

Costed Evaluation Plan Uruguay Country Office

Programme cycle	United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Uruguay 5th Country Programme (2026-2030)
Indicative budget	US\$ 8.8 million (Regular resources: 4.3 million; Other resources: 4.5 million)
Country programme priority areas (outputs)	• Output 1: Strengthened national capacities to leverage demographic intelligence, data and statistical systems for gender-transformative inclusive and human rights-based policies that are responsive to demographic change and advance sustainable development • Output 2: Strengthened national and subnational policies, accountability and financing frameworks to close remaining gaps in the three transformative results and beyond to enhance the adaptation to demographic change, advancing the rights of the furthest left-behind.
Previous country programme evaluation	Period covered: 4th Country Programme (2021-2025) Year of completion: 2024 Evaluation quality assessment rating: Highly 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) of the 5th Uruguay Country Programme (2026-2030) is based on a comprehensive mapping of available evidence from centralized and decentralized evaluations and other studies, conducted to ensure that the Country Programme Document (2026-2030) rests on a strong foundation of past evaluation results. The following evaluations were part of the mapping exercise: • UNFPA Uruguay 4th Country Programme Evaluation (2021-2025) • Uruguay United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) evaluation (2021-2025) • Independent Evaluation of the UNFPA Strategic Plan 2022-2025 • Formative Evaluation of the Regional Programme for Latin America and the Caribbean (2022-2025) • Regional evaluation on UNFPA's contribution to family planning and commodity security (2021) • Independent Evaluation of UNFPA Support to the Integration of the Principles of 'Leave No One Behind' and 'Reaching the Furthest Behind' (2024) • Evaluation of UNFPA Support to Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (2012-2020) • Joint Evaluation of the UN Joint Programme on AIDS on preventing and responding to violence against women and girls • Evaluation of UNFPA support to the prevention, response to and elimination of gender based violence, and harmful practices (2012-2017) • Mid-Term Evaluation of the UNFPA Supplies Programme (2013-2020) • Mid-term evaluation of the Maternal and Newborn Health Thematic Fund Phase III 2018-2022 • Regional Evaluation of the Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Interventions (2022) • Formative Evaluation of UNFPA Support to Adolescents and Youth (2015-2022) • Evaluation of UNFPA Support to Population Dynamics and Data (2014-2022) • Evaluation of UNFPA Support to the Prevention of, Response to and Elimination of Gender-based Violence and Harmful Practices (2012-2017)

Building on this mapping, the CEPlan identifies areas where evaluative evidence is lacking entirely, requires deepening, or needs to be complemented. The evaluations included in the CEPlan are designed to address these gaps, providing critical evidence to accelerate progress towards UNFPA's transformative results.

For **Output 1**, a significant evidence gap remains regarding the use of demographic data to inform public policy in Uruguay. While UNFPA has consistently promoted the production of disaggregated data to uphold the Leaving No One Behind principle, there is insufficient evidence to confirm whether national counterparts use this demographic intelligence to create responsive policies.

To address this gap, UNFPA will advocate for the UNSDCF evaluation (2026-2030) to assess the extent of data use for planning, resource allocation and policy-making. This will allow for an in-depth understanding of how UNFPA's support translates into lasting policy outputs. The evaluation will also provide insights on the most effective strategies for institutionalizing the use of demographic data in policy design and implementation.

For **Output 2**, there is clear evidence from evaluations that policies to reduce adolescent fertility in Uruguay have been successful, illustrating the impact of increased access to long-acting contraceptive methods. However, a significant gap remains in understanding the persistent high proportion of unintended pregnancies among women and adolescent girls, particularly those linked to situations of violence. There is also limited evidence to determine whether UNFPA support for policy-making, accountability and financing to reduce maternal mortality, unmet need for family planning and gender-based violence (GBV) has benefited the most vulnerable populations. Furthermore, evaluative evidence on what works, what does not, and why in enhancing the capacity of government institutions and civil society organizations to address GBV remains scarce, especially regarding the development and implementation of policies to prevent and respond to GBV. Further evaluative evidence is needed to understand the specific barriers and facilitators to effective policy implementation in the context of Uruguay.

To address these gaps, UNFPA will advocate for the UNSDCF evaluation (2026-2030) to examine what the most effective strategies to reduce unintended pregnancies are, with a particular focus on women and adolescent girls affected by domestic violence. In parallel, the evaluation of the project "Violencias en Foco" will examine whether joint United Nations initiatives to support the national Government and civil society in implementing policies to address GBV are effective and sustainable. It will identify good practices and lessons learned for collaboration between government institutions and civil society organizations in GBV prevention and response.

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/p roject budget in US\$	Evaluation estimated budget and source of funding (regular resources	Start and end date (month and year)	Evaluation manager
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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	Tbd by RCO	Tbd	October 2028 - June 2029	RCO with support of United Nations entities
Evaluation of the project "Violencias en Foco"	Inform the design and implementation of future initiatives addressing gender-based violence through arts-based and community-centered approaches; refine strategies to engage diverse stakeholders, including youth and local actors, in violence prevention and response; determine the potential for adaptation, scale-up, or replication of the project in other settings; support strategic decision-making by implementing partners and donors; and enhance accountability to affected communities, civil society, and institutional stakeholders involved in addressing gender-based violence.	Project/ programme evaluation	No	Yes UNDP, UNICEF, and UN Women UNFPA is the lead agency	540.000 (UNFPA's share: 108,369) (assigned to UNFPA)	8,000 (OR)	June - November 2026	Population and Development National Officer (M&E focal point)

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)
N/A						

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