2026-2030) will assess the integration of emergency preparedness and response within health and protection systems. It will also evaluate how UNFPA's humanitarian interventions complement development programming through a nexus approach, ensuring the continuity of essential services, particularly for women and adolescents and youth, while strengthening national resilience and emergency response capacities. This includes maintaining uninterrupted access to emergency obstetric and newborn care and family planning services during crises, sustaining gender-based violence prevention and response efforts in humanitarian settings, and enhancing real-time, disaggregated data systems to inform humanitarian decision-making.</p>
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Evaluations

Evaluation title	Intended use of evaluation findings	Type of evaluation	Humanitarian evaluation (yes; partially; no)	Joint evaluation (yes; no), including partners where applicable	Programme/ project budget in US\$	Evaluation estimated budget and source of funding (regular resources (RR); other resources (OR)) in US\$	Timeframe (month and year)	Evaluation manager
Country Programme Evaluation (9th cycle, 2026-2030)	Inform the design of the new country programme; refine the targeting of strategies and interventions under the new country programme, ensuring they reach and benefit the furthest left-behind groups; determine the scale up or discontinuation of strategies and interventions under the new country programme; inform decision-making and the strategic positioning of UNFPA in the country; enhance accountability towards the national government, donors, and rights holders	Country programme evaluation (CPE)	Partially	No	75 million	100,000 (RR)	Preparation phase: September - December 2028 Implementation phase: January - September 2029	CO National Programme Officer, Monitoring and Evaluation
United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) evaluation (2026-2030)	Inform the development of the next UNSDCF and its alignment with national needs and priorities; strengthen UNFPA's strategic positioning and added value within	United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation	No	Yes Resident Coordinator Office	Tbd by RCO	10,000 (RR) (UNFPA's contribution to the RCO)	April 2028 - January 2029	RCO with support of UN entities

	the UN Country Team; refine UNFPA's contributions within joint UN initiatives to maximize impact; enhance accountability to the national government, donors, and rights holders.	(UNSDCF) evaluation		(RCO), all UN Country Team members				
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Evaluation Capacity Development						
Evaluation capacity development activity	Objectives of evaluation capacity development activity	Category of evaluation capacity development (internal; national)	Type of evaluation capacity development (individual; institutional; enabling environment)	Estimated budget and source of funding (regular resources (RR); other resources (OR)) in US\$	Timeframe (month and year)	Targeted stakeholders
Participation in the Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) -led cross-regional evaluation capacity building workshop	Develop the knowledge and skills of CO staff to plan, manage, conduct, disseminate and use a country programme evaluation	Internal	Individual	2,900 (RR)	June 2028	CO National Programme Officer, Monitoring and Evaluation