

Costed Evaluation Plan Malaysia Country Office

Programme cycle	United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Malaysia 2nd Country Programme (2026-2030)
Indicative budget	US\$ 6 million (Regular resources: US\$2.5 million; Other resources and co-financing modalities: US\$3.5 million)
Country programme priority areas (outputs)	● Output 1: Strengthened national and subnational policies/plans, commitments, and financing mechanisms for SRHR, gender equality and GBV prevention and response including harmful practices. ● Output 2: Strengthened national and subnational capacity to formulate, implement and monitor evidence-based policies and programmes that account for demographic changes and other megatrends, based on the analysis of reliable and disaggregated data.
Previous country programme evaluation	Period covered: 1st Country Programme (2021-2024) Year of completion: 2025 Evaluation quality assessment rating: Satisfactory
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	The Costed Evaluation Plan (CEPlan) for the Malaysia Country Programme (CP) (2026-2030) is informed by a comprehensive analysis of evaluative evidence. The existing evaluative evidence is scarce on the contribution of UNFPA's CP towards addressing demographic shifts, particularly ageing and low fertility, and addressing gender inequality in an upper middle-income country context as in Malaysia, characterized by good economic development coupled with high social and economic inequalities. 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 population and development, gender equality and women's empowerment. The results of the country programme will be used to inform the development of the next programme, in order to accelerate the achievement of the transformative results of UNFPA. For Output 1 of the CP, existing evaluations highlighted evidence gaps related to the knowledge and uptake of UNFPA interventions into policies and national frameworks, particularly in areas such as sexual reproductive health and rights (SRHR), and Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and harmful practices. In addition, a lack of national GBV data hindered effective programme planning and coordination. The Country Programme Evaluation of the 2nd programme cycle (2026-2030) will assess the overall effectiveness, efficiency and sustainability of UNFPA's contributions to the national policies and frameworks, addressing gender norms, and supporting the development of national GBV data to inform state-level implementation. 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 human rights protection legal frameworks in alignment with international standards, and ensuring institutions and participatory mechanisms promote inclusion and social cohesion, and respond to all forms of violence, crime, exploitation, and harmful practices. For Output 2 of the CP, evaluations highlighted key evidence gaps in the effective integration of population and development issues into policies, services, data systems and capacity building efforts. particularly for issues relating to megatrends (ageing, low fertility, care economy). The CPE of the 2nd 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 policy frameworks and action plans, performance of the existing mechanism such as South-South Triangular Cooperation and the extent to which data are used to monitor the demographic dividend.							
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 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 Framework (UNSDCF) evaluation	No	Yes Resident Coordinator Office (RCO), all UN Country Team members, Government of Malaysia	TBD by RCO	12,000 (RR)	September 2028 - June 2029	RCO with support of UN entities
Country Programme Evaluation (CPE) with a limited scope	Inform the design of the new country programme in the areas of population and development and gender equality and women's empowerment; 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	Country programme evaluation (CPE)	No	No	6 million	45,000 (RR)	Preparation phase: October - December 2028 Implementation phase: January - August 2029	CO M&E focal point

	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							
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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 M&E focal point