



United Nations Population Fund

UNFPA Management Response to Evaluation

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Evaluation Manager	

General Management Response

UNFPA Moldova CO has reviewed and accepted most of the CPE recommendations. The detailed information on the follow-up strategies and actions to ensure full implementation of all recommendations is provided in the management response.

Recommendations

Recommendation 1 : In view of the Sustainable Development Goals (2016-2030) highlighting vulnerable populations, UNFPA should focus strategically when planning the 3rd country programme on prioritizing and targeting women and men and adolescents and youth who are not fully

realizing their rights to high quality social and reproductive health information and services and/or are not accessing the health and social support systems, and identifying how to reach them, including through more use of key influencing groups.

Management Response : Accepted

Key Actions :

Key Action(s)	Deadline	Responsible unit(s)	Semiannual implementation status updates (reports will be generated on June 30 and December 31)	
			Status	Comments
1. In the development of the new CPD, the CO will make use of existing disaggregated data, UNDAF Common Country Assessment and Country Situational Analysis to better target vulnerable groups.	December 31,2017	All staff	December 23,2016,Completed	The draft CPD includes disaggregated indicators. The CO made use of UNDAF Common Country Assessment and Country Situational Analysis. In addition to this, consultation with representatives of NGOs working with vulnerable groups have been conducted to better target vulnerable groups in the new CPD.
			September 29,2016,On Schedule	

Recommendation 2 : UNFPA should strengthen resources mobilization and advocacy and communications capacity and work more closely with UN and other agencies in Moldova and in the region to share resources and innovative ideas and streamline programmes based on agreed priorities and a rights based approach. UNFPA should plan the handover of programmes and interventions with the Government to anticipate the eventual decreases in funding and to ensure sustainability.

Management Response : Accepted

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1. CO will carry out priority setting exercise with the Government, IPs and UN agencies in the context of development of new CPD in order to streamline the programmes and create synergies.	September 29,2016	All staff	September 29,2016,Completed	The prioritization workshop took place on August 2, 2016. The workshop concluded with recommendations and priorities for next CPD.
2. CO will conduct a staff realignment exercise to address capacity needs for the effective programme implementation, including strengthening advocacy and communication. And specific tasks on RM will be added to PADS of programme staff to enhance RM	December 31,2017	All staff	December 04,2017,Completed	The realignment was approved by HQ. recruitment is in the process.
			December 04,2017,Completed	
			May 31,2017,Completed	The staff realignment exercise was conducted and report was submitted to the RO.
			December 23,2016,On Schedule	The staff realignment exercise will be conducted in February 2017
			October 03,2016,On Schedule	

Recommendation 3 : UNFPA should strengthen focus on evidence-based youth policy making, filling in data gaps, and scaling up monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of youth policies and the legal framework, through mainstreaming lessons and good practices.

Management Response : Partially Accepted

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1. CO will focus in the new CPD on providing technical expertise to national public authorities, including line ministries on data analysis on youth and evidence-based youth policy making.	June 30,2017	Programme staff	May 31,2017,Completed	The new CPD includes a separate output on data. The output will be achieved through advocacy, policy dialogue and technical assistance for (a) availability and use of disaggregated data in planning and decision-making by local public authorities to address the needs and rights of young people; (b) real-time monitoring of youth policies implementation at the local level and improving accountability mechanisms in partnership with the ministry of youth and civil society organizations, (c) strengthening national statistical capacity in population forecast and in producing evidence for harnessing the demographic dividend through investment in young people's sexual and reproductive health.
			December 23,2016,On Schedule	
			September 29,2016,On Schedule	

Recommendation 4 : In view of contributing to the Sustainable Development Goals, especially SDG 5: Achieve gender equality and empower women and girls, UNFPA should develop a gender equality strategic vision for its interventions in Moldova and consider focusing more strongly on supporting preventive actions through strategies, policies and laws with government commitments, fostering stronger connections to regional initiatives and European and global standards.

Management Response : Partially Accepted

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1. CO will advocate for GBV preventive interventions in policies and strategies with government committed resources, particularly in the National Strategy for prevention of violence against women.	June 30,2017	Programme staff	November 15,2017,Completed	CO supported the development of the budgeted National Strategy for prevention of violence against women. The document was consulted with all relevant Ministries and national stakeholders. The document will be presented to the Government for its approval. GBV prevention was also included in the National Programme on SRH 2018-2022
			May 31,2017,On Schedule	
			December 23,2016,On Schedule	The CO is currently supporting the development of the National Strategy for prevention of violence against women that will have a strong emphasis on prevention.
			September 29,2016,On Schedule	
2. CPD 2018-2022 will ensure global standards on GE and a mainstreaming of gender equality across the programme areas as well as strong linkages with regional initiatives	June 30,2017	Programme staff	November 15,2017,Completed	CO supports the Ministry of health, Social protection and Family in development of the national SOPs on GBV (for health providers, social workers and police) based on global standards. The SOPs will be piloted in 2018 in several regions to test the intersectoral mechanism in addressing GBV cases.
			May 31,2017,On Schedule	National experts have been selected to adapt regional SOPs, a series of national consultations are planned in this regard.
			December 23,2016,On Schedule	The CO is currently supporting line ministries in adaptation of regional SOPs on GBV and Global ESGs to national context.
			October 03,2016,On Schedule	

Recommendation 5 : Given the critical importance of Population and Housing Census data for evidenced-based and people-centered policy making, UNFPA should promote a structured process of gathering and consolidating lessons from stakeholders in the 2014 census in order to inform and plan

the next census process in Moldova and other countries.

Management Response : Accepted

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1. CO will support the evaluation of the capacities of the National Bureau of Statistics to inform preparation of the next census, including gathering lessons from the 2014 census process and compiling them into strong lessons to be shared in-country and with other country offices.	December 31,2017	Programme staff	December 04,2017,Completed	evaluation of the capacities of NBS to inform preparation of the next census was completed.
			November 15,2017,On Schedule	The evaluation of NBS capacities was postponed to November-December 2017 due to changes in central government.
			May 31,2017,On Schedule	The evaluation of NBS capacities for conducting the next census will take place in June-September 2017.
			December 23,2016,On Schedule	
			September 29,2016,On Schedule	

Recommendation 6 : UNFPA should continue providing support to strengthen primary health care and medical staff counseling skills for a more patient oriented approach, and promote effective outreach in the community to increase access and demand for youth, males, most at risk people and those facing discrimination.

Management Response : Accepted

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Key Action(s)	Deadline	Responsible unit(s)	Semiannual implementation status updates (reports will be generated on June 30 and December 31)	
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1. CO will provide support to the MoH in finalizing the National Programme on Sexual and Reproductive Health advocating for patient oriented approach and budgeted action plan.	June 30,2017	Programme staff	May 31,2017,Completed	The National Programme on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, as well as costed budgeted action plan has been developed and is to be approved by the Government. The procurement of contraceptives for vulnerable groups is included as a separate budget line.
			December 23,2016,On Schedule	The CO supported the development of the National Programme on on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, with a strong focus on human rights and patient oriented approach. The costing exercise will conducted in 2017.
			September 29,2016,On Schedule	
2. CO will support strengthening national quality improvement management system in health with a focus on SRH within the new CPD	June 30,2017	Programme staff	December 23,2016,Completed	The draft CPD 2018-2022 includes a separate output on "Availability and use of qualitative and disaggregated data on SRH" with a focus on strengthening data management system in health.
			October 03,2016,On Schedule	

Recommendation 7 : UNFPA should continue to support data collection to reveal the extent of sexually transmitted infections and numbers of people who seek and do not seek treatment and to promote more preventive measures, including use of globally and regionally developed tools.

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1. CO will provide support in production and analysis of data on STIs for key population through supporting the Integrated Biological and Behavioral Surveillance Survey	December 31,2016	Programme staff	December 23,2016,Completed	The CO supported the Integrated Biological and Behavioral Surveillance Survey. The results of the study will inform decision making process of HIV prevention programme.
			September 29,2016,On Schedule	

Recommendation 8 : UNFPA should continue to support cervical screening through improvement in registration, referral, and cytology and colposcopy services and promote effective outreach in the community to increase access and demand for women who require cervical screening.

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1. Within the new CPD, CO will support the MOH to scale up cervical cancer screening programme and implement National Action plan on cervical cancer screening	December 31,2017	Programme staff	December 23,2016,Completed	The new CPD 2018-2022 includes support the MOH to scale up cervical cancer screening programme as part of comprehensive approach to SRH.
			October 03,2016,On Schedule	

Recommendation 9 : UNPFA should continue to focus on increasing access to modern contraceptives working on both supply and demand sides, by

supporting capacity development for procurement and distribution and strengthening primary health care facilities to deliver effective Family Planning services, clarifying the vulnerable groups qualified to receive free contraceptives and finding interim solutions to cover their needs until the reproductive health commodity management system is fully operational.

Management Response : Accepted

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1. RHCS will be addressed in the new CPD to ensure universal access to family planning especially among young people and vulnerable groups. CO will support MOH and partners to implement the medium term road map for strengthening RHCS	June 30,2017	Programme staff	December 23,2016,Completed	The CO conducted the RHCS assessment and supported the development of the medium term road map for strengthening RHCS that was endorsed by the MoH.
			October 03,2016,On Schedule	

Recommendation 10 : To promote a broad spectrum of interventions which are preventive and responsive to strengthen women’s rights and reproductive rights, UNFPA should advocate for and provide technical expertise for mandatory sexuality education in schools, in addition to out of school information sources. UNFPA should continue to strengthen the capacities of community professionals and influencing groups in confronting gender-based violence and adolescent at-risk behavior.

Management Response : Accepted

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1. CO will prioritize the advocacy for sexuality education in the new CPD, through (1) creation of enabling environment among parents, teachers, and other stakeholders; (2) providing technical support in developing and adjusting national curricula to international standards.	June 30,2016	Programme staff	December 23,2016,Completed	Advocacy for sexuality education is prioritized in the draft CPD 2018-2022, as a separate outcome focusing on introduction of CSE in schools and creating a supportive and enabling environment for CSE.
			September 29,2016,On Schedule	

Recommendation 11 : UNFPA should continue supporting sexual and reproductive health educational activities targeting adolescents and youth, through peer-to-peer initiatives and the volunteer outreach program encouraging stronger cooperation between government and non-government actors.

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1. CO will support piloting sexuality education in schools implemented by Y-PEER to provide evidences for advocacy for mandatory CSE	December 31,2016	Programme staff	December 23,2016,Completed	CO supported the piloting of sexuality education in 2 schools, the results have been made available to relevant ministries. CO will continue advocacy effort for CSE inclusion in schools.
			September 29,2016,On Schedule	

2. In the new CPD, CO will continue support for outreach programme of the YFHC to reach most vulnerable and at risk young people.	June 30,2017	Programme staff	May 31,2017,Completed	The new CPD 2018-2022 will focus on the needs of vulnerable populations including young people and key populations. The interventions include establishment of an advocacy platform that will promote and advocate for increased access to SRH services, including YFHCs.
			December 23,2016,On Schedule	
			October 03,2016,On Schedule	

Recommendation 12 : UNFPA should accelerate advocacy efforts, including in Transnistria region, with the network of partners and experts to develop the first Strategy on Violence Against Women, and to adapt regional Standard Operating Procedures for police officers, health-care professionals and social workers to respond to gender based violence, advocate for secure additional facilities for survivors that have sustainable funding sources, and expand concern to prevention through expanding male perpetrator counseling and including more male influencing groups in advocacy efforts.

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<p>1. UNFPA will accelerate advocacy efforts for strengthening the coordination process in the GBV sector through developing of the first Strategy on Violence Against Women and ensure financial commitment for its implementation.</p>	<p>June 30,2017</p>	<p>Programme staff</p>	<p>November 15,2017,Completed</p>	<p>CO supported the development of the budgeted National Strategy for prevention of violence against women. The document was consulted with all relevant Ministries and national stakeholders. The document will be presented to the Government for its approval.</p>
			<p>May 31,2017,On Schedule</p>	<p>The National Programme on Gender Equality was approved by the Government. Currently, UNFPA is supporting the Government in developing the National Strategy on GBV prevention.</p>
			<p>December 23,2016,On Schedule</p>	<p>UNFPA supported the development of the National Strategy on Gender Equality between Men and Women which incorporates SRH as part of the health component. The final version is to be approved by the Government in the beginning of 2017.</p>
			<p>September 29,2016,On Schedule</p>	
<p>2. CO will provide technical expertise in adoption of the regional SOPs on health-care professionals, police officers and psycho-social services provision, as part of multi-sectoral response to GBV.</p>	<p>December 31,2017</p>	<p>Programme staff</p>	<p>November 15,2017,Completed</p>	<p>CO supported the Ministry of health, Social protection and Family in development of the national SOPs on GBV (for health providers, social workers and police) based on global standards. The SOPs will be piloted in 2018 in several regions to test the intersectoral mechanism in addressing GBV cases.</p>
			<p>November 15,2017,On Schedule</p>	<p>CO supported the Ministry of health, Social protection and Family in development of the national SOPs on GBV (for health providers, social workers and police) based on global standards. The SOPs will be piloted in 2018 in several regions to test the intersectoral mechanism in addressing GBV cases.</p>
			<p>May 31,2017,On Schedule</p>	<p>National experts have been selected to adapt regional SOPs and a series of national consultations are planned in this regard.</p>
			<p>December 23,2016,On Schedule</p>	<p>UNFPA organized a national launch event of the regional SOPs on GBV and will continue support for the adaptation to national context.</p>
			<p>September 29,2016,On Schedule</p>	

Recommendation 13 : UNFPA should continue to advocate for increasing the national ownership in data analysis, data usage and data production through mainstreaming lessons, good practices and aligning national policies and laws with international standards. UNFPA should continue to advocate for mainstreaming ageing into public sectorial policies using disaggregated demographic data, efficient mainstreaming methodology and policy analysis and statistical data using skills both from civil society organizations and civil servants.

Management Response : Partially Accepted

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1. CO will support the Government in developing of a road map on demographic policies in Moldova and revision of the National Demographic Security Strategy	December 31,2017	Programme staff	December 04,2017,Completed	" Moldova 2030" final draft incorporates demographic priorities based on the UNFPA input.
			November 15,2017,On Schedule	
			May 31,2017,On Schedule	UNFPA is currently supporting the Government as part of join UN initiative in developing og the National Strategy "Moldova 2030" that will incorporate demographic aspects and will substitute the National Programme on demographic Security.
			December 23,2016,On Schedule	UNFPA supported the Government in developing of a road map on demographic policies in Moldova which will serve for revision of the National Demographic Security Strategy and development of the Moldova 2030 National Development Strategy.
			September 29,2016,On Schedule	

2. CO will contribute to improving the collaboration between different stakeholders involved in data production and analysis such as Demographic Research Center, National Commission on Population and Development, Academia and relevant policy-level NGOs for ensuring data and evidences in policy analysis and implementation.	December 31,2017	Programme staff	May 31,2017,Completed	The collaboration and partnership between various stakeholders was improved through join initiatives and better communication (join meetings, involvement of various experts on the same assignment, etc)
			December 23,2016,On Schedule	
			September 29,2016,On Schedule	

Recommendation 14 : UNFPA should continue to advocate for strengthening national capacity to produce, utilize and disseminate data for evidence and rights based policy making and implementation.

Management Response : Accepted

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1. UNFPA will support the Government in dissemination of census data and use of data for policy formulation and implementation.	December 31,2017	Programme staff	May 31,2017,Completed	The National Bureau of Statistics released the census data on 31st of March.
			December 23,2016,On Schedule	UNFPA is proving comprehensive support to the National Bureau of Statistics in finalizing the data analysis of census data in accordance of international guidelines. The dissemination process is scheduled for March 2017.
			September 29,2016,On Schedule	

