UNFPA Management Response to: Evaluation of Papua New Guinea Country Programme Evaluation Coverage Time Period: 2014-2017 Year of Management Response: 2017

| Recommendation Title | Recommendation | Accepted / Not Accepted | Priority | Action Title | Action Description | Estimated Implementation Date |
|--|--|-------------------------------|----------|---|--|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Evidence-based programming | 1. Ensure that the design of the country program and individual interventions are based on formative research or international good practice; develop and use an M&E system as per corporate guidance, and undertake operational research to document lessons and inform policy dialogue. | Accepted | High | | 1.1 UNFPA will do a STEEP analysis and review social indicators for each province to help determine the priority provinces for the next country program. | 6/30/2018 |
| 1. Evidence-based programming | 1. Ensure that the design of the country program and individual interventions are based on formative research or international good practice; develop and use an M&E system as per corporate guidance, and undertake operational research to document lessons and inform policy dialogue. | Accepted | High | 1.2 M&E system and evaluability of the CPD | 1.2 The next country program will have a robust M&E system with in-built accountability measures in place. It will also have a Theory of Change for each of the outcome areas. | 6/30/2018 |
| 1. Evidence-based programming | 1. Ensure that the design of the country program and individual interventions are based on formative research or international good practice; develop and use an M&E system as per corporate guidance, and undertake operational research to document lessons and inform policy dialogue. | Accepted | High | | 1.3 The next country program will incorporate operational research into program design, using this to inform advocacy, strategies and operational plans. | 12/31/2018 |
| 2. Strategic focus and prioritization of interventions | 2. Increase the strategic focus of the 6th country program through prioritizing of strategies, interventions, partner organizations, and priority provinces. Increase the scope and scale of effective interventions, and discontinue interventions without established relevance or effectiveness. | Accepted | High | 2.1 Prioritization of strategies and interventions | 2.1 In developing the 6th country program, UNFPA will reduce the total number of support activities and interventions, focusing only on those that are upstream and relevant. | 6/30/2018 |

| 2. Strategic focus | 2. Increase the strategic focus of the 6th country program through prioritizing of strategies, interventions, partner organizations, and priority provinces. Increase the scope and scale of effective interventions, and discontinue interventions without established relevance or effectiveness. | Accepted | High | 2.2 Prioritization of partner organizations | 2.2 UNFPA will reduce the number of counterpart ministries and sectors for the 6th country program, to increase efficiency and impact. The health and planning departments will be prioritized. | 6/30/2018 |
|--|--|----------|------|--|--|-----------|
| 2. Strategic focus and prioritization of interventions | 2. Increase the strategic focus of the 6th country program through prioritizing of strategies, interventions, partner organizations, and priority provinces. Increase the scope and scale of effective interventions, and discontinue interventions without established relevance or effectiveness. | Accepted | High | 2.3 Technical assistance to provinces | 2.3 UNFPA will provide more technical assistance to the decentralized governments (especially health departments) in the priority provinces. | 6/30/2018 |
| 3. Improve cost- effectiveness of interventions | 3. Increase the cost-effectiveness of capacity building approaches, sustainability and impact of the 6th country program, by reviewing UNFPA's support to training and logistics. | Accepted | High | effective capacity building approaches | 3.1 UNFPA will review its IP capacity building approaches, to find alternative cost-effective approaches that deliver higher impact and better value for money. | 6/30/2018 |