



UNFPA Evaluation Policy 2024 and the
Multi-Year Costed Evaluation Plan 2024-2027
endorsed by the Executive Board



On 1 February 2024, the [UNFPA Evaluation Policy 2024](#) and the [Multi-Year Costed Evaluation Plan 2024-2027](#) was presented to the Executive Board First Regular Session 2024.



I welcome the 2024 Evaluation Policy... the policy is the result of an extensive, transparent consultative process, informed by an independent peer review. It considers the current and future evidence and learning needs at UNFPA, and we have committed to providing the resources needed to support the policy's implementation.

We also welcome the multi-year costed evaluation plan for 2024 to 2027, which includes a strong focus on humanitarian performance.



Dr. Natalia Kanem
UNFPA Executive Director



A [joint statement](#) by **23 Member States** (Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Japan, Luxembourg, Moldova, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Türkiye, the United Kingdom, the United States and New Zealand) commends the development of a sound and comprehensive Evaluation Policy, following an extensive consultative process. The joint statement remarks that the policy will further strengthen the independence, relevance, quality and utility of centralized and decentralized evaluations. It also appreciates the Evaluation Office's agility and adaptiveness, in a rapidly shifting and challenging context.

The joint statement accepts the key changes in the policy, such as rebranding the Evaluation Office to Independent Evaluation Office, the coordination with other oversight functions, in particular with the Office of Audit and Investigation Services, the adaptation of reporting lines for decentralized evaluations, and extending the coverage of the policy to all typologies of evaluations.

The joint statement highlights the need for adequate, predictable, and sustainable resourcing for a strong evaluation function and appreciates the recalculated evaluation function funding target of 1 per cent to 1.6 per cent of the overall programme expenditure of UNFPA, aligned with other recently recalculated funding targets of UN agencies. It also supports the policy's phased approach towards an Evaluation Pooled Fund, to secure funds for the evaluation function including through non-core funds. The joint statement notes the renewed explicit commitment in the Evaluation Policy to continue engaging in system-wide, inter-agency and joint evaluations, including with the United Nations Sustainable Development Group System Wide Evaluation Office.

In addition, a [joint statement](#) by the **eight African members of the Executive Board** (Cameroon, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Kenya, Lesotho, Nigeria and Tunisia), notes the policy's efforts to make evaluation adaptive, innovative, independent and impartial. The joint statement also notes the efforts to enhance the decentralized evaluation system, as well as national evaluation capacities. It also remarks on the utilization of responsible and ethical artificial intelligence, and other innovative approaches in the evaluation process.

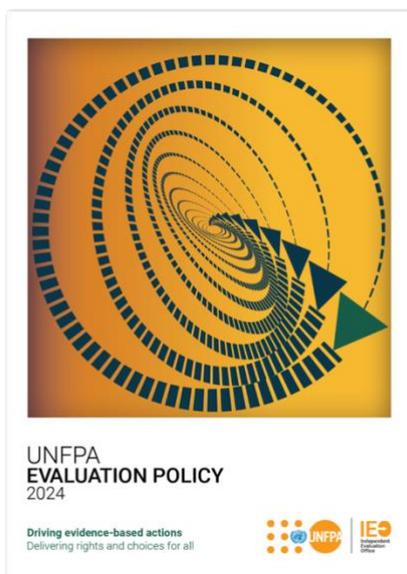
Watch a short video from Dr. Natalia Kanem and Marco Segone on the endorsement of the Evaluation Policy by the Executive Board



From the Director's desk

Marco Segone | Director, UNFPA Independent Evaluation Office

I'm delighted to share the endorsed [UNFPA Evaluation Policy 2024](#) and the [Multi-Year Costed Evaluation Plan 2024-2027](#).



The Evaluation Policy presents the purpose, scope, principles, and norms of the evaluation function, aligned with the UNEG norms and standards. It provides clear guidance on roles and responsibilities in guiding, managing, conducting and using evaluation. The policy encompasses all centralized and decentralized evaluations, including those at the project-level and humanitarian evaluations.

Following the endorsement of the policy, the Evaluation Office has been rebranded as the 'Independent Evaluation Office'. This is an important step in strengthening the independence, positioning, and credibility of the evaluation function at UNFPA. With this communication, I'm pleased to roll-out the new branding for the Independent Evaluation Office.



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The policy improves collaboration of evaluation with other oversight functions within the organization. It also bolsters the independence, coverage and quality of decentralized and humanitarian evaluations.

The policy retains a robust focus on using evaluation for decision-making, accountability, and learning. It promotes harnessing innovation, including leveraging ethical and responsible use of artificial intelligence in evaluation. The policy continues to underscore meaningful youth engagement in evaluation and their capacity development. It also highlights the importance of joint and system-wide evaluations and fostering multi-stakeholder collaborations in national evaluation capacity development, including with youth.

Aligned to the Evaluation Policy, the Multi-Year Costed Evaluation Plan guides the selection, resourcing, management and use of evaluation. It addresses the evidence and learning needs across the strategic priorities of UNFPA, with a clear focus on the organization's work in humanitarian contexts.

UNFPA will conduct 39 centralized evaluations and exercises from 2024 to 2027. About 46 per cent of these will be joint, inter-agency, or system-wide exercises. UNFPA will also undertake 64 country programme evaluations and 6 regional programme evaluations. UNFPA will also engage in all evaluations of the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF). This approach is aligned with our commitment to the United Nations development system reform. The plan envisages an implementation cost of \$29.42 million for the four years.

The Evaluation Policy and the Multi-Year Costed Evaluation Plan were developed through extensive consultations with key stakeholders, to ensure highest relevance and utility to the organization. The Evaluation Policy was also informed by the [independent peer review of the evaluation function](#) in 2023. Through a transparent

and collaborative process, the frameworks maintain alignment with the evolving priorities and dynamic context of the organization.

This rich process and the resulting frameworks further strengthen evaluation as a driving force for evidence-based action and a catalyst for the delivery of the UNFPA strategic plan. I count on the organization's support at all levels for the successful implementation of these evaluation frameworks.

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