



# **UNFPA Tanzania 8th Country Programme (2016-2022) Evaluation Brief**

# Introduction

This document provides a summary of the Evaluation Report of the UNFPA 8th Country Programme (2016 - 2022) for the United Republic of Tanzania. The overall evaluation grade was: 'Good' and the programme was positively evaluated as well aligned to national and international development priorities. A Country Programme Evaluation is conducted once per decade, at the end of every other five-year country programme cycle. The UNFPA Tanzania 8th Country Programme Evaluation was carried out from July 2021 to March 2022.

## Purpose



Demonstrate accountability to stakeholders for results achieved



Contribute lessons learned to UNFPA's knowledge base



Support evidence-based decision-making



Provide independent inputs to the development of the following Country Programme.

## Methodology

The evaluation utilised a mixed-methods approach.

### Data collection methods included:



**Extensive document review** of programme planning, monitoring and evaluation, and survey and assessment reports, including government plans and strategic documents.



**Key Informant Interviews** with UNFPA staff and stakeholders at national and sub-national level, including representatives of UN agencies, donors, development partners, local government authorities, NGOs, and implementing partners, from a total of 17 organizations. All 56 key informant interviews were conducted online due to COVID-19 health precautions.



**Focus Group Discussions** with programme beneficiaries, targeting women, adolescents/youth, men, key populations, most-at-risk populations, and refugees. A total of 14 in-person focus group discussions were conducted involving more than 100 beneficiaries.

## Evaluation Team

The Country Programme Evaluation was carried out by an independent five-member expert evaluation team. Support for the evaluation team and review of their recommendations was offered by the Evaluation Reference Group, chaired by the Ministry of Finance with members drawn from the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Gender, from Tanzania mainland and Zanzibar, National Bureau of Statistics and Zanzibar Planning Commission, youth representatives from AfriYAN, and a consultant on youth development.

## Key Findings

### Relevance

The 8th Country Programme (CP8) **was well aligned to national and international development priorities** and supported capacity building under the four main interventions: **Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights; Adolescents and Youth; Gender Equality and Women Empowerment (GEWE); and Population and Development.**

CP8 was developed in consultation with a wide range of stakeholders in a participatory approach, including the Government of Tanzania, civil society, development partners, United Nations organisations, academia and the private sector. CP8 design targeted the needs of beneficiary communities, based on priorities identified in community consultations.

### Effectiveness

**UNFPA is a strategic and valued partner to the Government of Tanzania, other UN agencies and leading bilateral agencies.** UNFPA provided strategic leadership and advocacy for integrated programming with a focus on gender, human rights-based approaches and leaving no one behind.

CP8 achieved its planned results to a large extent. Achievement of results, especially under the challenging COVID-19 period was facilitated by a strong UNFPA Tanzania senior management team, a dedicated team of programme heads, staff, operational support, and innovative programming techniques.

The Country Programme **effectively responded to the changing environment and needs including humanitarian settings and the COVID-19 pandemic.** UNFPA Tanzania responded rapidly, effectively and efficiently to the increasing refugee influx over the years, enabled by strong partnership with government, humanitarian implementing partners and other UN agencies.

## Coordination

CP8 exhibited strong engagement and coordination with other UN agencies to ensure **achievement of intended objectives**. This includes working together to ensure implementation and realization of the rights of women and adolescents in line with UN Development Assistance Plan (UNDAP II) priorities.

The CP8 had a **well-articulated coordination framework** for programme implementation in both Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar.

## Efficiency

UNFPA had a **robust financial management and tracking system** that facilitated programmatic and financial accountability; this includes checks and balances to ensure that all Implementing Partners are accountable for deliverables in a timely manner.

**Through a system strengthening approach, UNFPA through CP8 supported the Government to make good progress in Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) related indicators.** The targets for output indicators in SRHR were largely met.

## Recommendations:

### At the Strategic Level



Prioritize: **consultations with key stakeholders** at all levels, consolidation of strategic partnerships, and responsiveness to the changing environment and needs in development and humanitarian settings.



**Sustain partnerships and resource mobilization** for Country Office programmes.



Continue **strengthening partnerships under the UN framework of Delivering as One**, including with bilateral development partners and Ministries, Departments and Agencies; strategically partner with those that have a mandate to address drivers of GBV/Domestic Violence and harmful practices related to effects of emergencies such as COVID-19 and humanitarian crises.



**Advocate for use of the differentiated delivery model** to facilitate an effective response to the needs and diverse contexts of hard-to-reach populations and communities in view of humanitarian emergencies and the COVID-19 situation.



## At the Programmatic Level



Continue to **align the Country Programme to national and international goals and objectives** with regards to SRHR, Adolescents and Youth, GEWE, and Population and Development with greater emphasis on the needs of most-at-risk populations and vulnerable communities.



Support the **Ministry of Health to enhance support for national and subnational government capacity to deliver integrated sexual and reproductive health services**, with a focus on adolescents and young people; increased access to modern contraceptives for youth and marginalized populations; and comprehensive maternal health services.



Continue the **engagement of young people** at all levels of adolescent and youth programming, including the **scale up of investment in innovations by young people** in the use of digital and online platforms to **increase access to SRH information**.



In collaboration with partners, streamline integrated SRHR/GEWE interventions for women, youth, and adolescent groups with a focus **on empowerment of girls and women, with life and vocational skills training**, combined with gender transformative programming and power analysis.



Further build the capacity of UNFPA Tanzania and Implementing Partners to effectively **address GBV issues, including FGM, early and forced marriages, and gender equality by using Evidence Based Information**.



Advocate for evidence-based information through creation of Sustainable Development Goals databases and conduct of socio-demographic surveys, and support to **ensure adequate resource mobilisation for Population and Development** programming.



Further increase the number of men and boys' beneficiaries in interventions in order to add more value when scaling up interventions.

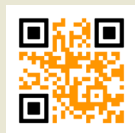


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Every childbirth is safe and  
Every young person's potential is fulfilled.



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