

Costed Evaluation Plan: UNFPA Iraq Country Office

Programme Cycle	United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Iraq 4th Country Programme (programme period: 2025-2029)
Gap mapping/analysis of relevant evaluative evidence and knowledge gaps that are strategically important to inform the design and implementation of the upcoming country programme	<p>The 2025-2029 country programme will benefit from several evaluations conducted during the previous cycle. These include evaluations of interventions focused on empowering adolescents with disabilities, improving the management and mitigation of gender-based violence (GBV) services, and enhancing access to mental health and psychosocial support for survivors of GBV in conflict-affected regions. Additionally, the evaluation of the UNSDCF for Iraq has provided valuable insights into national development strategies and service delivery. These evaluations offer critical knowledge and evidence on key areas such as reproductive health, GBV response, youth engagement, and the inclusion of marginalized groups. Regional and centralized level evaluations including the formative evaluation of the Arab States Regional Programme and the formative evaluation of the Strategic Plan 2022-2025 also provided useful evaluative evidence particularly regarding the accelerators and strategic shifts of UNFPA programming. Future evaluations proposed in this costed evaluation plan will continue to contribute to learning and accountability needs of UNFPA Iraq and provide evidence that is essential for the effective design and implementation of programmes, ensuring that interventions are responsive and data-driven.</p> <p>The first evaluation proposed is the <b>Evaluation of the UNFPA Support for Census</b>. The evaluation of UNFPA’s support for the Iraq Census will assess the effectiveness of UNFPA’s support in enabling data collection and analysis to inform national planning and policymaking. It will document the results achieved, the challenges encountered, and the lessons learned, as well as provide recommendations for future censuses.</p> <p>The second evaluation proposed is the <b>UNFPA Iraq 4th Country Programme Evaluation 2025-2029</b>. The Country Programme Evaluation (CPE) will provide an independent assessment of the performance of the UNFPA Iraq 4th country programme and offer an analysis of various facilitating and constraining factors influencing programme delivery and the achievement of intended results. The CPE will also draw conclusions and provide a set of actionable recommendations for the next programme cycle.</p> <p>The third evaluation proposed is the <b>Evaluation of the Iraq United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (yet to be agreed with UNCT)</b>. This evaluation will examine the relevance of the Cooperation Framework with national development priorities and the 2030 agenda. It will also assess the coherence, effectiveness and efficiency of its implementation and discuss the sustainability of achieved results.</p>

Country Programme priority areas	<p>The country programme has 3 priority areas, demonstrated by the following 3 interlinked outputs:</p> <p><b>Output 1:</b> Enhanced institutional capacities at national and subnational levels for evidence-based analysis, formulation, implementation, monitoring of policies frameworks, aimed at advancing reproductive health and reducing violence and harmful practices against vulnerable women, adolescent girls, and young people.</p> <p><b>Output 2:</b> Enhanced technical capacity of government and relevant civil society organizations at national and subnational levels to deliver integrated, high-quality reproductive health and women's protection services, specifically targeting disadvantaged geographical locations and the most vulnerable women, adolescents, and youth.</p> <p><b>Output 3:</b> Enhanced capacity for social mobilization among key government, religious, and civil society institutions to address discriminatory social norms, promote demand for reproductive health services—including family planning—and reduce harmful practices especially against disadvantaged women, adolescent girls, and youth.</p>
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Evaluation Title	Goal and main objectives of the evaluation	Type of evaluation	Start and end date (Month, Year)	Country programme or specific programme or project budget	Evaluation estimated cost in US\$	Source of Funding	In case of joint evaluation, indicate partners
Evaluation of the UNFPA support for Census	To assess the effectiveness of UNFPA's support to the Iraq Census, document the lessons learned, challenges encountered, and provide recommendations for future censuses.	<b>Type:</b> Summative Evaluation <b>Category:</b> Project Evaluation	June 2027 - January 2028	Specific Programme budget (\$1,000,000 regular resources & \$14,000,000 Donors & \$4,000,000 Government Contribution)	70,000 USD	FPA90	Yes, with Iraq Central Statistical Office

<p>UNFPA Iraq 4th Country Programme Evaluation 2025-2029</p>	<p>To provide an independent assessment of the relevance, coherence, effectiveness, efficiency and sustainability of UNFPA Iraq 4th country programme and to broaden the evidence base to inform the design of the next programme cycle</p>	<p><b>Type:</b> Summative Evaluation <b>Category:</b> Programme Evaluation</p>	<p>February 2028-December 2028</p>	<p>Country Programme budget (\$33,500,000)</p>	<p>150,000 USD</p>	<p>FPA90</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Evaluation of Iraq United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (Yet to be agreed with UNCT)</p>	<p>To examine the relevance of the Cooperation Framework with national development priorities and 2030 agenda, to examine the effectiveness and efficiency of implementation and to discuss the sustainability of achieved results.</p>	<p><b>Type:</b> Summative Evaluation <b>Category:</b> Joint Evaluation</p>	<p>June 2028 - February 2029</p>	<p>UNSDCF budget (1.8B)</p>	<p>50,000 USD (UNFPA contribution)</p>	<p>FPA90</p>	<p>Yes, with other UN agencies</p>