

Programme Cycle Costed Evaluation Plan – Sierra Leone

Programme Cycle	8 th Country Programme (2025-2030)
Evidence utilized in the design of the costed plan	<p>The Costed Evaluation Plan of the 8th Country Programme (8CP) is informed by reviews, surveys and evaluations conducted during the 7CP cycle, including the UNSDCF (2020-2023) evaluation and the 7th Country Programme Evaluation (7CPE) conducted in 2022.</p> <p>The 7th CPE was commissioned by the Sierra Leone CO to evaluate the relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, sustainability, coordination, connectedness and coverage of the programme; and provided several strategic and actionable recommendations that were helpful to shape the formulation of the 8th Country Programme as well as the costed evaluation plan.</p> <p>The costed evaluation plan has been prepared according to the UNFPA Evaluation Office Guidance on preparing costed evaluation plans. The plan ensures a comprehensive, systematic, balanced, realistic and achievable approach to the evaluation process that covers all strategic areas and components of the programme.</p> <p>The proposed evaluations will offer room for high quality data, information and evidence to analyze progress, support continuous learning and knowledge transfer and inform decision-making, policy advice and advocacy activities. The evaluations will support the identification of gaps in the achievement of targets and provide information for timely course corrections.</p> <p>The evaluation will enhance robust communication efforts with Government, partners, target groups and beneficiaries at all levels.</p>
CP areas	<p>The 8th Country Programme will cover all the three results areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. By 2025, the reduction in unmet need for family planning has accelerated 2. By 2025, the reduction in preventable maternal death has accelerated 3. By 2025, the reduction of gender-based violence and harmful practices has accelerated

Evaluation(s)

Exercise title and type	Purpose of the Exercise	Start date and end date (month, year)	Estimated Cost (\$)	Source of Funding	Key partners when conducting the exercise	Is it a joint exercise?
Final 8 th CP Evaluation	End of cycle evaluation to assess relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, sustainability of the 8 th CP	April 2028- Jan 2029	80,000	FPA90	ERG UNDP UNICEF WHO UNWOMEN IP's	No
Joint UNSDCF Evaluation (2025-2030)	To assess the relevance, effectiveness, efficiency and sustainability of the UNSDCF. Assess how the	Sept 2028- Jan 2029	10,000 (UNFPA contribution)	FPA90	UNRCO MOPED Government stakeholders	Yes

	joint action contributes to the achievement of the SDGs in the country and provide recommendations to UN agencies (UNFPA, UNDP, UNICEF, WHO UNRCO etc) to inform the next programme cycle of the UNSDCF and respective agencies country programme support				UN agencies, CSOs Development partners Academia	
Impact Evaluation of the Global Program to End Child Marriage	To evaluate the impact of the programme on adolescents and Girls in Sierra Leone	June -Dec 2029	100,000	GPECM Secretariat HQ (UCJ 18)	Government stakeholders UN agencies, CSOs Development partners	Yes
UNFPA Supplies Partnerships (USP) Phase III: Evaluation and Learning	To assess the contribution of the Partnership in expanding RH choices and rights for women and girls, including the hardest to reach, and to strengthen health systems. It will also assess the partnership's operational effectiveness and efficiency (given its new operational framework focusing on encouraging countries to use domestic resources).	TBD by USP (HQ)	TBD	USP (HQ)	WCARO, HQ, Implementing Partners	No (supported by USP and the Independent Evaluation Office at UNFPA)
End of Project Evaluation: An integrated results-based approach towards the elimination of obstetric fistula in	Evaluate the programme on capacity to provide fistula and EmONC services	April-July 2026	120,000	Iceland ICA12	WCARO, HQ, Iceland; Implementing Partners	No

Sierra Leone (Iceland Project)						
Evaluative activities (not evaluations)						
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CO capacity development in evaluation	Build the capacity of Programme Staff in coordinating thematic evaluations	2026	5,000	FPA90	Evaluation Office	No
Evaluability Exercises	Undertake evaluability review for new co-financed projects	2025-2030	-	-	Regional Office M&E	No
UN Coherence in Evaluation	Participate in UNSDCF M&E meetings on Evaluations	2025-2030	-	-	-	Yes
Partner assessments	Assess the value-added contributions of partnerships and identify opportunities for enhanced coordination and collaboration	2026	10,000	FPA90	Regional Office	No