

Evaluation report title	Year	Responsible Office	Eval. report type	Region	Period covered	Recommendation title	Recommendation text	Recommendation status (accepted, partially accepted or rejected)	Priority (high, medium or low)	Action point title	Action point text	Implementation Year
Government of The Gambia/UNFPA 8th Country Programme: Final Evaluation Report	2021	The Gambia	Country Programme Evaluation	WCARO	2017-2021	Strategic	UNFPA should continue to maintain the relevant strategic partnerships with government, non-governmental agencies and development partners to respond to the country's national needs and priorities and get the buy-in of international and national development partners/stakeholders.	Accepted	High	Resource Mobilisation Strategy	- Develop the CO's advocacy and partnership strategy to guide strategic engagement in country, sub-regional and contribution in strengthening our convening power, improve relevance and galvanizing alliance in addressing development priorities in the country. - Establish partnerships at the national level.	2022
Government of The Gambia/UNFPA 8th Country Programme: Final Evaluation Report	2021	The Gambia	Country Programme Evaluation	WCARO	2017-2021	Strategic	UNFPA CO and its partners (particularly GoTG) should continue to align all the components with national priorities and international commitments related to maternal health, family planning, adolescents and youth, gender equality and women's empowerment as elaborated in ICPD Nairobi Commitments, SDGs and aim at addressing key issues at advocacy (fistula, FGM, GBV, family planning) and legislative levels that can potentially deal with the barriers in achieving the goals of each component towards achieving the three zeros.	Accepted	High	Resource Mobilisation Strategy	1- Align 9th Country Programme to national priorities as defined in the national development plan - Support the government of the Gambia in ensuring national development agenda, policy and guideline reflect international commitments in the areas of gender and maternal health. Develop the CO's resource mobilisation strategy to guide strategic partnership building and resource mobilizations in country, sub-regional and contribution of various donors and stakeholders in development priorities. Support the Government of The Gambia in the implementation of the post-Nairobi commitments and strengthen follow-up mechanisms.	2022
Government of The Gambia/UNFPA 8th Country Programme: Final Evaluation Report	2021	The Gambia	Country Programme Evaluation	WCARO	2017-2021	Strategic	The Next CP should adopt the same integrated programming approach across all the components. This is important to achieve the transformative development agenda meant to achieve the three zeros of the UNFPA and relevant SDGs by the end of 2030. The SDGs are integrated and indivisible and to achieve them, requires a more holistic and integrated approach that requires system thinking as opposed to silo-thinking.	Accepted	High	Alignment	- Align the CPD to the UNFPA Strategic Plan 2022-25 to accelerate the attainment of the SDGs. - Strengthening the integration model currently be adopted that demonstrate the linkage across the 3 thematic Results for the country office	2022
Government of The Gambia/UNFPA 8th Country Programme: Final Evaluation Report	2021	The Gambia	Country Programme Evaluation	WCARO	2017-2021	Strategic	UNFPA should maintain its position regarding UNCT coordination and DaO and explore further opportunities for joint programming including joint financial resource mobilization as in the case of Peace Building Fund (PBF).	Accepted	Medium	Delivering as one	- Continue to ensure joint implementation of the annual work plan for UN Gender Thematic Group and PSEA Focal point Network. - Ensure mainstreaming of Gender in all strategic documents from the UNCT and RCO - Contribute to interagency plans and tools (UNCT, PCG, UNCG work plans and strategies)	2022

Government of The Gambia/UNFPA 8th Country Programme: Final Evaluation Report	2021	The Gambia	Country Programme Evaluation	WCARO	2017-2021	Programmatic	UNFPA should continue to train CBDs address barriers to contraceptive uptake and to strengthen the supply chain further; and, depending on resources, UNFPA should consider widening the provinces and/or districts covered or intensifying programming within existing provinces and districts, as well as earmarking funds for refresher courses and further basic benefits	Accepted	High	Supply Chain	- Develop a training plan for CBDs including refresher courses - Develop expansion plan for community-based distribution programme to reach those furthest behind	2022
Government of The Gambia/UNFPA 8th Country Programme: Final Evaluation Report	2021	The Gambia	Country Programme Evaluation	WCARO	2017-2021	Programmatic	CO should continue promoting integrated SRH interventions and adopting identified best practices such as the girls' mentorship Programme, involving religious and traditional leaders, Community-based distributors, FGM Health Register, and fistula identification and treatment, and capacity-building Programmes for the various IPs involved in maternal health care services.	Partially Accepted	Medium	Assessment	- Institutionalized the engagement of the religious and traditional leaders as champion of three transformative results in programmes like: CBD programme as well as the Girls' Mentorship Programme, community abandonment of the FGM and community surveillance systems for end of the FGM practice for possible scale up - Conduct consultation with MOH, MOG and other stakeholders to ensure integration of services. Expand adolescent and youth-friendly health services; Establish safe or friendly spaces Develop the Husbands' Schools approach	2022-2023
Government of The Gambia/UNFPA 8th Country Programme: Final Evaluation Report	2021	The Gambia	Country Programme Evaluation	WCARO	2017-2021	Programmatic	In the next CP, UNFPA CO and its partners should continue supporting youth empowerment initiatives and engagement in the community education on reproductive health and social-economic issues. UNFPA should actively engage the roles of the Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education and Ministry of Youth and Sports in ensuring full implementation of the CSE among the in-school and out-of-school adolescents. There has always been stigma attached to learning and teaching about sex-related issues, both on the side of teachers and students in and out of school.	Accepted	High	Youth Empowerment	- Support the development of a Gambia National Youth Action Plan in line with the UNFPA Global Strategy on Youth - Implement an in-school and out-of-school CSE programme that addresses marginalised groups - Support the development of a national out-of-school CSE training manual	2022-2023
Government of The Gambia/UNFPA 8th Country Programme: Final Evaluation Report	2021	The Gambia	Country Programme Evaluation	WCARO	2017-2021	Programmatic	Integrated SRHR/HIV/GBV programming for young people, especially vulnerable and marginalized adolescent girls and young women, needs to be scaled up with increased budgets for stronger results for young women and men, building on the 8th CP experience regarding benefits and limitations to adolescent spaces in health facilities and the relative benefits, limitations and sustainability of peer education and CSE.	Accepted	High	Consultation	- Build the capacity of services provider at the one stop center on integration and adolescent friendly services to ensure integration across GBV/FP/HIV and youth friendliness of services - Support the development of a youth-friendly service integration SOP within the health system and the one stop centers	2022-2023

Government of The Gambia/UNFPA 8th Country Programme: Final Evaluation Report	2021	The Gambia	Country Programme Evaluation	WCARO	2017-2021	Programmatic	UNFPA should intensify and expand the focus on FGM, child marriage, fistula management in the next CP, building on the strategic partnerships and gains in current programming, and should plan and budget for partnerships that worked well, like the partnership with community and religious leaders.	Accepted	High	Partnership building and advocacy	-Support the development of FGM Policy with a costed implementation plan, as this will improve coordination of response around FGM and Child marriage. -Support the development of a national coordination mechanism for FGM - Advocate for the conduct of a fistula prevalence study -Develop strategies to better engage faith-based organizations and religious leaders	2022
Government of The Gambia/UNFPA 8th Country Programme: Final Evaluation Report	2021	The Gambia	Country Programme Evaluation	WCARO	2017-2021	Programmatic	Consideration should be given to increased integration of AY, SRHR and the gender focus within the CO, and whether to expand the dedicated staff complement for AY given the importance of addressing the considerable SRHR (and other) needs of this large population cohort.	Accepted	Medium	Staff Alignment	This would be considered when the HR Plan for the new CPD is developed	2022
Government of The Gambia/UNFPA 8th Country Programme: Final Evaluation Report	2021	The Gambia	Country Programme Evaluation	WCARO	2017-2021	Programmatic	Though this cuts across the two components, it is important to be separated and made a stand-alone component of the next CP. Available data should be used to advocate for the advancement of gender equality, jointly with other UNCT agencies. Male involvement and the involvement of traditional and religious leaders should be well integrated in the issues of GBV, FGM, child marriage and fistulae treatment. The next CP should implement interventions that have transformative impact on gender roles through a Programme that will address institutional, social-cultural dynamics that influence the behaviours and vulnerabilities of women and girls, men and boys in The Gambia.	Accepted	High	Partnership to end GBV	Develop a Plan to engage non-traditional partners such as religious networks, academia to address GBV and other related issues Ensure the integration of our interventions in addressing linkage like FGM/GBV/Child Marriage	2022
Government of The Gambia/UNFPA 8th Country Programme: Final Evaluation Report	2021	The Gambia	Country Programme Evaluation	WCARO	2017-2021	Programmatic	UNFPA should continue to strengthen the capacity of the GBoS to generate, produce and disseminate reliable and timely data to inform, monitor and evaluate policy and Programme implementation. There should be an active population component which should play a more meaningful role in providing fresh ideas to policymakers on what should be done on various population-related matters through continuous policy engagement.	Accepted	High	Capacity Development	-Support the National Strategy for the Development of Statistics and the capacity strengthening of GBoS. Provide technical assistance to research processes related to UNFPA's mandate areas.	2023

Government of The Gambia/UNFPA 8th Country Programme: Final Evaluation Report	2021	The Gambia	Country Programme Evaluation	WCARO	2017-2021	Programmatic	UNFPA should promote close collaboration between all stakeholders and government to ensure the continued and strengthened linkages of the next national development plan with the SDGs, including support to strengthen user-friendly formats to disseminate in-depth analysis of population dynamics, and with further indicators including regarding people with disabilities.	Accepted	High	Stakeholder Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Organise stakeholder consultations on programme effectiveness and efficiency - Support stakeholder engagement in the development of the national development plan 	2022
Government of The Gambia/UNFPA 8th Country Programme: Final Evaluation Report	2021	The Gambia	Country Programme Evaluation	WCARO	2017-2021	Programmatic	National coordination and monitoring of the CP seems weak because the NPCCS is not maximally empowered and functional in the discharge of its responsibility. The M&E has to be taken in an integrated systematic way and coordinated by the NPCCS. Through this, an effective performance monitoring, coordination, accountability and learning can be achieved.	Accepted	High	Coordination and Performance monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The CO will work with Government to determine and identify appropriate national coordination mechanisms as the country program cuts across different ministries and departments. - Develop a functional monitoring and evaluation system - Develop an IP performance tracker 	2022
Mid-Term Evaluation of the UNFPA Supplies Programme (2013-2020)	2021	The Gambia	Country Programme Evaluation	WCARO	2017-2021	Programmatic	Further capacity needs to be built in both implementing partners and within the CO typology to ensure timely and acceptable reporting to facilitate resource disbursement, with the new reporting modalities introduced in the 8th CP fully and efficiently operationalised; consideration is needed on how to resolve the situation where delays in implementation lead to return of funds.	Accepted	High	Capacity Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop a training plan for partners to strengthening programme implementation and management capacity - Identify capacity development opportunities for staff and highlight individual PADs 	2022
Mid-Term Evaluation of the UNFPA Supplies Programme (2013-2020)	2013-2020	The Gambia	End unmet need for family planning	WCARO	2013-2020	Programmatic	Human rights-based family planning services: UNFPA supplies should ensure the systematic application of a human rights-based approach to the provision of family planning services. This should include specific guidance on how to improve gender equality and social inclusion on how to improve gender equality and social inclusion by addressing socio-cultural barriers that impede access to reproductive health and family planning services and commodities.	Accepted	High	Policy Development	Develop strategies and guidance on improving gender equality and social inclusion by addressing socio-cultural barriers that impede access to reproductive health and family planning services and commodities at national and community level.	2023
Mid-Term Evaluation of the UNFPA Supplies Programme (2013-2020)	2013-2020	The Gambia	End unmet need for family planning	WCARO	2013-2020	Programmatic	Shaping global markets and reducing the opacity of processes: UNFPA supplies should build on progress already achieved and continue to support improved national and demand-forecasting and annual supplies-planning and quantification. Efforts should be directed towards making the procurement, shipment, and delivery processes more visible to implementing partners.	Accepted	High	Capacity Development	Strengthen national capacity for demand forecasting, planning and quantification of FP commodities in The Gambia	2023

Joint Evaluation of the UNFPA-UNICEF Joint Programme on the Abandonment of Female Genital Mutilation: Accelerating Change, Phase I and II (2008–2017) (2019)	2013-2020	The Gambia	End unmet need for family planning	WCARO	2013-2020	Programmatic	Coordinated risk-based approach to supply-chain management: UNFPA country offices should support national governments to coordinate a multi-partner approach to an agreed, nationally-led, coherent strategy and programme for managing and strengthening supply chains. This should reflect a differentiated, risk-based approach to supply-chain management, which adapts distribution models and supply-chain interventions according to the risk profile of a given country. It should include agreed technical and financial supporting roles (while systems) and support to countries with post-emergency or protracted emergency settings with a view to moving away from emergency reproductive health kit procurement and creating sustainable medical commodity supply chains.	Accepted	High	Technical Support	Provide technical support to the Ministry of Health to coordinate a multi-partner approach to an agreed, nationally-led, coherent strategy and programme for managing and strengthening supply chains.	2023
Joint Evaluation of the UNFPA-UNICEF Joint Programme on the Abandonment of Female Genital Mutilation: Accelerating Change, Phase I and II (2008–2017) (2019)	2008-2017 (2019)	The Gambia	End gender-based violence and all harmful practices	WCARO	2008-2017(2019)	Programmatic	Advocate for fully funded national, legal and policy frameworks, including to address complex situations such as medicalization and cross-border FGM.	Accepted	High	Technical Support	Support government in developing and implementing effective strategies to enforce the law on FGM. - Conduct formative research to analyze impediments to law enforcement and identify good practices of law enforcement and ensure that research results are taken up by relevant stakeholders and utilized to inform programme design and implementation.	2023
Joint Evaluation of the UNFPA-UNICEF Joint Programme on the Abandonment of Female Genital Mutilation: Accelerating Change, Phase I and II (2008–2017) (2019)	2008-2017 (2019)	The Gambia	End gender-based violence and all harmful practices	WCARO	2008-2017 (2019)	Programmatic	Strengthen linkages with other streams of work towards enhanced access to quality services for FGM prevention, protection and care	Accepted	High	Partnership	Enhance partnerships and linkages with other organizations and service providers to facilitate women's and girls' access to care, and strengthen intersectoral linkages and referrals by establishing guidance, tools and mechanisms	2023