

Costed Evaluation Plan Eswatini Country Office

Programme cycle	United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Eswatini 8th Country Programme (2026-2030)
Indicative budget	US\$ 6 million
Country programme priority areas (outputs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Output 1: By 2030, strengthened capacity of systems and institutions to provide high-quality, comprehensive sexual and reproductive health information and services including reproduction health commodities to empower adolescents and young people to achieve their bodily autonomy. ● Output 2: By 2030, strengthened mechanisms and capacities of actors and institutions to address harmful gender and social norms to advance gender equality and women's and girls' empowerment and decision-making ● Output 3: By 2030, strengthened data systems and evidence that take into account population changes in development policies and programmes, especially those related to sexual and reproductive health and rights ensuring the integration of demographic change and key megatrends.
Previous country programme evaluation	<p>Period covered: 7th Country Programme (2021-2025)</p> <p>Year of completion: 2025</p> <p>Evaluation quality assessment rating: Pending rating</p>
Gap mapping/analysis of relevant evaluative evidence and knowledge gaps that are strategically important to inform the design and implementation of the upcoming country programme	<p>Due to limited resources and existing evidence from UNFPA evaluations at country, regional and centralized level, including country case studies for centralized evaluations, the Country Office will only allocate funding and plan for the following two evaluations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Country Programme Evaluation (2026-2030) that will assess the effectiveness, efficiency, sustainability of the programme and generate lessons to inform the next programme cycle. ● United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework evaluation that will assess the overall contribution of the United Nations Country Team towards the national development priorities. <p>The two evaluations proposed in this Costed Evaluation Plan contribute to the learning and accountability needs of UNFPA and also provide sufficient and balanced coverage of the country programme outcome areas, including the required evidence the country needs towards acceleration and/or attainment of the UNFPA transformative results.</p>

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\$	Estimated budget and source of funding (regular resources (RR); other resources (OR)) in US\$	Timeframe (month and year)	Evaluation manager
Country Programme Evaluation (8 th 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	6 million	100,000 (RR)	Preparation phase: September - December 2028 Implementation phase: January - September 2029	CO Strategic Information Specialist
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 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	United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation (UNSDCF) evaluation	No	Yes Resident Coordinator Office (RCO), all UN Country Team members	65 million (estimated)	3,000 (RR) (UNFPA's contribution to the RCO)	January - December 2029	RCO with support of UN entities

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	2,500 (RR)	June 2028	CO Strategic Information Specialist