



Newsflash

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Assessing the quality of developmental evaluations at UNFPA

New!

Eleven quality principles and standards for developmental evaluation
derived from UNEG Norms and Standards
and eight principles of effective developmental evaluation



From the Director's desk

The evaluation function at UNFPA continuously strives to diversify evaluation processes, to go beyond the 'business as usual' approach to evaluation, in order to be as responsive and relevant to user needs. In keeping with these values, in 2019, UNFPA Evaluation Office took an innovative step. It undertook the [developmental evaluation of results-based management at UNFPA](#), the first developmental **al** evaluation at UNFPA.

The purpose of developmental evaluations differs to traditional formative, summative, and accountability-oriented evaluations. In a developmental evaluation, as part of the evaluation process, real-time data is collected and analysed to guide ongoing decision-making and learning. This supports organization's adaptation to emerging, dynamic and complex environments.

The evaluation function also places a strong emphasis on quality assurance of formative and summative evaluation processes and quality assessment of their final evaluation reports. While the existing [evaluation quality assurance and assessment tools](#) are suited to formative and summative evaluations, the uniqueness of the developmental evaluation process required a more appropriate evaluation assessment tool. Given the lack of any available tool for this purpose within and outside the UN system, **the Evaluation Office has developed the first developmental evaluation-specific quality assessment grid and guidance**, under direction from Michael Quinn Patton.

This pioneering tool captures how the principles of developmental evaluation and the UNEG evaluation standards, translate into UNFPA evaluation quality assurance and assessment work. We hope this tool will improve the overall quality of future developmental evaluations at UNFPA and beyond, and support the effective use of evaluative evidence for programming and policy decisions.

For any questions related to this [new tool](#), please do not hesitate to reach out to me (segone@unfpa.org) and Valeria Carou-Jones (carou-jones@unfpa.org).

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[Assessing the quality of developmental evaluations at UNFPA](#)

Developmental evaluation of results-based management at UNFPA
[Report, brief and related materials](#) | [Evaluation Quality Assessment](#)

[Evaluation Quality Assurance and Assessment: Tools and Guidance](#)

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