

Costed Evaluation Plan Sudan

Programme cycle	United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Sudan 8 th Country Programme (2026-2028)
Indicative budget	US\$ 85.2 (Regular resources: 11.6 million,, other resources: 73.6 million)
Country programme priority areas (outputs)	• Output 1: Improved access to integrated, life-saving, and quality sexual and reproductive health and gender-based violence services, adapted to local contexts and reaching those most in need. • Output 2: Strengthened evidence-based programming and policy advocacy through enhanced data generation, monitoring, evaluation, and support to the national statistical systems. • Output 3: Enhanced national and local capacities and community systems to foster positive social norms and behaviours, enhance women's and girls' empowerment, and promote gender equality
Previous country programme evaluation	Period covered: Country Programme Evaluation (2013-2016) Year of completion: 2015 Evaluation quality assessment rating: Good
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 8th Sudan Country Programme (2026-2028) is based on a comprehensive mapping of evaluative evidence, conducted to ensure that the Country Programme Document (2026-2028) rests on a strong foundation of past evaluation results. Building on the mapping, the CEPlan identifies areas where evaluative evidence is lacking entirely, requires deepening, or needs to be complemented. The evaluations included in the CEPlan, including the country programme evaluation (CPE), are designed to address these gaps, providing critical evidence to accelerate progress towards UNFPA's transformative results. For output 1: existing evaluations highlighted evidence gaps related to access to SRH services by a large number of women and girls living in different settings including in IDP camps and host communities. Existing health facilities supported for provision of EmONC services are not up to standards for provision of quality service. Evidence gaps in the supply chain system were also highlighted resulting in destroyed medical stockpiles, acute shortages of medicines and maternal health supplies. The CPE (2026-2028) will assess and provide a thematic paper on the CO contribution to strengthening the EmONC support as key to reducing maternal mortality and morbidity. It will also provide insights for improvement through generating lessons and strategic recommendations that support the national RH strategy for the achievement of one of the three transformative results including through an efficient supply and logistic management system. The Interim Cooperation Framework (ICF) evaluation will also provide insights into the contributions of joint United Nations initiatives in supporting the national government's efforts to strengthen the protection and health system. For output 2: the Sudan Humanitarian Evaluation highlighted key evidence gaps in availability of disaggregated population data for programming.. Such gaps are much related to operational inclusion of vulnerability and LNOB frameworks that facilitate targeting and access to information and services. Evaluations also revealed evidence gaps in data for policy formulation and budgetary allocation. The CPE (2026-2028) will assess the effectiveness of UNFPA's contribution in enhancing the capacities and approaches for disaggregated data generation, management and utilization. It will also assess the integration of humanitarian data into the response planning including for UNFPA programming, HRP and policy and strategy development. Though, Data

	is not a direct output in the ICF, its evaluation may still be helpful by giving a big-picture overview of how the UN's data-related work is helping create a good environment for using data in the different programmes. For output 3: existing evaluations do not provide enough evidence related to the effectiveness and functionality of the community-based GBV prevention and referral structures. The recent Sudan Humanitarian Evaluation highlighted only the functionality by means of the drop in number of functional structures without addressing the substance and effectiveness of these structures. The proposed "Evaluation of the effectiveness of the community-based and coordination structures to prevent and respond to SRH and GBV needs" will provide lessons for learning, adaptation and programming for protection and social norms downstream. This considers the functionality and capacities of these structures and how useful they are in promoting awareness and facilitating referral of obstetric and GBV cases to the nearest facilities for receiving quality services and psycho-social support. The CPE (2026-2028) will also provide insights about the effectiveness and outcome of the integrated community-based structures on social norm change. Both evaluations are expected to provide lessons and forward-looking recommendations for upscaling and replication.
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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 in US\$	Timeframe (month and year)	Evaluation manager
Country Programme Evaluation (8th cycle, 2026-2028)	Inform the design of the new country programme; inform decision-making determine the scale up or discontinuation of strategies and interventions under the new country programme; enhance accountability towards the national government, donors, and rights holders; and increase resource mobilization.	Country Programme Evaluation (CPE)	Yes	No	85.2 million	100,000 (RR)	Preparation phase: October - December 2026 Implementation phase: January - September 2027	M&E Specialist

Evaluation of the effectiveness of the community-based and coordination structures to prevent and respond to sexual and reproductive health and gender-based violence needs	Inform down-stream programming for replication and upscaling of the best practices. Develop more inclusive and targeted outreach SRH & GBV strategies.	Thematic evaluation	Yes	No	700,000	30,000 (RR)	March - August 2028	M&E Specialist
Evaluation of the UN Interim Cooperation Framework	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	TBD by the RCO	5,000 (RR) (UNFPA's contribution to the RCO)	July 2027 - June 2028	M&E 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)	Targeted stakeholders	Estimated budget and source of funding (regular resources (RR); other resources (OR)) in US\$	Timeframe (month and year)
Participation in IEO-led cross-regional evaluation capacity building workshop	Develop the knowledge and skills of CO staff to plan, conduct, manage, disseminate and use a country programme evaluation	Internal	Individual	M&E Specialist	3,400 (RR)	June 2026