

Costed Evaluation Plan Kazakhstan Country Office

Programme cycle	United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Kazakhstan 6th Country Programme (2026-2030)
Indicative budget	US\$ 7.5 million
Country programme priority areas (outputs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Output 1. By 2030, enhanced capacity of institutions and systems formulate, integrate, and implement inclusive and rights-based laws and policies related to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights ● Output 2. By 2030, strengthened capacity of communities and socio-cultural structures at national and oblasts (regions) levels to address harmful social and discriminatory gender norms and to advance gender equality, empowerment, bodily autonomy and reproductive rights of women ● Output 3. By 2030, improved future-fit data systems, demographic analysis and evidence inform effective policies and programmes that advance the intersectionality of population dynamics, macroeconomic performance, human capital development, gender equality, and sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights.
Previous country programme evaluation	<p>Period covered: 5th Country Programme (2021-2025)</p> <p>Year of completion: 2024</p> <p>Evaluation quality assessment rating: Highly satisfactory</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>This rationale provides an evidence gap analysis to support the selection of evaluations presented in this Costed Evaluation Plan (CEPlan), ensuring alignment with the programme's priorities and UNFPA's transformative results. It will ensure that the 6th country programme is supported by a robust evidence base, facilitating informed decision-making, accountability, and continuous learning. A careful assessment of available evidence at country, regional, and centralized levels was conducted (please see MAPPING EVALUATIVE EVIDENCE: Kazakhstan 2025) to identify knowledge gaps that require further evaluation. To close the identified data gaps related to new CPD outputs 1 and 2 the following key aspects were considered to address areas necessary to accelerate the achievement of the country programme's strategic priorities, particularly in the areas of Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) and Gender-Based Violence (GBV). For output 3, consideration of the rapid evolution of demographic and gender-related challenges necessitates a continuous evaluation of interventions to ensure their relevance and effectiveness. An analysis of previous evaluations at national, regional, and global levels highlighted areas where additional data and insights are needed to refine programme strategies and interventions.</p> <p>The CEPlan for the Kazakhstan Country Programme (CP) (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 family planning, gender equality and women's empowerment, and demographic resilience. 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>For Output 1 of the CP, existing evaluations identified significant evidence gaps related to the measurement of political will, the efficiency and coordination of support among family planning stakeholders, and the influence of community engagement on the use of modern contraceptives. The CPE of the 6th 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 2 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 6th programme cycle (2026-2030) will assess the effectiveness of the gender-transformative approaches applied under the programme, including multi-sectoral response to gender-based violence services, male engagement strategies, and explore the conditions under which they result in sustained changes in knowledge, attitudes and behaviours.</p> <p>For Output 3 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, urbanization, environment). The CPE of the 6th programme cycle (2026-2030) will assess the effectiveness of approaches for integrating population and development issues into local and national planning for sustainable development.</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\$	Evaluation estimated budget and source of funding (regular resources (RR); other resources (OR)) in US\$	Timeframe (month and year)	Evaluation manager
United Nations Sustainable Development	Inform the development of the next UNSDCF and its alignment with national needs and priorities;	United Nations Sustainable	No	Yes	110 million	Max. 10,000 (RR)	October 2028 - September 2029	RCO with support of UN entities

Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) evaluation (2026-2030)	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	Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) evaluation		Resident Coordinator Office (RCO), all UN Country Team members, Government of Kazakhstan		(UNFPA's contribution to the RCO)		
Country Programme Evaluation (6th 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)	No	No	7.5 million	75,000 (RR)	Preparation phase: October - December 2028 Implementation phase: January - August 2029	Assistant Representative and CO M&E focal point
Evaluation of the EU-funded multi-country UN joint programme on CHANGE – Challenging Harmful Attitudes and Norms for Gender Equality in Central Asia (2026-2028)	Inform the development of the next multi-country UN joint programme on Gender Equality in Central Asia with national needs and priorities; refine the targeting of strategies and interventions for the new joint programme, ensuring they reach and benefit the furthest left-behind groups; inform decision making and strategic	Project/ programme evaluation	No	Yes UNDP and UN Women	5.7 million	80,000 (OR)	February – October 2028	Joint evaluation management group representing all participating UN agencies

	positioning; enhance accountability towards the national government and donors.							(chaired by UNFPA)
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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	USD 3,400 (RR)	June 2028	Assistant Representative