



Top-rated

Decentralized
evaluations at
UNFPA
in 2021



Afghanistan | Arab States Regional Office | Brazil | Caribbean Sub-Regional Office
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From the Director's desk

It gives us pleasure to share that in 2021, [13 UNFPA decentralized evaluations](#) have been rated as 'very good', among 21 decentralized evaluations that were quality assessed by an independent external assessor. This includes country programme evaluations from **Afghanistan, Brazil, Honduras, Iraq, Lao PDR, Moldova, Mongolia, Mozambique, Somalia, Syria** and **Thailand**. It also includes the **Arab States regional programme** evaluation and the **Caribbean sub-regional programme** evaluation.

I congratulate the offices for **adapting the evaluations effectively to the COVID-19 crisis**. These top-rated evaluations also demonstrate a **thorough analysis** and **understanding** of the context, a **robust methodical approach**, and integration of **gender responsive** and **disability inclusion** dimensions. This high-quality

evaluative evidence will directly inform and accelerate the implementation of the UNFPA strategic plan, 2022-2025 on the ground.

At UNFPA we follow a robust system to **ensure high evaluation quality**. While quality assurance takes place at each stage of the evaluation, the final evaluation report is quality assessed by an independent external assessor, who assesses the report against specific criteria, including gender and disability inclusion dimensions.

I highly encourage the 57 country programme evaluations and six regional programme evaluations that will take place from 2022-2025, to familiarize themselves with the [Evaluation Quality Assurance and Assessment](#) system, and the newly launched [Country Programme Evaluation Management Kit](#) which provides up-to-date and ready-to-use guidance, tools and templates to effectively prepare, manage and utilize a country programme evaluation.

In an effort to further build internal evaluation capacities, an e-learning course on managing and conducting evaluations at UNFPA will launch in 2022. New guidance on incorporating social and environmental standards in evaluation and guidance on integrating a 'leave no one behind' lens in evaluation will be released shortly. We look forward to sharing these new resources, as key inputs towards the delivery of the strategic plan.

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