



Costed Evaluation Plan: NIGERIA	
Programme Cycle:	Ninth (9 th) Country Programme 2023-2027
Evidence utilized in the design of the costed plan	<p>The design of the costed evaluation plan for the 9th country programme was based mainly on the finding and recommendations of 8th Country Programme Evaluation, which was between October 2021 and April 2022 to evaluate the relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, sustainability, Coordination, and Coverage and Connectedness. The CPE provided several strategic and programmatic recommendations that were useful in reducing spreading too thin in the 9th Country Programme as well as the costed evaluation plan. The Evaluation Quality Assurance (EQA) rating was “VERY GOOD”.</p> <p>Other evaluations that have formed basis for development of this Costed Evaluation Plan for 9th Country Programme 2023-2027 are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) The evaluation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Partnership Framework (UNSDPF 2018-2022), which was conducted in 2021 by a team of independent evaluators. The UNSDPF evaluation emphasized on strengthening the joint programming among the UN agencies in the country, and oversight including joint monitoring, evaluation, research and the UNINFO to improve the coherence and effectiveness of the United National Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (2023-2027). ii) Preliminary findings and recommendations from the Delivery as One (DaO) programme implementation modality in the focus States during the period 2009 to 2021 that UNFPA Nigeria is actively involved. iii) The findings and recommendations of the recent global and thematic evaluations such as: a) Mid-term evaluation of the Maternal and Newborn Health Thematic Fund Phase III 2018-2022, b) Evaluation of UNFPA support to gender equality and women's empowerment (2012-2020), c) Evaluation of UNFPA support to the prevention, response to and elimination of gender-based violence and harmful practices 2012-2017, d) 2020 Formative Evaluation of UNFPA Approach to South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTC), and e) Developmental evaluation of results-based management at UNFPA 2019. iv) The Costed Evaluation Plan for 9th Country Programme 2023-2027 was prepared in line with the guidelines of the UNFPA Evaluation Policy 2019, the UNFPA Evaluation Handbook 2019, the UNFPA Quadrennial Budgeted Evaluation Plan 2022- 2025, and UNFPA Evaluation Strategy 2022-2025, which are also tailored in line with the UNFPA Strategic Plan 2022-2025 to enhance the use of evaluations. v) In implementing the costed evaluation plan for the 9th country programme, UNFPA will forge and implement partnerships with major stakeholders, including government departments, donors, UN agencies, civil society organizations, academia, research institutions, and private sector, among others, to ensure the credible and timely country-led evaluations as listed below. In addition, UNFPA will also engage in partnerships to enhance the evaluation capacities of young evaluators.
CP areas	The country programme has two broad areas of coverage: thematic and geographic areas of coverage. With regards the thematic areas of coverage are, the ninth country programme (2023-2027) will pay particular attention to the three transformative results (i) Ending Unmet Need for Family Planning, (ii) Ending preventable maternal deaths; and (iii) ending gender-based violence and other harmful practices. It will contribute to the six outputs of the Strategic Plan (2022-2025).

	<p>In term of geographical areas of coverage, the country programme will provide interventions to increase access to and utilisation of quality, right-based, accessible, and affordable family planning services in all 36 states and the FCT. It will also strengthen capacity for disaggregated data at national and in all the 36 states and the FCT. Meanwhile, targeted interventions will be implemented at the national, and in 12 select States based on data on vulnerability and state commitment to financing; comprising one (1) state each in the Northcentral and Southeast geo-political zones; two States each in the South-South and Southwest geo-political zones; and three (3) States each in the Northwest and Northeast geo-political zones. The targeted interventions will address the most vulnerable women, girls, adolescents and youth, and persons with disability farthest left behind in terms of geographic location, sexual and reproductive health and rights, gender and social norms, and resilience building.</p>					
Evaluation						
Exercise title and type	Purpose of the Exercise	Start and end date (Month, Year)	Estimated Cost \$ ²	Source of Funding	Key partners when conducting the exercise	Is it a joint exercise?
Conduct evaluability assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To determine the extent to which the progress towards programme results can be reliably measured, monitored, and evaluated and address any challenges encountered at the beginning of implementation To assess the availability of relevant data as well as systems and capacities that make the data available; and For UNFPA and its partners to use the assessment results for improvement of country programme implementation, monitoring, and evaluation. 	July – August, 2023	\$ 15,000	Regular resources	Implementing partners, UN Agencies	No
Conduct 9 th CP Mid-Term Evaluation	<p>To provide an independent assessment of the relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, sustainability, and coordination of UNFPA support and progress towards the expected outputs and outcomes set forth in the results framework of the country programme, and provide actionable strategic, programmatic recommendations and managerial findings, conclusions, and recommendations to inform the development of the 10th country programme cycle (2028-2032).</p> <p>Also, to demonstrate accountability to stakeholders on performance in achieving development results and on invested resources, support evidence-based decision-making, and contribute key lessons learned to the</p>	June 2025 to December 2025	\$120,000.00	Regular resources	Ministries of Health, Budget and National Planning, Youth and Sports, Women’s Affairs, and Humanitarian Affairs; National Population Commission, National Bureau of Statistics, National Primary Health Care Development Agency, State Ministries of Budget and Economic Planning; State Primary Health Care Development Agencies, UN agencies; donors, academic institutions;	No

	<p>existing knowledge based on how to accelerate the implementation of the Programme of Action of the 1994 ICPD.</p> <p>The primary users of the 9th CPE will be UNFPA, Government of Nigeria, State Governments, CSOs implementing partners, UN system, other development partners and private sector.</p>				and civil society organisations, and representatives of benefitting vulnerable groups (women, girls, young people, persons with disability, GBV survivors, etc.).	
Final Evaluation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework UNSDCF (2023-2027)	Joint final evaluation of Cooperation Framework to assess the relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, sustainability and added value of UNSDCF programming and results at the country level towards achieving Sustainable Development Goals to inform the next CF (2028-2032).	June-December 2026	\$ 15,000 (UNFPA contribution)	Regular resources	UNFPA Government of Nigeria, UN Agencies, donors, civil society organizations, development partners, academic institutions, private sector	Yes
Final evaluation of the project - 'Global Programme to End Child Marriage Phase II'	To determine the extent of which the project was able to meet the intended results with efficiency, effectiveness, and relevance to the country's need. The evaluation will document lessons learnt and good practices from the project.	Q3 – Q4, 2023	\$ 40,000	Other Resources (ZZJ29)	UNICEF, Ministries of Finance and Budget, Health Women Affairs, Youth and Sports, and State Governments, Implementing partners	Yes, with UNICEF
Evaluative activities (not evaluations)						
UN coherence in evaluation	<p>UNFPA is a member of the Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group, which provides technical assistance, quality assurance, and guidance to the Results/Outcome Groups and the UNCT for monitoring, evaluation, and reporting on the UNSDCF implementation, and for preparation of the annual results report.</p> <p>As an active member of UN M&E Group, UNFPA will support the Government in Voluntary National Review reporting coordination within the UN system, and monitoring and reporting of SDGs especially SDGs 3 and 5 that closely related to UNFPA mandate.</p>	2023-27	0	N/A	UNCT, Regional Office, Ministries of Finance and Budget, Health Women Affairs, Youth and Sports, and State Governments, Implementing partners, and other key stakeholders	Yes

	<p>UNFPA will also actively engage in the UN joint outcome results groups of UNSDCF to support preparation and monitoring of the joint work plans and contribution to the UN quarterly and annual results reports.</p> <p>UNFPA will also activity participate in the UNCT chaired by the UNRC to review the progress against the expected results of the UNSDCF on annual basis.</p>					
Internal capacity development activity on evaluation	UNFPA Nigeria will continue to provide support to strengthen the capacities of the staff members on M&E to ensure that the next CPE is well managed and of high quality.	2023-27 (continuous)	\$15,000	Regular Resources	Regional Office	No
	UNFPA staff will participate in the evaluation training organized by the United Nations Evaluation Development Group for West and Central Africa Partners (UNWCAP).	Q1 2026	\$5,000	WCARO Resources	Regional Office	Yes
	UNFPA staff will participate in online evaluation training developed by UNFPA Evaluation Office	2023	\$ 0	N/A	Evaluation office	No
National Evaluation Capacity Development on evaluation	<p>UNFPA Nigeria will organise training sessions to strengthen the capacities of national and sub-national partners on results-based management, covering topics on evaluation.</p> <p>UNFPA will attend to the evaluation training organised by United Nations Evaluation Development Group for West and Central Africa region for countries conducting UNSDCF and CPD Evaluations.</p>	Q3 2023 to Q2 2024	\$15,000	Regular resources	Regional Office, national partners, implementing partners including Ministries of Finance and Budget, Health Women Affairs, Youth and Sports, and State Governments.	No