

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
Sri Lanka Country Programme Evaluation (2018 - 2022)	2021	Sri Lanka CO	Country Programme Evaluation (CPE)	Asia & Pacific	2018 - 2021	1. Country Programme Development & Greater national ownership and commitment (Strategic Level)	1. UNFPA should use the results achieved during the period in all the outcome areas as a basis for, and to inform the design of the next CP. UNFPA should also pursue greater national ownership of the issues, solutions and interventions and use innovative methods to mitigate the challenges from cultural and religious sensitivities.	Accepted	High	1.1. CP development	1.1. CO will continue to build on the data and knowledge products generated, the experience in engaging the youth and the development of policies, guidelines and SOPs for SRH, GBV and CSE, and systems for the prevention and response to GBV by incorporating it in the design of outputs in the 10th CPD.	31 December 2022
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Sri Lanka Country Programme Evaluation (2018 - 2022)	2021	Sri Lanka CO	Country Programme Evaluation (CPE)	Asia & Pacific	2018 - 2021	1. Country Programme Development & Greater national ownership and commitment (Strategic Level)	1. UNFPA should use the results achieved during the period in all the outcome areas as a basis for, and to inform the design of the next CP. UNFPA should also pursue greater national ownership of the issues, solutions and interventions and use innovative methods to mitigate the challenges from cultural and religious sensitivities.	Accepted	High	1.3. Exchange experiences and learning through SSTC	1.3. CO will include in the design of the new CPD interventions to expose key high-level political actors and technical experts to innovations and models of what other countries are doing and how they are coping with these issues and share Sri Lanka's experience in achieving excellence, including the very good performance in the health sector.	31 December 2022
Sri Lanka Country Programme Evaluation (2018 - 2022)	2021	Sri Lanka CO	Country Programme Evaluation (CPE)	Asia & Pacific	2018 - 2021	2. Building a high performing and cohesive team (Strategic Level)	2. UNFPA should continue with efforts to build a high performing and cohesive team, while addressing gaps in capacity and efficiency.	Accepted	High	2.1. Capacity for policy advocacy	2.1. CO will work with APRO to engage a consult to identify the required capacities (skills and knowledge) for the implementation of the next CPD, identify the gaps in existing CO structures/personnel and develop a plan for addressing the gaps in capacities.	30 June 2023
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Sri Lanka Country Programme Evaluation (2018 - 2022)	2021	Sri Lanka CO	Country Programme Evaluation (CPE)	Asia & Pacific	2018 - 2021	3. Building partnerships (Strategic Level)	3. UNFPA should protect and build on its profile and the gains made to further enhance and exploit partnerships with government agencies, the private sector, CSOs, and donors.	Accepted	High	3.1. Strengthening existing and building multi sectoral partnerships	3.1 For existing partners, CO will seek to strengthen systems/ processes towards operational efficiency, documentation in conveying government partner needs and results based monitoring.	30 June 2023
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Sri Lanka Country Programme Evaluation (2018 - 2022)	2021	Sri Lanka CO	Country Programme Evaluation (CPE)	Asia & Pacific	2018 - 2021	4. Systemic approach to innovation (Strategic Level)	4. UNFPA should pursue innovation in a systematic and proactive manner to ensure it fully exploits the opportunities available to advance its objectives.	Accepted	High	4.1. Strengthen Innovation through development of a strategic approach	4.1. CO will develop the strategy to align with the new CPD where the targets, partners, value propositions and markets have been identified and availability and feasibility is explored within the strategic approach for innovations.	31 December 2023
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Sri Lanka Country Programme Evaluation (2018 - 2022)	2021	Sri Lanka CO	Country Programme Evaluation (CPE)	Asia & Pacific	2018 - 2021	5. Ownership of interventions (Strategic Level)	5. To enhance sustainability, UNFPA should emphasize on early ownership of interventions and the requisite structures and capacities to ensure sustainability.	Accepted	High	5.1. Sustainability of interventions	5.1. CO will focus on co-creating interventions with partners to ensure their engagement from inception/design and have a clear agreed exist strategy which incorporates building relevant capacities and structures in the national partner agency.	31 December 2023
Sri Lanka Country Programme Evaluation (2018 - 2022)	2021	Sri Lanka CO	Country Programme Evaluation (CPE)	Asia & Pacific	2018 - 2021	6. Coordination and collaboration with UNCT (Strategic Level)	6. UNFPA should pursue beneficial relationship with other UN agencies.	Accepted	High	6.1 Relationship building with UN Agencies	6.1 CO will ensure that it is included in the relevant UNSDCF coordination groups to strengthen working modalities, ensure synergies and identify opportunities for joint collaborations with UNOs (specifically UNWOMEN, UNICEF, UNDP, ILO, WFP, IOM, FAO and WHO) for development and humanitarian interventions. CO will leverage the recognition earned across working groups and platforms for contribution as UN Agency leading on Data, GBV and SRH.	31 December 2023
Sri Lanka Country Programme Evaluation (2018 - 2022)	2021	Sri Lanka CO	Country Programme Evaluation (CPE)	Asia & Pacific	2018 - 2021	7. Monitoring and Evaluation (Strategic Level)	7. UNFPA should improve its monitoring and evaluation system to effectively monitor results including outputs and outcomes, and increase the availability of disaggregated data to monitor the level of participation and the impact of UNFPA interventions on those most left behind. UNFPA should also improve the results chain logic especially the definition of indicators in the next CP.	Accepted	High	7.1. Results logic and indicators	7.1. CO will develop a ToC and results framework for the next CPD which defines a clear pathway for the achievement of results and indicators for measuring success. Metadata for the results indicators will be developed to provide definitions of the indicators and how it will be measured. CO will utilize these for monitoring results.	31 December 2022
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Sri Lanka Country Programme Evaluation (2018 - 2022)	2021	Sri Lanka CO	Country Programme Evaluation (CPE)	Asia & Pacific	2018 - 2021	8. Implementation of CSE (Programme Level - Youth)	8. UNFPA needs to implement strategies, in partnership with national stakeholders, to overcome the cultural, religious and political challenges to the implementation of CSE in and out of school. This should be done through high level multi stakeholder conversations to make progress towards common national articulation of the issue and a culturally appropriate and acceptable solution.	Accepted	High	8.1. High-level stakeholder engagement	8.1. CO will conduct policy discussions with political, cultural and religious leaders and advocate for the formalization of CSE in school settings. This will include sensitization sessions for political, cultural and religious leaders.	31 December 2023
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Sri Lanka Country Programme Evaluation (2018 - 2022)	2021	Sri Lanka CO	Country Programme Evaluation (CPE)	Asia & Pacific	2018 - 2021	9. Improved youth engagement (Programme Level - Youth)	9. UNFPA should re-strategize the youth interventions and focus on ensuring the existence of appropriate national policy and institutional capacities for ongoing youth engagement.	Accepted	High	9.1. Implementation of Youth engagement strategy	9.1. CO will finalize and implement the Youth Engagement Strategy ensuring that the most vulnerable groups and key populations will be included in the interventions. UNFPA will also lobby and advocate for youth leadership and youth centred policy making	31 December 2023
Sri Lanka Country Programme Evaluation (2018 - 2022)	2021	Sri Lanka CO	Country Programme Evaluation (CPE)	Asia & Pacific	2018 - 2021	10. Full use of existing data and knowledge (Programme Level - Gender)	10. UNFPA should support efforts to fully exploit the data and knowledge generated, and the capacities built to further the GBV/ IPV agenda.	Accepted	High	10.1. Evidence-informed GBV response and mitigation	10.1. The CO has incorporated the evidence on the prevalence data to the CCA and this has also supported ensuring a standalone Priority and Outcome for GEWE in the new CF. The CO will continue to develop strategies based on the nuanced findings of the survey and also continue to build capacities for response and prevention of IPV/ VAW at the community level and services providers	31 December 2023
Sri Lanka Country Programme Evaluation (2018 - 2022)	2021	Sri Lanka CO	Country Programme Evaluation (CPE)	Asia & Pacific	2018 - 2021	11. Addressing gaps in maternal health and SRH services (Programme Level - Gender)	11. UNFPA should ensure that the next CP is designed with focused interventions to address gaps in maternal health and SRH services.	Accepted	High	11.1. Inclusion of output on maternal health and SRH services	The CO will include a dedicated output for maternal health and SRH services in the new CPD. CO will strengthen the SRH systems and will address MH strengthening the highly specialised care. UNFPA will also capacitate health staff capacities in these areas specially to address regional disparities	31 December 2022
Sri Lanka Country Programme Evaluation (2018 - 2022)	2021	Sri Lanka CO	Country Programme Evaluation (CPE)	Asia & Pacific	2018 - 2021	12. Generation of evidence and knowledge for effective policy advocacy (Programme Level - Data)	12. UNFPA should design interventions to further generate and communicate evidence and knowledge while optimizing their value through effective policy advocacy.	Accepted	High	12.1. Building on existing evidence	12.1. The CO will include in the new CPD intervention to build on the data and knowledge generated in the 9th CPD. Specifically, the CO will continue to build capacity of the government to use NTANITA for planning, use the GBV prevalence data for policy discussions and advocacy and work with the SDG council and relevant ministries to produce data for UNFPA priority SDGs.	31 December 2022

Sri Lanka Country Programme Evaluation (2018 - 2022)	2021	Sri Lanka CO	Country Programme Evaluation (CPE)	Asia & Pacific	2018 - 2021	12. Generation of evidence and knowledge for effective policy advocacy (Programme Level - Data)	12. UNFPA should design interventions to further generate and communicate evidence and knowledge while optimizing their value through effective policy advocacy.	Accepted	High	12.2. Facilitating the generation of new evidence	12.2. To position itself as a thought leader in the areas of SRH, GBV and population change, the CO will include in the new CPD a focus on the generation of new evidence to address the knowledge gaps in the areas of megatrends, SRH, GBV. The CO will strengthen its existing partnerships and forge new partnerships with academia, think tanks etc. to build capacities, utilize new methodologies and promote south-south collaborations for generating new evidence and intelligence.	31 December 2022
Sri Lanka Country Programme Evaluation (2018 - 2022)	2021	Sri Lanka CO	Country Programme Evaluation (CPE)	Asia & Pacific	2018 - 2021	13. Improve communication of official statistics (Programme Level - Data)	13. UNFPA should continue support in the next CP for the completion and sustainability of the interventions to improve communication of official statistics to make them more accessible, informative, more inclusive and to reach wider audiences.	Accepted	High	13.1. Completion of support to DCS for communications and DV	13.1. The CO will continue its support to DCS to improve communication of official statistics in 2022. This improvements to the DCS website, use of the additional languages, and publishing of statistics in braille and other technologies to reach the visually impaired, and publication of dashboards will be completed in 2022.	31 December 2022
Sri Lanka Country Programme Evaluation (2018 - 2022)	2021	Sri Lanka CO	Country Programme Evaluation (CPE)	Asia & Pacific	2018 - 2021	13. Improve communication of official statistics (Programme Level - Data)	13. UNFPA should continue support in the next CP for the completion and sustainability of the interventions to improve communication of official statistics to make them more accessible, informative, more inclusive and to reach wider audiences.	Accepted	High	13.2. NSDS and access to official statistics	13.2. The CO will provide support to DCS to initiate the development of NSDS which will include advocating for the development of a comprehensive policy framework to significantly improve access to official statistics and related information especially through online access.	31 December 2023