

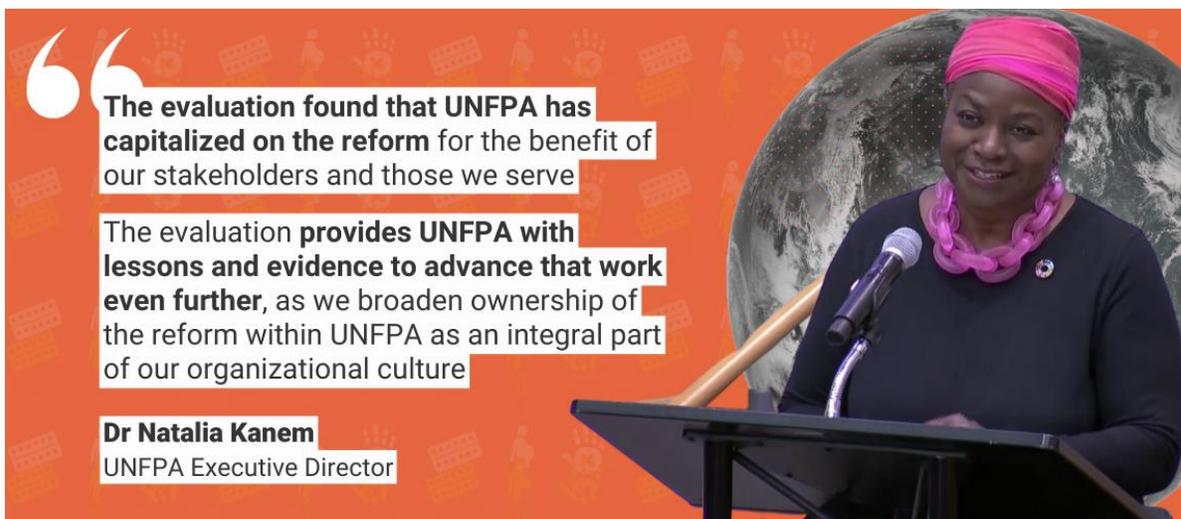


A first-of-its-kind evaluation in the United Nations system

Formative evaluation of the UNFPA engagement in the reform of the United Nations development system
presented to the Executive Board



On 2 February 2023, the [formative evaluation of the UNFPA engagement in the reform of the United Nations development system](#) and its management response were presented at the Executive Board First Regular Session 2023.



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The evaluation found that UNFPA has capitalized on the reform for the benefit of our stakeholders and those we serve

The evaluation provides UNFPA with lessons and evidence to advance that work even further, as we broaden ownership of the reform within UNFPA as an integral part of our organizational culture

Dr Natalia Kanem
UNFPA Executive Director



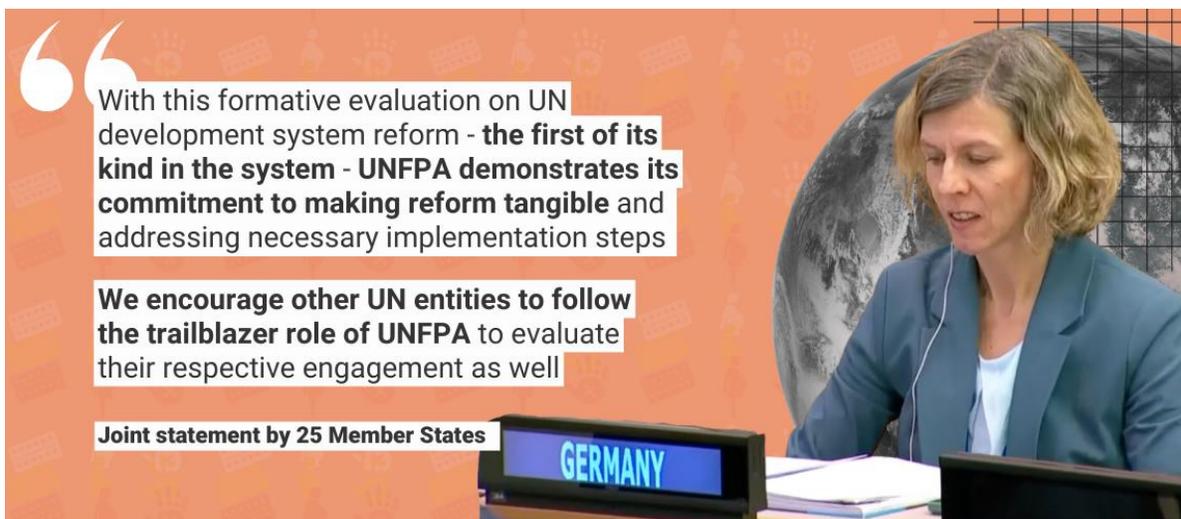
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The evaluation highlights that UNFPA has made important contributions to the design and implementation of the repositioned UN development system

By implementing the evaluation recommendations, UNFPA will enhance its contribution to the achievement of system-wide results

Ib Petersen
UNFPA Deputy Executive Director, Management

A joint statement by 25 Member States (Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Republic of Moldova, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Türkiye, the United Kingdom, Ukraine, and the United States of America) welcomed the evaluation and **commended UNFPA for conducting a first-of-its-kind exercise in the United Nations system.**



The Member States emphasized that the **UNFPA mandate can only be fulfilled by working with others in the United Nations family**. In this regard, they welcomed the clear areas for actions identified by the management based on the evaluation recommendations. This includes the development of an **overall engagement strategy** with the reform; **institutionalising and internalising the reform, addressing human resource challenges, and ensuring that those working in humanitarian contexts make the best use of the reform**. The Member States noted that these steps are necessary for the reform to bring about **long-term changes and meaningful impact**. The joint statement also **encouraged other United Nations entities to follow the trailblazer role of UNFPA** to evaluate their respective engagements in the reform.

In addition, **Canada, Colombia, the Republic of Moldova and Switzerland** also commended the evaluation for its valuable insights and for generating recommendations for UNFPA to more effectively contribute to the implementation of the reform and benefit from its results.

Watch key highlights of the evaluation



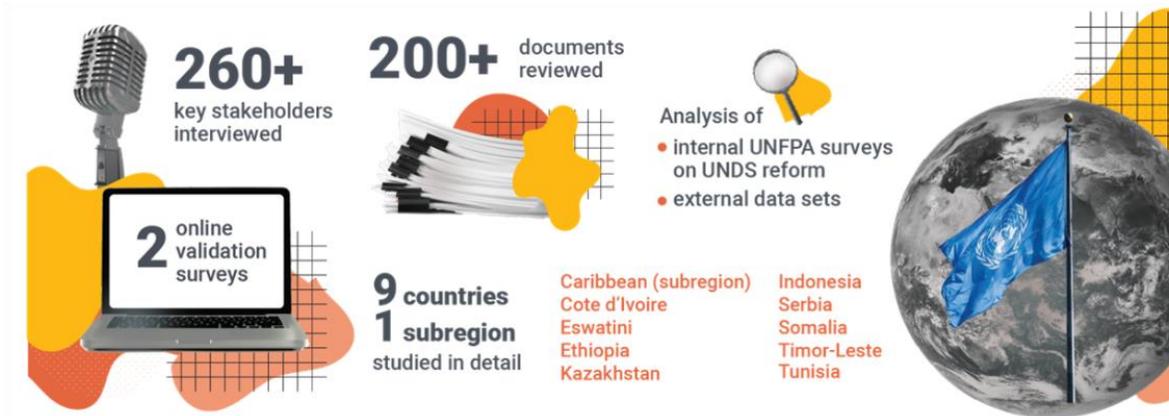
From the Director's desk

Marco Segone | Director, UNFPA Evaluation Office

I'm pleased to share with you the [formative evaluation of the UNFPA engagement in the reform of the United Nations development system](#). The evaluation assesses the contribution of UNFPA to the design, development and operationalization of the reform. It also analyses whether UNFPA has leveraged the reform to achieve its mandate, and accelerated the implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action.

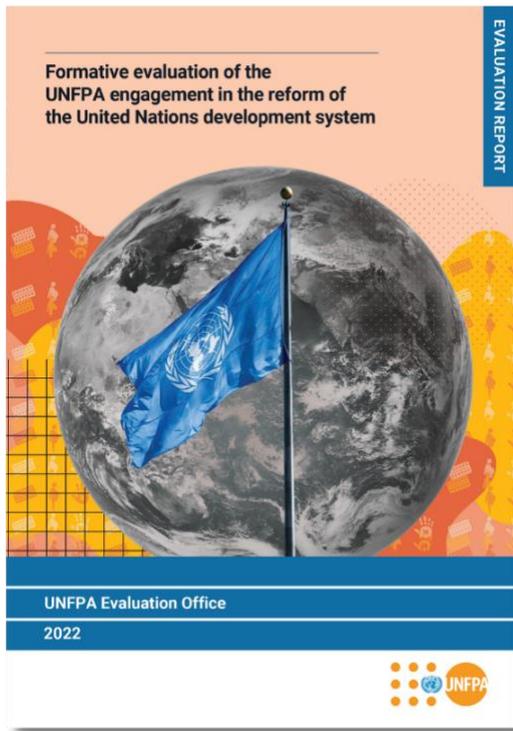
The evaluation finds that UNFPA has provided a **significant contribution** to the repositioning of the United Nations development system, which has helped to **advance the repositioning process**. UNFPA has leveraged the reform to **deliver better to the stakeholders and the people it serves**. At the same time, **costs and risks** resulting from UNFPA engagement in the reform need to be reduced and managed.

Quick facts



The evaluation recommends UNFPA provide **stronger strategic direction for its engagement with the reform**, while better **institutionalising and internalising the reform** at all levels of the organization. UNFPA should also **ensure humanitarian staff work better with partners** across the development-humanitarian-peace nexus, making the best use of the reform.

Given the depth and complexity of global crises facing the world and the pushback on the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals, accelerating the reform measures **focusing on coordination and joint and system-wide efforts** is paramount. In this regard, I hope the evidence and lessons from this timely evaluation will help UNFPA to more effectively contribute to the reform while enhancing its ability to deliver for those furthest behind.



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