

Costed Evaluation Plan Turkmenistan Country Office

Programme Cycle	United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Turkmenistan 6th Country Programme (2026-2030)
Indicative Budget	US\$ 6.21 million
Country programme priority areas (outputs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Output 1: By 2030 formulated and implemented inclusive, rights-based gender-sensitive legislation, social protection and accountability frameworks enable universal access to sexual and reproductive health and rights, and prevention and response to gender-based violence. • Output 2: By 2030, strengthened capacities of communities and institutions to address discriminatory gender and social norms to advance gender equality, reproductive rights, and equitable access to quality GBV services and social protection systems. • Output 3: By 2030, strengthened data systems and evidence factor population changes and other megatrends including climate change to inform the development and implementation of policies, programmes and financing on demographic resilience, gender equality and sexual and reproductive health and rights.
Previous country programme evaluation	<p>Period covered: 4th Country Programme (2016-2020)</p> <p>Year of completion: 2019</p> <p>Evaluation quality assessment rating: Good</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>The 6th country programme (CP) for Turkmenistan (2026-2030) is informed by evaluative evidence drawn from UNFPA and other evaluations conducted at country, regional and global level, including the recent United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) evaluation (2021-2025), and the evaluation report of the Regional Programme for Eastern Europe and Central Asia (2022-2025). The evaluative evidence analysis reveals knowledge gaps in evidence related to emergency preparedness and response with regards to sexual and reproductive health (SRH) and gender-based violence (GBV) and also across all three CP outputs, which will be narrowed further through the planned evaluation of the 6th CP, scheduled for 2029 in accordance with UNFPA's evaluation policy. Despite the UNFPA support within the last three programme cycles, approaches and strategies in the area of GBV are not effective based on the evidence that justification of violence is constantly going up, the legislation does not exist, and services are limited in the scope and quality. More tailored and effective partnerships are needed to modify social norms and develop the legislative framework and launch the services for survivors. Knowledge management, policy advisory support and technical expertise were crucial in significant reduction of the maternal mortality ratio and unmet need in family planning. This evaluation will also serve to enhance accountability, facilitate learning, and inform the development of the subsequent country programme. Furthermore, UNFPA will contribute financial and technical resources to the UNSDCF evaluation, managed by the Resident Coordinator's Office, to assess UNFPA's contributions to achieving the objectives of the UNSDCF and the 2030 Agenda. Given that the UNFPA 4th cycle CP was evaluated in 2019 the 5th cycle of 2021-2025 was not evaluated and thus the 6th CP 2026-2030 will be evaluated in 2029. There are no other resource-funded projects which have an evaluation commitment planned for the 6th programme cycle.</p> <p>In this CP cycle, UNFPA will continue to prioritize technical assistance for national research on core mandate areas, such as maternal health and GBV, to facilitate evidence-based policy and programming. UNFPA will continue updating the evaluative evidence matrix developed to inform the country programme document, including relevant findings and recommendations extracted from centralized evaluations, project evaluations, needs assessment and other relevant studies focusing on the outputs of the 6th CP.</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
Evaluation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (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	Evaluation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) evaluation	No	Yes Resident Coordinator Office (RCO), all UN Country Team Members	TBD by RCO	6,000 (RR)	January - December 2029	RCO with support of UN entities
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	6.21 million	60,000 (RR)	Preparation phase: September - December 2028 Implementation phase: January - September 2029	CO Monitoring and Evaluation Focal Point (Programme Coordination Associate)

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	3,400 (RR)	June 2028	CO Monitoring and Evaluation Focal Point (Programme Coordination Associate)