

UNFPA EVALUATION OFFICE
2016 PROCUREMENT PLAN NOTICE

In 2016, a range of evaluation activities are anticipated at both the corporate (Evaluation Office) and decentralized (country office) levels. These evaluations will demonstrate accountability to stakeholders, support evidence-based decision-making and contribute important lessons learned to a range of key UNFPA programme areas.

Corporate evaluations require proposed evaluation teams to include expertise in conducting complex evaluations, and should include evaluators and thematic experts in the relevant programmatic areas. The working language for corporate evaluations is English.

For programme-level evaluations, experience in the relevant region and with conducting evaluations for the UN system is preferred. The proposed evaluation team should ensure expertise in all relevant programmatic areas. Relevant language skills to the country context should also be indicated.

For all evaluations, a team leader should be identified who is an evaluator with extensive experience in leading similar complex evaluations.

A. CORPORATE GLOBAL EVALUATIONS

i) Mid-term evaluation of Commodity Supplies (the Global Programme to Enhance Reproductive Health Commodity Security GPRHCS II) 2013-2020

The UNFPA Commodity Supplies was launched in 2007 to assist selected countries in making rapid progress towards Reproductive Health Commodity Security (RHCS).

In 2013, the programme entered its second phase (2013-2020) as one of UNFPA main mechanisms for contributing to universal access to reproductive health in 46 countries, and to the achievement of the FP2020 goal of the London Family Summit of enabling 120 million women in the world's poorest countries to access and use contraceptives. The Commodity Supplies, Phase II programme document, estimates that the total resources required are of approximately USD 1.9 billion from 2013 to 2020 with annual budgets progressively increasing over the eight-year period.

An evaluability assessment was conducted in 2014 and recommended that a mid-term evaluation be undertaken after two to three full years of implementation, followed by an end-term evaluation in 2019. The midterm evaluation will assess the continued relevance of GPRHCS interventions and the progress made towards achieving its planned objectives. It will provide an opportunity to make modifications to ensure the achievement of these objectives by 2020. In addition, the midterm evaluation will provide an opportunity to ascertain that interventions under the GPRHCS II are implemented in an efficient manner.

This evaluation will be managed by the UNFPA Evaluation Office.

Anticipated procurement date: July – September 2016.

Anticipated contract start date: November 2016.

Draft Final report: December 2017

Indicative budget: \$390,000

ii) Thematic evaluation of UNFPA support to the prevention and elimination of gender-based violence and harmful practices 2012-2016

Despite a strong international normative frame and tireless efforts by feminists, women's rights activists, gender equality advocates and others, gender-based violence continues unabated. UNFPA's efforts to eradicate gender-based violence have been ongoing with strong organizational commitment since at least 2008.

The evaluation will aim at assessing the extent to which UNFPA support to the prevention and elimination of gender based violence and harmful practices was relevant, effective, efficient and sustainable as agreed by UNFPA Strategic Plan.

The evaluation will assess UNFPA support in the following areas: (i) strengthening national capacities for preventing/addressing gender-based violence and harmful practices (e.g. female genital mutilation, child marriage) and provision of multisectoral services, including in humanitarian settings; (ii) promoting international and national protection systems, including engaging men and boys for addressing gender-based violence; (iii) strengthening national policies and international

development agendas through integration of disaggregated evidence-based data on gender-based violence.

This evaluation will be managed by the UNFPA independent Evaluation Office.

Anticipated procurement date: May - August 2016.

Anticipated contract start date: September 2016

Draft final report: December 2017

Indicative budget: 500,000

iii) **Institutional Evaluation of the Strategic Framework for the UNFPA Global and Regional Interventions**

The global and regional interventions (GRI) are designed to catalyse and complement in-country interventions, with a view to effectively and efficiently deliver the UNFPA strategic plan, 2014-2017.

An evaluation of the GRI is planned for 2016, and will unfold in two phases:

1. A scoping exercise (with an anticipated budget of USD 20,000)

This evaluation will be managed by the UNFPA independent Evaluation Office.

Scoping Exercise:

Anticipated procurement date: 25 April 2016

Anticipated contract start date: June 2016

Final report: July 2016

Indicative Budget: USD 20,000

iv) **Sexual and Reproductive Health Services in humanitarian settings**

An evaluability assessment of UNFPA sexual and reproductive health services in humanitarian settings will be launched in 2016, with a view to preparing an evaluation of these interventions in 2018.

This evaluation will be managed by the UNFPA independent Evaluation Office.

Anticipated procurement date: June 2016

Anticipated contract start date: October 2016

Draft final report: March 2017

Indicative budget: \$40,000-\$60,000

v) **Synthesis of lessons learned from UNFPA Country Programme Evaluation (2014-2015)**

A synthesis report of lessons learned from UNFPA country programme evaluations conducted in 2014 and 2015 will be commissioned from October 2016.

This evaluation will be managed by the UNFPA independent Evaluation Office.

Anticipated procurement date: June 2016

Anticipated contract start date: October 2016

Draft final report: March 2017

Indicative budget: \$40,000-\$60,000

vi) Meta-analysis on UNFPA engagement in highly vulnerable contexts

The Evaluation Office has recently launched a clustered country programme evaluation (CCPE) on the engagement of UNFPA in highly vulnerable contexts. The CCPE is based on a dual approach: (i) the conduct of six country programme evaluations (CPEs), in countries selected for their similarities with regard to their vulnerability profile, (ii) followed by a cross-country meta-analysis on the specific issue of the engagement of UNFPA in highly vulnerable contexts.

The meta-analysis, which will be conducted upon completion of the six CPEs, will include the following activities:

- Documentary review and interviews with key informants (with a view to complementing and/or cross-checking the findings stemming from the six CPEs, prior to their potential generalization);
- An analysis workshop, with a view to identifying cross-country lessons and discussing options for recommendations.

Anticipated procurement date: November 2016

Anticipated contract start date: January 2017

Draft final report: April 2017

Indicative budget: USD 40,000

B. EVALUATION QUALITY ASSURANCE

i) Establishment of an evaluation panel to provide quality assurance during the evaluation process for UNFPA corporate and regional level evaluations.

The evaluation panel will be set up as an external body working to assure quality of corporate and regional level evaluations including review and comment on terms of references and selection of evaluators; review and comment on draft inception reports; and review and comment on draft final reports.

This panel will be composed of 3-5 contracted evaluation experts. It will be a standing panel for an approximate length of two years with possible extension. Contracts will be managed by the Evaluation Office.

This evaluation will be managed by the UNFPA independent Evaluation Office.

Anticipated procurement date: July 2016

Anticipated contract start date: September 2016

Indicative budget: TBC

ii) Establishment of an evaluation quality assessment process for UNFPA corporate and programme level evaluations

To enhance credibility and use of evaluation reports, and to receive an overview of the quality of evaluations across the organization, all UNFPA corporate programme-level evaluations will be quality assessed.

A consultancy of evaluation experts will be procured to conduct quality assessments of reports against an agreed quality assessment template; and on an annual basis, or more often if deemed necessary, to provide an overview of the quality status of UNFPA's evaluations.

This evaluation will be managed by the UNFPA independent Evaluation Office.

Anticipated procurement date: September 2016

Anticipated contract start date: January 2017

Indicative budget: 20,000

C. PROGRAMME-LEVEL EVALUATIONS

i) Country programme evaluations

It is anticipated that between 17-20 evaluations of UNFPA country programmes will be conducted in 2016, to be managed by UNFPA country offices.

These evaluations should be conducted in line with UNFPA methodology for the design and conduct of country programme evaluations: <http://www.unfpa.org/admin-resource/how-design-and-conduct-country-programme-evaluation-unfpa>

Anticipated procurement dates, budgets and anticipated contract start dates will vary, and it is not guaranteed that all country programme evaluations listed will be taken forwards:

Name of country	Country programme cycle dates	Country programme budget	Indicative Budget
Burundi	2010-2014	\$16,500,000	100,000
Democratic Republic of Congo (2013-2017)	2013-2017	\$125,500,000	100,000
Djibouti	2013-2017	\$8,600,000	40,000
Cap Verde	2012-2016	\$6,900,000	100,000
Costa Rica	2013-2017	\$4,500,000	40,000
Dominican Republic	2012-2016	\$10,300,000	50,000
Egypt	2013-2017	\$14,000,000	60,000
Equatorial Guinea	2013-2017	\$19,800,000	75,000
Guinea	2013-2017	\$20,000,000	75,000
Lesotho	2013-2016	\$11,000,000	100,000
Liberia	2013-2017	\$32,500,00	79,000
Kyrgyzstan	2012-2017	\$5,300,000	70,000
Malaysia	2013-2017	\$2,000,000	40,000
Moldova	2013-2017	\$3,500,000	52,000
Myanmar	2012-2015/17	\$29,500,000	85,000
Nepal	2013-2017	\$30,500,000	70,000
Nicaragua	2013-2017	\$17,300,000	40,000
Papua New Guinea	2012-2017	\$21,200,000	75,000
Pakistan	2013-2017	\$79,000,000	200,000
Pacific Island Countries	2013-2017	\$30,000,000	55,000