



# Newsflash

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## Evaluation Quality at UNFPA

Principles and their application

Updated guidance and tools available

**A must read for  
UNFPA evaluation staff, evaluation managers,  
and external evaluation consultants**

### From the Director's desk

By supporting learning and evidence-based decision-making, and demonstrating institutional accountability, **high quality evaluative evidence contributes to drive for results at UNFPA**. Toward this end, we are delighted to share with you the updated guidance on '[Evaluation Quality at UNFPA](#)', which aims to further strengthen the quality of evaluations and, consequently, their use in programming and policy decisions.

The UNFPA Evaluation Quality Assurance and Assessment (EQAA) system facilitates the quality of corporate and decentralized programme level evaluations (country and regional programme evaluations) at UNFPA through two processes:

**1-Quality assurance**, which occurs **throughout an evaluation**, beginning with the evaluation's terms of reference and ending with the draft final evaluation report.

**2-Quality assessment**, which takes place **after an evaluation is completed** (ex post), with the final evaluation report quality assessed by an external independent assessor. The Evaluation Quality Assessment is publicly available along with the evaluation report and the accompanying management response on the [Evaluation Database](#).

The updated EQAA system is aligned with [UNFPA Evaluation Policy \(2019\)](#) which places a strong emphasis on ensuring the quality of both the evaluation exercise itself and its resulting report, as well as related processes and products. It is also in line with the updated [UNEG Norms and Standards for Evaluation \(2016\)](#) and with the [UN System-wide Action Plan 2.0](#) on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-SWAP).

As UNFPA intensifies efforts to accelerate the achievement of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) and the Sustainable Development Goals, now more than ever, the availability and use of high quality evaluative evidence is critical to ensure no one is left behind.

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Read the 'Evaluation Quality at UNFPA' guidance note at  
[www.unfpa.org/evaluation](http://www.unfpa.org/evaluation)

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## What's new in the guidance note?

- Additional information on how the concepts and principles underpinning evaluation quality at UNFPA are operationalized through quality assurance and assessment tools
- Further information on the Evaluation Office's approach to quality assessment, including a description of how quality assessment scores per quality criteria are calculated
- An update of the gender equality and empowerment of women quality assessment criteria, reflected in the Evaluation Quality Assessment Grid, as per the UN-SWAP 2.0 Evaluation Performance Indicator

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