



On 7 June 2021, [Annual Report on evaluation 2021](#) was presented at the UNFPA Executive Board annual session 2022.

“UNFPA welcomes the **2021 Annual Report on evaluation** and efforts to strengthen evaluation performance and utilization for decision-making, learning and enhanced accountability across the organization

**Dr. Natalia Kanem**  
UNFPA Executive Director



Access to **evidence** and **lessons generated through evaluations** has been instrumental to the design and success of UNFPA country programmes, regional and global response, and the development of UNFPA strategic plan 2022-2025

**Diene Keita**  
UNFPA Deputy Executive Director, Programme

The [joint statement](#) by 24 Member States commended the Evaluation Office on its **continued flexibility to adapt evaluation to the COVID-19 context** and to enable evaluations as an accelerator to recovery from the COVID-19 crisis. The Member States also commended the latest evaluation frameworks that are key to make the evaluation function fit to support the delivery of UNFPA strategic plan 2022-2025. This includes the (1) [quadrennial budgeted evaluation plan](#); (2) [evaluation strategy](#) and the (3) [strategy to enhance evaluation use through communications and knowledge management](#).

The Member States noted the **excellent performance of the evaluation function** again in a highly challenging year, including the **strengthening of the decentralized evaluation system** that has resulted in a high implementation rate of good quality evaluations. The strong push for **involving youth in evaluations** including as evaluators was also appreciated by the Member States. They welcomed the **commitment and active support of the UNFPA Evaluation Office to the reform agenda** and encouraged UNFPA to continue to increase investments in the evaluation function.

## Access the 2021 Annual Report on evaluation

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[Statement](#) by Director, UNFPA Evaluation Office

[Statement](#) by UNFPA Deputy Executive Director, Programme

[Joint statement](#) by 24 Member States ([Video](#))

Remarks by UNFPA senior management on the evaluation function ([Video](#))

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## From the Director's desk

Marco Segone | Director | UNFPA Evaluation Office

I'm very pleased to share the [2021 Annual Report on the evaluation function](#). The report captures the performance of the UNFPA evaluation function, its ongoing **adaptation to COVID-19**, contribution to **coherence in evaluation** across the UN system and support to **national evaluation capacities development**.



Adaptive evaluation for an adaptive organization  
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The report captures the efforts to further make the evaluation function fit to **accelerate the delivery of the UNFPA strategic plan 2022-2025**, through the development of three new [evaluation frameworks](#).

With **real-time adaptation** and enhanced systems, capacities and tools at centralized and decentralized levels, the Evaluation Office enhanced its **agility and responsiveness to the COVID-19 crisis**. These efforts ensured strong performance of the evaluation function, with eight out of nine KPIs achieved or almost achieved despite continuing challenges from the COVID-19 pandemic. A few highlights are as follows:

- For the third year in a row, all evaluations were quality-assessed as **'good'** or **higher**
- **95%** of management responses on UNFPA evaluations were implemented. This is the highest in ten years!
- **96.5%** of country offices have conducted at least one country programme evaluation within two cycles
- **23** centralized and decentralized programme level evaluations were completed in 2021, compared to 10 in 2018
- **100%** of centralized evaluations scheduled have been completed or are on track

In 2021, **57% of centralized evaluations were either joint or system-wide**, demonstrating Evaluation Office's commitment to the United Nations development system reform. The Evaluation Office also expanded national evaluation capacities with **youth** firmly at the center of these efforts. Notably, the [Eval4Action campaign](#), co-led by the Evaluation Office, EvalYouth and the Global Parliamentarians Forum for Evaluation, rallied more than **150 partners** globally in less than two years.

As UNFPA moves towards the implementation of the UNFPA strategic plan 2022-2025, we hope to build on these achievements to further strengthen evaluation, in order to support the strong corporate commitment to adaptation, evidence-based learning and decision making.

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