

## Costed Evaluation Plan Liberia Country Office

Programme cycle	United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Liberia 6th Country Programme (2026-2030)
Indicative budget	US\$ 36.4 million:
Country programme priority areas (outputs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Output 1:</b> By 2030, strengthen the capacity of resilient institutions and systems to provide inclusive, high-quality maternal, sexual, and reproductive health services with a specific focus on adolescents, particularly adolescent girls and women, ensuring equitable access for vulnerable groups, especially women to achieve national priorities in health.</li> <li>● <b>Output 2:</b> By 2030, national institutions, civil society organizations, and movements led by women, adolescents and youth have strengthened capacities to challenge discriminatory social and gender norms and enhance the agency of women, adolescents and youth, enabling them to exercise bodily autonomy, make informed decisions, and actively participate in national development</li> <li>● <b>Output 3:</b> By 2030, national and subnational capacities are strengthened to generate and use disaggregated data for policy, planning and budgeting, promoting demographic resilience (addressing population dynamics , urbanization, climate change, and demographic shifts), with a focus on adolescents, women, young people, and harnessing the demographic dividend to advance the ICPD Programme of Action and SDGs.</li> </ul>
Previous country programme evaluation	<p><b>Period covered:</b> 4th Country Programme (2013-2017)</p> <p><b>Year of completion:</b> 2017</p> <p><b>Evaluation quality assessment rating:</b> Good</p>
Gap mapping/analysis of relevant evaluative evidence and knowledge gaps that are strategically important to inform the design and implementation of the	<p>The Costed Evaluation Plan (CEPlan) for the 6th Liberia Country Programme (CP) is based on strong evaluative evidence. It outlines the evaluations planned during and at the conclusion of the Country Programme. We anticipate that the results and information from these evaluations regarding the overall implementation and performance of the 6th CP will be valuable in shaping the development of the 7th country programme.</p> <p>For <b>Output 1 of the CP</b>, evaluation findings have highlighted several challenges within Liberia's health care delivery system, particularly concerning access to family planning services, poor maternal health outcomes, a lack of essential equipment and supplies, poorly trained service providers, frequent stock-outs, inadequate storage, and a limited national budget allocation. Further issues identified include low community engagement, minimal male involvement, limited youth-friendly services, and restricted women's decision-making in sexual and reproductive health. Addressing these barriers is crucial for UNFPA's goals of ending preventable maternal deaths, unmet need for family planning, and gender-based violence and harmful practices in Liberia. The 6th CP Evaluation will</p>

<p>upcoming country programme</p>	<p>assess the degree to which systems, institutions, and communities have been strengthened to provide and ensure the accessibility and availability of quality maternal, sexual, and reproductive health services, with a specific focus on adolescent girls. This evaluation will also look at the overall effectiveness and sustainability of these services. Furthermore, the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) Evaluation (2026–2030) will offer broader insights into multi-sectoral national and subnational quality maternal, sexual, and reproductive health services, adolescent and youth services including gender-based violence and inequalities.</p> <p>For <b>Output 2 of the CP</b>, available evaluations findings revealed gaps in several key areas concerning adolescents and youth within the UNFPA humanitarian response. These include their integration in Youth Peace and Security and climate resilience initiatives, the application of human rights-based and gender-transformative approaches to ensure inclusion across all groups and address the root causes of gender inequality and discrimination. Furthermore, there are gaps in comprehensive sexuality education (CSE) implementation and evaluation, addressing social norms and harmful practices, and the existence of various forms of gender-based violence. Adolescents and youth with substance use problems and those in prison are particularly behind in realizing sustainable development. While these challenges have been identified, this characterization has not been fully developed and leveraged to effectively prioritize and sustain engagement with these groups. Enhanced prioritization is needed to empower them and enable a) personal rehabilitation and development; and b) socio-economic re-integration and advancement. The 6th CP Evaluation will assess the progress made towards achieving the output, and contribution to outcomes. This will include an examination of the theory of change's validity and any factors that facilitated or impeded results. Additionally, the evaluation will re-assess the impact of UNFPA's efforts in reducing and eliminating sexual gender-based violence and harmful practices, advancing comprehensive sexuality education addressing socio-cultural norms and barriers to eliminating Gender Based Violence (GBV) and harmful practices, and the effectiveness of the implementation mechanisms proposed during the design. The findings of this evaluation are expected to inform and provide recommendations for the development of the 7th country programme.</p> <p>Finally, for <b>Output 3 of the CP</b>, existing evaluations identified gaps in aligning population dynamics with other policies and frameworks and insufficient technical expertise in demographic analysis. The 6 CP evaluation will measure the availability, utilization and the overall data architecture, functionality, interoperability, efficiency and effectiveness of information management systems across sectors including the Gender Based Violence Management Information System. It will assess the extent to which data management capacities have been strengthened at both national and subnational levels. A key aspect of this evaluation will be the examination of collaborations between universities, research institutions, and other relevant stakeholders. The goal of these strengthened capacities is to enhance the application of data in several key areas: regular reviews of programs and services, evidence-based service modeling, and the adaptation of services to harness emerging opportunities. By focusing on these areas, the evaluation will aim to determine how effectively data is being used to improve the effectiveness, efficiency, and sustainability of services in Liberia and the extent to which evidence-based planning has been enabled.</p>
<p><b>Evaluations</b></p>	

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 (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	36.4 million	100,000 (RR)	Preparation phase: October - December 2028  Implementation phase: January - August 2029	CO Programme Analyst, 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 the UN Country Team; refine UNFPA's contributions within joint UN initiatives to maximize impact; enhance accountability to the	United Nations Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) evaluation	No	Yes  Resident Coordinator Office (RCO), all UN Country Team members,	Tbd by RCO	5,000 (RR)  (UNFPA's contribution to the RCO)	January - December 2029	RCO with support of UN entities

	national government, donors, and rights holders			Government of Liberia				
Protect, Empower and Nurture (PEN): Harnessing the Full Potential of Adolescent Girls in Liberia joint programme	The evaluation will provide recommendations that will inform potential future extension of the project (Including outcomes, methodology, objectives, financing etc.); and enhance accountability to government, donors, and rights holders	Project/ programme evaluation	No	Yes  UNICEF	7 million	50,000 (OR)	June - December 2028	Joint evaluation management group representing all participating UN agencies (co-chaired by UNFPA Programme Analyst, Monitoring and Evaluation and UNICEF Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist)

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	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 Programme Analyst,

evaluation capacity building workshop						Monitoring and Evaluation
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