



### **From the Director's desk**

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Evaluation is a driving force at UNFPA, providing **critical evidence** for **informed decision-making, accountability, adaptability**, and **continuous learning**, all of which contribute directly to the successful implementation of the UNFPA strategic plan and beyond. As 2024 comes to an end, the Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) is celebrating a year of significant progress in strengthening UNFPA's evaluation function.



Key achievements include the [Executive Board's endorsement](#) of the [new Evaluation Policy](#) in 2024 **amplifying the independence, coverage, and quality of UNFPA evaluations**, including in humanitarian settings and decentralized contexts. Alongside, our rebranding as the 'Independent Evaluation Office', deeply underscores our commitment to independence and credibility of UNFPA evaluations.

In 2024, we continued to maintain a strong focus on collaboration. We've **deepened our partnerships** with other oversight functions, such as audit and investigation, and actively participated in United Nations system-wide, inter-agency, and joint evaluation initiatives.

Following the [multi-year costed evaluation plan 2024-2027](#), we completed two major centralized evaluations in 2024 including the [evaluation of the UNFPA strategic plan 2022-2025](#) and the [evaluation of UNFPA's organizational resilience in response to the COVID-19 pandemic](#). The rich insights of the evaluations are significantly informing organizational dialogue and decision-making.

We've also **embraced innovation** by ethically integrating AI into centralized evaluation exercises to increase efficiency, as guided by our pioneering [strategy on using Gen-AI responsibly](#) to power UNFPA evaluations.

Recognizing that strong evaluations require skilled evaluators, we prioritized capacity building throughout 2024. We equipped regional and country office colleagues with the **knowledge and tools needed for high-quality evaluations** through a new edition of the [UNFPA evaluation handbook](#), revamped [guidance on evaluation quality assurance and assessment](#), [guidance on developing costed evaluation plans](#) and resources specifically [for humanitarian evaluations](#).



We also launched an [adaptive evaluation resource pack](#), to support the organization as it **strengthens adaptive management approaches**. The annual decentralized evaluation workshop further strengthened the skills of decentralized evaluation staff in conducting evaluations. This investment in evaluation capacity ensures that our teams are well-prepared to deliver high quality evaluations that inform decision-making and drive progress towards UNFPA's mandate.

We are especially proud of our continued efforts to **engage young people in evaluation** including through the launch of a [guidance to leverage the power of youth in evaluation](#).



Together with young people, we led the global [Youth in Evaluation week 2024](#), as part of the [Eval4Action campaign](#). This included 47 events in nine languages across six regions, with the majority of events youth-led and 80 per cent taking place in the Global South. IEO is honoured to receive the [2024 Youth in Evaluation Super Champion award](#), which is a testament to our commitment to promoting youth participation and fostering the next generation of evaluators.

In 2025, as we relocate IEO to Nairobi, we carry forward our commitment to strengthening UNFPA's evaluation function even more. In 2025, we will complete several ongoing evaluation exercises, such as on the UNFPA support to leaving no one behind, UNFPA capacities in humanitarian action, UNFPA Supplies Partnership programme, UNFPA support to 2020 round of population and housing census data, and several inter-agency synthesis exercises.

We look forward to continued collaboration with all parts of the organization, UN agencies, other partners and young people in 2025 as we work together to ensure that evaluation remains a driving force for stronger results at UNFPA.

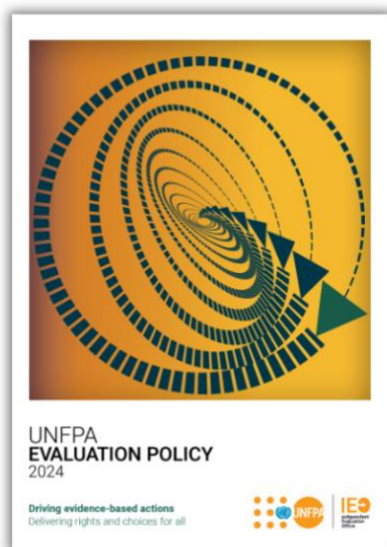
The IEO wishes you a Happy New Year!

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## Key documents

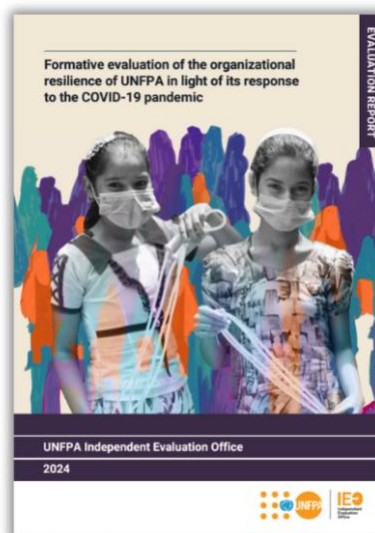
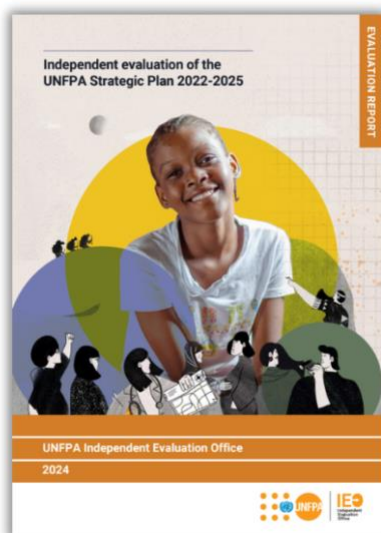
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See also: [Multi-year costed evaluation plan 2024-2027](#)



## Evaluations

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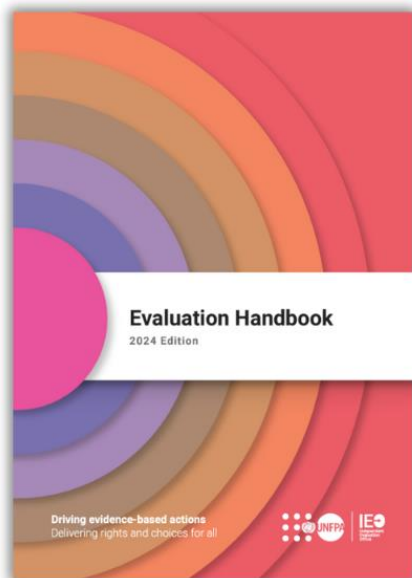


## Inter-agency exercises

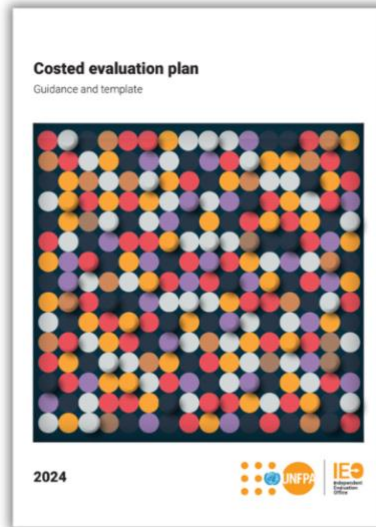
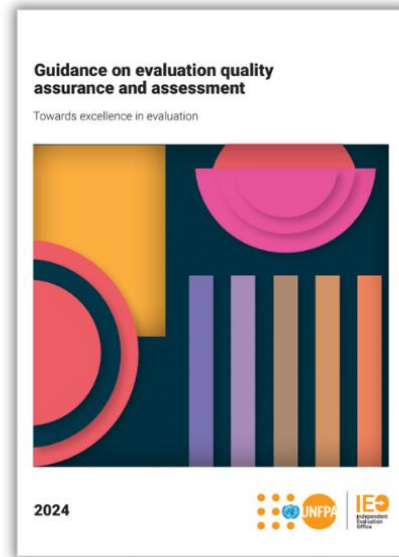
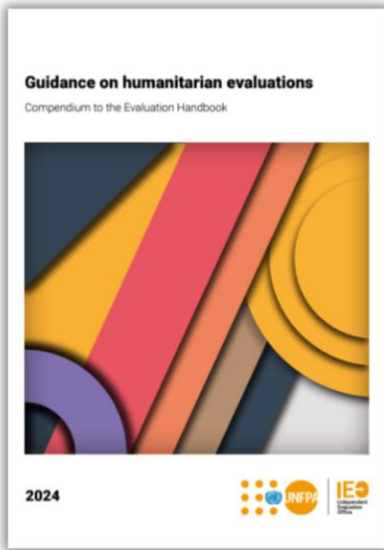
- [Joint evaluation of phase II \(2020–2023\) of the UNFPA-UNICEF Global Programme to End Child Marriage](#)
- [Evaluation evidence mapping and summaries to inform the QCPR](#)
- [Are we getting there? A synthesis of UN system evaluations of SDG 5 \(Companion report: \[Getting there together: A synthesis of inter-agency programme evaluations on SDG 5\]\(#\)\)](#)
- [Independent joint evaluation of the Global Action Plan for Healthy Lives and Well-being for All \(GAP\)](#)
- [Final evaluation of the Spotlight Initiative \(2017 - 2023\)](#)
- [Global SDG Synthesis Coalition's Partnership Pillar synthesis](#)

## Resources

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