

**U.S. Delegation Talking Points for the
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Item 13b: UNFPA Evaluation of Support for Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment

The United States welcome this Evaluation and the UNFPA management response.

We look forward to UNFPA working toward a more coherent, inclusive and equitable approach to Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment (GEWE) and sexual reproductive health and rights, supported by a framework that recognizes and addresses norms and inequalities related to the reproductive health needs of women, men, couples and youth.

The United States supports UNFPA scaling up its role as the lead coordinating agency and convener in GBV response and prevention. We encourage UNFPA to address GBV as a standalone objective as well as integrated into family planning, reproductive and maternal health, and to define its role vis-a-vis other agencies.

We encourage UNFPA to ensure that its work adequately addresses GBV prevention and response efforts across both humanitarian and development settings.

We also urge UNFPA to focus on strengthening its capacity to provide GBV prevention and response and SRHR leadership, coordination and programming across contexts and while including a survivor perspective.

For future evaluations, we encourage UNFPA to find evaluation methods that will enable safe and secure data collection from the most vulnerable persons, who were not necessarily represented in this evaluation due to limitations to data collection posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

We concur with the need to put women and girls, particularly GBV survivors, at the center of preparedness activities and resiliency planning, and call on UNFPA to use this work to better understand how gender norms and inequalities exacerbate the impacts of shocks and stressors.