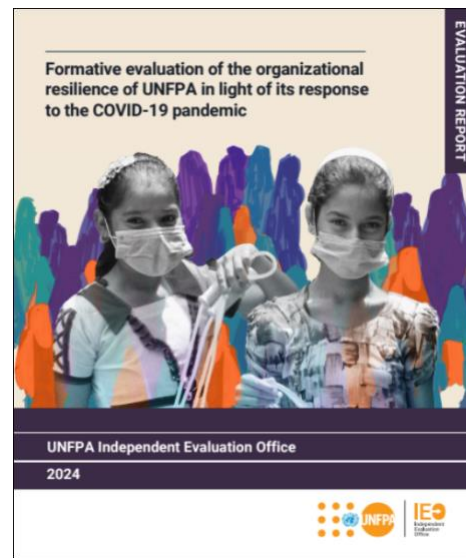
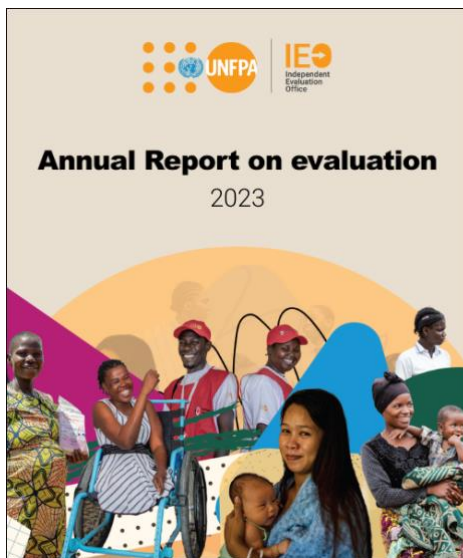


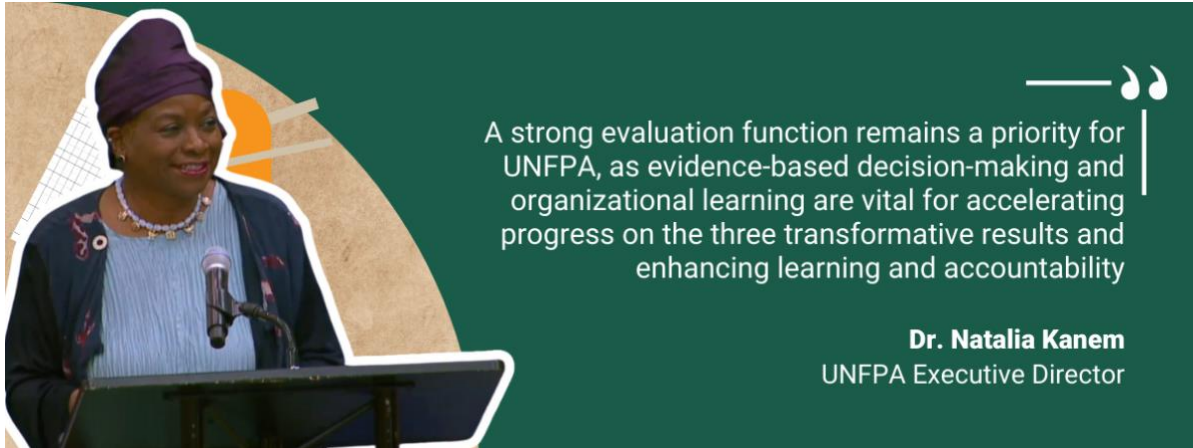


## Presented to the Executive Board

- 2023 Annual Report on evaluation
- Formative evaluation of the organizational resilience of UNFPA in light of its response to the COVID-19 pandemic



On 5 June 2024, the [2023 Annual Report on the evaluation function](#) and [the formative evaluation of the organizational resilience of UNFPA in light of its response to the COVID-19 pandemic](#), along with their respective management statements, were presented at the Executive Board Annual Session 2024.



A [joint statement](#) by 21 Member States (Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Japan, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Türkiye, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America) welcomed the 2023 Annual Report on the evaluation function and the latest centralized evaluation.



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We echo the management's compliment to the IEO for maintaining a good overall progress despite a rapidly shifting and challenging context

With its excellent performance in 2023, the IEO achieved almost all the targets of the key performance indicators

**Bernhard Soland**

Deputy Head of UN and MDB section  
Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)

In agreement with the Independent Evaluation Office (IEO), the Member States recognized the need for further advancements in the decentralized evaluation system, including for humanitarian evaluations. They expressed appreciation for the measures already implemented, such as the enhanced evaluation quality assurance system and the establishment of a support team for technical assistance and capacity building of M&E staff.

The Member States also welcomed IEO's continued engagement in the UNDS reform, the United Nations Evaluation Group and other system-wide and joint evaluation initiatives on the central, regional and country level.

Watch highlights from the 2023 Annual Report on the evaluation function

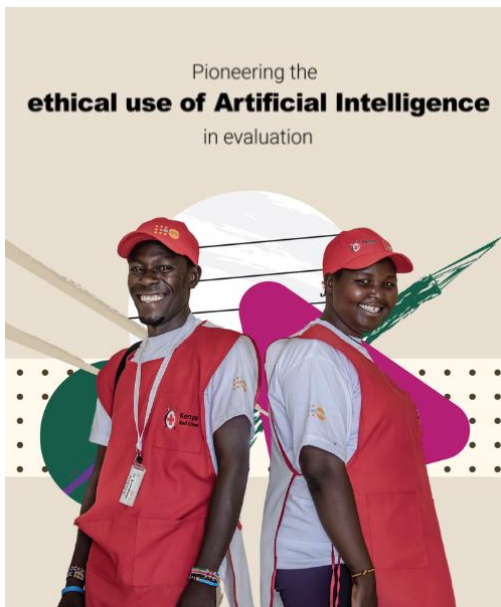


## From the Director's desk

Marco Segone | Director, UNFPA Independent Evaluation Office

I'm pleased to share with you the [2023 Annual Report on the evaluation function](#) which presents the performance of UNFPA evaluation at centralized and decentralized levels, including its accomplishments, innovations and the areas for growth and improvements.

In 2023, UNFPA evaluation embraced a strategic, responsive, agile and innovative approach, to provide more relevant evidence for decision-making, adaptation and action. Guided by the [UNFPA Evaluation Policy 2024](#), the Evaluation Office has been rebranded as the Independent Evaluation Office (IEO).



Advancing digital transformation, the IEO is pioneering the [ethical use of generative artificial intelligence](#) to improve the effectiveness, efficiency, timeliness, and utility of evaluations.

Two pilot initiatives exploring the responsible use of artificial intelligence are underway, notably in the evaluation of the UNFPA strategic plan, and the third interagency meta-synthesis of evaluations, to support the implementation of the United Nations Youth Strategy.

The evaluation function continued to maintain a high performance in 2023 with nine out of ten key performance indicators achieved or exceeding targets. This is due to the significant strides in enhancing evaluation systems, quality assurance processes, and capacities. The implementation of centralized evaluations continued to be at 100%, with 58% either joint or inter-agency exercises.



Going forward, greater efforts are required to advance the decentralized evaluation function and humanitarian evaluations. Delivering on the new Evaluation Policy, concrete steps have been initiated in this area, including the revamping of the [evaluation quality assurance and assessment system](#), and the release of a new [evaluation handbook](#) and several guidances. This includes the [guidance on humanitarian evaluation](#), [guidance on adaptive evaluation](#) and [guidance on meaningfully engaging youth in evaluation](#). Cross-regional and region-specific workshops are also strengthening evaluation capabilities at the decentralized level.



In 2023, IEO continued to play a vital role in setting global benchmarks for the meaningful youth engagement in evaluation, including enhancing multi-stakeholder and intergenerational evaluation partnerships. Together with the EvalYouth Global Network and the Global Parliamentarians Forum for Evaluation, as part of the [Eval4Action advocacy campaign](#), the IEO is advancing the [Youth in Evaluation initiative](#), and building professional capacities of young evaluators.

I'm also pleased to share the [formative evaluation of the organizational resilience of UNFPA in light of its response to the COVID-19 pandemic](#). The evaluation assesses UNFPA response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and draws lessons from the pandemic to inform UNFPA preparedness and its response to any future global crises.

With complex and multifaceted crises facing the world, I hope this evaluation provides UNFPA crucial and timely insights to bolster its organizational resilience. The UNFPA evaluation function will continue to build on its successes and innovations, and address areas for improvement, deepening the culture of evidence-based decision-making, learning and adaptation.

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