

Costed Evaluation Plan Ethiopia Country Office

Program cycle	United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Ethiopia 10th Country Programme (2025-2030)
Indicative budget	US\$ 172.5 million
Country program priority areas (outputs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Output 1: By 2030, strengthened systems, institutions, and communities' capacity to provide high-quality, comprehensive sexual and reproductive health services and information, as well as essential services to address gender-based violence and harmful practices.● Output 2: By 2030, enhanced capacities of communities and institutions to address discriminatory gender and social norms to end unmet needs for family planning, preventable maternal deaths, gender-based violence, and harmful practices, including in humanitarian settings.● Output 3: By 2030, data systems and evidence are strengthened and digitized to inform the development, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of policies and programs in the context of the humanitarian, development, and peace continuum, especially those related to maternal health, family planning, GBV, and harmful practices.● Output 4: By 2030, strengthened skills and opportunities of adolescents and youth, especially adolescent girls, to enhance their rights to access services related to maternal health, family planning, HIV/AIDS, alternative dispute resolution, GBV, and harmful practices.● Output 5: By 2030, strengthened the capacity of critical actors and systems in preparedness, early action, resilience, and in the provision of life-saving interventions that are timely, integrated, conflict and climate-sensitive, gender-transformative, and peace-responsive.

<p>Previous country programme evaluation</p>	<p>Period covered: 9th Country Programme (2022-2025)</p> <p>Year of completion: 2024</p> <p>Evaluation quality assessment rating: Highly satisfactory</p>
<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>	<p>The gap analysis for UNFPA Ethiopia's 10th Country Programme (2025-2030) has methodically identified specific areas where evaluative evidence is lacking, based on a thorough assessment of previous evaluations, consultations, and the alignment with current CPD priorities. This approach ensures that subsequent evaluations are strategically positioned to address these gaps effectively.</p> <p>CPD Outputs and Documented Evidence Gaps:</p> <p>Output 1: Enhanced Access to Quality SRH Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Documented Evidence Gaps: There are gaps in understanding the effectiveness of strategies implemented to improve SRH services, especially in challenging environments or during humanitarian crises. <p>Output 2: Reduced Gender-Based Violence and Harmful Practices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Documented Evidence Gaps: There is a need for deeper insights into the impact of initiatives aimed at changing harmful gender and social norms, particularly the efficacy of engaging key community stakeholders including men and boys. <p>Output 3: Improved Data for Decision-Making</p>

- **Documented Evidence Gaps:** There are documented shortcomings in how data systems support evidence-based programming and policy development, requiring further investigation into their deployment and utility across different program phases.

Output 4: Empowered Adolescents and Youth

- **Documented Evidence Gaps:** Evidence is lacking on the specific roles and benefits derived from engaging adolescents and youth in program interventions, particularly in how these interventions affect their long-term empowerment and inclusion.

Output 5: Increased Resilience to Environmental and Societal Changes

- **Documented Evidence Gaps:** More evaluative information is needed on how SRH and GBV interventions adapt to and address the impacts of climate change and ongoing regional conflicts, which is crucial for designing resilient health systems.

How Planned Evaluations Will Address These Gaps:

1. 10th Country Programme Evaluation (CPE):

- This comprehensive evaluation will systematically assess the implementation and outcomes of interventions across all outputs, with a special focus on newly implemented strategies and their effectiveness.

2. Evaluation of the Programme Protecting the Dignity and Rights of Women and Girls in Ethiopia:

- Targeted at gender-based interventions, this evaluation will explore the effectiveness of strategies aimed at preventing and addressing GBV, providing essential data to refine future interventions.

3. UNSDCF Evaluation:

- By examining how well data systems are integrated into decision-making processes at the UN level, this evaluation will contribute to understanding the operational effectiveness of data-driven policies and programs.

Strategic Importance of These Evaluations:

By directly addressing the gaps identified through detailed gap analysis, these evaluations will provide crucial insights that enhance the learning and accountability frameworks of UNFPA. They ensure comprehensive coverage of all critical areas outlined in the CPD, supporting strategic decision-making and program effectiveness.

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\$	Start and end date (month and year)	Evaluation manager
10th Country programme evaluation (CPE)	The findings will guide the development and refinement of the next country programme cycle, aligning with national	Country programme evaluation	Partially	No	172.5 million	150,000 (RR)	October 2028 - September	M&E Specialist

	priorities and global UNFPA strategies. Insights will enhance learning about effective strategies and challenges, promoting adaptive learning to inform future programming and policy adjustments. Results will be shared with UNFPA Ethiopia CO, national stakeholders, rights-holders, and a wider audience to ensure transparency and enhance accountability.	(CPE)					2029	
Evaluation of the Programme Protecting the dignity and rights of Women and Girls in Ethiopia	Results will directly feed into strategic planning to optimize interventions aimed at protecting the dignity and rights of women and girls, enhancing program performance and achievement of planned results. Findings will also support management for results, accountability, knowledge generation, and learning, enhancing the capacity to deliver impactful results for the gender programmes.	Project/programme evaluation	Partially	No	47.25 million	230,000 (OR)	September 2029 - June 2030	M&E Specialist with support from Gender Specialist
UNSDCF Evaluation	Findings will assess and realign UNFPA's contributions to the UNSDCF, ensuring that efforts are complementary and strategically focused. The evaluation will also foster knowledge sharing and capacity building among UN agencies,	United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation (UNSDCF)	Partially	Yes RCO, UN agencies in the country	TBD by RCO (All agencies are currently in the process of	20,000 (RR: 10,000; OR: 10,000) (UNFPA's contribution	January 2029 - January 2030 (Estimated according	RCO

	enhancing collaborative efforts and integrated responses to meet the UNSDCF objectives.	evaluation			submitting their multi-year funding frameworks.)	to the RCO)	to the UNSDCF Review and Evaluation Plan)	
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