

## Costed Evaluation Plan Uzbekistan Country Office

Programme cycle	United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Uzbekistan 6th Country Programme (2026-2030)
Indicative budget	US\$ 27.9 million
Country programme priority areas (outputs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Output 1:</b> Strengthened policy and accountability frameworks for the effective integration and implementation of sexual and reproductive health and rights, empowerment of women, and demographic resilience.</li> <li>● <b>Output 2:</b> Strengthened institutional and community capacity to deliver high-quality, integrated SRH and VAWG services, ensuring equitable access, continuity of care, and comprehensive support for vulnerable women and girls in both rural and urban areas.</li> <li>● <b>Output 3:</b> Strengthened national capacity to collect, analyze, and utilize population dynamics-related data for evidence and rights-based policies development at national and sub-national levels to enhance demographic resilience.</li> <li>● <b>Output 4:</b> Enhanced mechanisms and capacities of institutions, communities, and individuals to challenge discriminatory social norms, promote the empowerment of women, and prevent VAW and harmful practices.</li> </ul>
Previous country programme evaluation	<p><b>Period covered:</b> 4th Country Programme (2016-2020)</p> <p><b>Year of completion:</b> 2020</p> <p><b>Evaluation quality assessment rating:</b> Very good</p>
Gap mapping/analysis of relevant evaluative evidence and knowledge gaps that are strategically important to inform the design and implementation of	<p>The Costed Evaluation Plan (CEPlan) for the Uzbekistan Country Programme (CP) (2026–2030) is informed by a comprehensive analysis of evaluative evidence. The evaluations planned under this CEPlan, including the Country Programme Evaluation (CPE), the Evaluation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF), and the Final Evaluation of the EU-Funded Joint Project on Women’s Economic Empowerment, will generate essential knowledge on programme performance. The findings will be used to inform the design of the next country programme and strengthen the effectiveness of interventions aimed at achieving UNFPA’s transformative results.</p> <p>For <b>Output 1 of the CP</b>, existing evaluations identified significant evidence gaps in the institutionalization and functionality of the Maternal and Perinatal Death Surveillance and Response (MPDSR) system, particularly in regions such as Karakalpakstan with high maternal mortality. Evaluations also noted limited evidence on the integration of sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) into health financing reforms, including the National Health Insurance policy and the Digital Health Strategy. The CPE of the 6th programme cycle (2028–2029) will assess the overall effectiveness, efficiency, and sustainability of UNFPA’s support to national health</p>

the upcoming country programme	<p>system accountability mechanisms, particularly around MPDSR and SRHR integration. The UNSDCF evaluation (2026–2030) will provide complementary insights into the contribution of joint UN efforts to policy coherence and equitable health system reform.</p> <p>For <b>Output 2 of the CP</b>, evaluations identified significant evidence gaps related to the absence of national data on the prevalence and patterns of gender-based violence (GBV), as well as the limited understanding of barriers to accessing family planning, especially in rural areas. Existing evaluations also highlighted a lack of insight into how social norms and service quality affect contraceptive uptake. The CPE will examine the effectiveness of UNFPA-supported strategies to expand integrated GBV and SRHR services, with a particular focus on addressing unmet need and inequalities in service access. In parallel, the UNSDCF evaluation will assess system-level efforts to enhance the quality and reach of multi-sectoral services for vulnerable populations.</p> <p>For <b>Output 3 of the CP</b>, existing evaluations identified significant evidence gaps in the use of disaggregated and policy-relevant data for regional planning and demographic resilience. There is limited evaluative evidence on how national and subnational authorities utilize demographic intelligence for resource allocation and decision-making. The CPE will assess how effectively UNFPA-supported interventions have contributed to strengthening population data systems and their use for inclusive, rights-based policy development. This evaluation will support national efforts to operationalize the demographic resilience strategy and address regional disparities through improved data governance.</p> <p>For <b>Output 4 of the CP</b>, evaluations identified significant evidence gaps in measuring the effectiveness of gender-transformative approaches to changing harmful social norms. These include limited data on the long-term impact of male engagement programmes, pre-marriage counselling, media campaigns, and religious engagement. The CPE will assess the extent to which these strategies have resulted in sustained changes in attitudes, behaviors, and social norms. In addition, the Final Evaluation of the EU-Funded Joint Project on Women’s Economic Empowerment (2027–2028) will assess the contribution of empowerment-focused interventions to advancing women’s autonomy, challenging discriminatory norms, and improving access to SRHR. These findings will help to refine the next programme’s approaches to norm change and community-based gender equality programming.</p> <p>Given Uzbekistan’s exposure to environmental and climate-related risks—particularly in the Aral Sea region—future evaluations will also explore how resilience and service continuity have been integrated into the delivery of SRHR and GBV services. The CPE will assess how effectively risk mitigation measures and preparedness planning have been incorporated into programme design, especially in regions facing environmental stress, to ensure that essential services remain accessible during localized crises or disruptions.</p>
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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	Programme/ project budget in US\$	Evaluation estimated budget and source of funding	Timeframe (month and year)	Evaluation manager

				partners where applicable		(regular resources (RR); other resources (OR)) in US\$		
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	27.2 million	75,000 (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 national government, donors, and rights holders	United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation (UNSDCF) evaluation	No	Yes  Resident Coordinator Office (RCO), all UN Country Team members, Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan	Tbd by RCO	2,000 (RR)  (UNFPA's contribution to the RCO)	October 2028 - September 2029	RCO with support of UN entities
Final evaluation of EU-funded joint project "Women's	Inform the design of future joint programmes on women's economic empowerment and their alignment	Project/ programme evaluation	No	Yes  UN Women	5,238,500  (UNFPA:	75,000 (OR)	September 2027 - June 2028	Joint evaluation management

Economic Empowerment in Uzbekistan” (pipeline) <sup>1</sup>	with national priorities and EU partnership objectives; strengthen the strategic positioning and added value of UNFPA and UN Agencies within the joint programme context; refine the targeting and scope of joint interventions to maximize impact on gender equality, access to resources, and family planning services; enhance accountability to the EU, national government, and rights holders; generate lessons learned and good practices to inform broader UN coordination and future programming.			and UNICEF	2,409,710; UN Women: 1,676,320; UNICEF: 1,152,470)			group representing all participating UN agencies (chaired by UNFPA Programme Analyst, Monitoring and Evaluation)
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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	3,400 (RR)	June 2028	CO Programme Analyst, Monitoring and Evaluation

<sup>1</sup> The total project budget is €5,000,000, with €2,300,000 allocated to UNFPA. For this costed evaluation plan, all euro amounts were converted to US\$ using the official UN exchange rate in March 2025 (€1 = \$1.0477). The evaluation budget of \$80,000 is fully funded by the EU and managed by UNFPA within its project allocation.