UNFPA 4th Country Programme for Georgia 2021-2025

Results framework and planned strategic interventions





UNFPA Country Programme design

The UNFPA Country Programme for Georgia follows the UNFPA strategic goal to

"achieve universal access to sexual and reproductive health, realise reproductive rights, and reduce maternal mortality to accelerate progress on the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) agenda, to improve the lives of adolescents and youth, and women, enabled by population dynamics, human rights, and gender equality".



The UNFPA 2021-2025 Country Programme for Georgia is derived from and will directly contribute to three out of five 2021-25 UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) outcomes, namely:

- Outcome 1: All people in Georgia will enjoy good governance, open and accountable institutions, rule of law and equal access to justice and human rights and participation in decision making.
- Outcome 2: All people living in Georgia have equitable and inclusive access to quality services delivered in accordance with international human rights standards
- Outcome 4: Conflict affected communities enjoy enhanced human security and resilience.

This country programme addresses national priorities, the Nairobi commitments to accelerate the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the Agenda 2030.

In its efforts to achieve the above-mentioned outcomes, UNFPA will apply four principles:

- Promoting and protecting human rights;
- Reaching the furthest behind first;
- ➤ Accountability and transparency;
- ➤ Complementarity between humanitarian and development context

The Programme will make specific focus on reaching **those furthest behind**:

- women and girls, with special focus on those living in rural areas and belonging to ethnic minorities;
- women living in conflict-affected areas;
- young people (15-29), including young key populations;
- women and young people with disabilities, and
- Older persons.



- UNFPA will invest its resources in the enabling conditions necessary to achieve the outcomes. These enabling conditions constitute the country programme outputs, which reflect the interventions that UNFPA intends to implement.
- To support these interventions, UNFPA will apply the following modes of engagement:
- ✓ advocacy and policy dialogue;
- ✓ institutional capacity development;
- ✓ partnership and coordination, including south-south/ triangular cooperation;
- √ knowledge management;
- ✓ service delivery (in conflict-affected territories).



Country Programme Priorities

The 4th Country Programme for Georgia (CP) will contribute to:

- reduction of maternal health risks;
- improved prevention of cervical cancer and HIV;
- reduction of gender discrimination and harmful practices;

with focus on disadvantaged groups.

The CP will also influence the target on reduced unmet need for family planning. The CP will support improving evidence-based policy and regulatory mechanisms, strengthening institutional capacities at national and local levels and boosting innovative solutions to increase access to quality information and health and social services, especially for those left behind. The CP will promote the needed transitions in public attitudes and gender-biased social norms by targeting and empowering youth. The increased availability of reliable population data, analysis and innovative data visualization tools will facilitate improved understanding and addressing inequalities and monitoring of SDGs. The CP will support the achievement of SDGs: 3, 4, 5, 10, 16 and 17.

Country Programme Output 1

Sexual and reproductive health and rights

Country Programme Output 1/UNSDCF output 2.1: Improved national capacities for the implementation of policies and programmes that ensure equitable access to and coverage of quality integrated health* and nutrition services and the exercise of reproductive rights for all people, particularly, those left behind

^{*} UNFPA targeted health policies and services under this output include sexual and reproductive health (SRH), including youth SRH, maternal health; prevention and management of cervical cancer; integrated prevention and response to HIV/TB/Viral Hepatitis with focus on key populations; and response to gender-based violence (GBV)

Source: 2021-25 UNSDCF Theory of Change

Planned programme interventions to achieve Output 1:



- Supporting development and implementation of policy frameworks and institutional mechanisms for provision of quality integrated Sexual and Reproductive Health services:
 - √ development of national action plans,
 - ✓ institutionalization of Beyond the Numbers tools, including the Obstetric Surveillance and Response System (OSRS);
 - ✓ development and monitoring of clinical guidelines and protocols, integrating specific needs of women with
 disabilities;
 - √ promotion of innovative learning models in Continuous Medical Education system,
- Supporting the national roll-out of the cervical cancer screening organized model through operationalizing the innovative cancer screening registry and considering potential shift to HPV testing.
- Leading evidence-based advocacy for inclusion of family planning counselling and provision of selected modern contraceptive methods in the Basic Benefit Package (BBP) of the UHC Programme for target groups of beneficiaries and ensuring relevant financial allocations.

Planned programme interventions to achieve Output 1 (cont.):



- Applying Behavioral Insights (BI) prism for generating evidence to create stigma free healthcare services and increase the uptake of HIV preventive services among young people, KPs, YKP, PLHIV;
- Supporting **improved resilience of the conflict-affected women in Abkhazia, Georgia** through provision of free of charge quality SRH/FP services (including modern contraceptives);
- supporting strengthened preparedness to **emergency situations**, including to public health emergencies, through engaging innovative telemedicine tools for SRH services;
- supporting national roll-out of the **healthcare response to GBV/DV**, integrating specific needs of women with disabilities and key populations
- support to transforming health-seeking behaviour among women and key target populations through strengthening capacity of community-led organizations and fostering innovative approaches for SRHR/HIV awareness.

Country Programme Output 2

Gender equality and women's empowerment

Country Programme Output 2/UNSDCF Output 1.3:

Legislative frameworks, policies and governance systems mainstream gender and combat GBV, violence against children and other harmful practices towards women and girls.





- Providing technical assistance and policy advice on policy and accountability
 frameworks for advancing human rights and gender equality, integrating rights of
 those left behind;
- Supporting introduction of gender-sensitive family supportive policies;
- Supporting increased capacity of local self-government bodies (in target regions)
 to localize and implement national human rights and gender equality strategies;
- Strengthening multi-sectoral capacities to eliminate GBV and harmful practices against women and girls, including those with disabilities, and key populations;
- Strengthening participatory advocacy platforms promoting rights and health of women and young people with disabilities.





- Supporting gender transformative programming and innovative communication tools to increase men engagement for gender equality;
- Empowering young people to advocate for their rights and lead changing gender-biased social norms in their communities in target regions;
- Supporting national roll-out of quality sexuality education in formal education system;
- **Mobilizing** civil society, private sector, media and FBO **partnerships** to eliminate violence and harmful practices against women and girls.

Country Programme Output 3

Population dynamics

Country Programme Output 3 / UNSDCF output 1.1:

Inclusive national and local governance systems have greater capacities to ensure evidence-based and participatory policy-making, measure inequalities and deliver quality services to all, including during times of crisis;





- Strengthening capacity of the National Statistics Office of Georgia for undertaking the 2020 Round of Population Census according to international standards;
- Improving population data system to better understand and address inequalities and promoting innovative techniques for data visualisation for more effective dissemination of data;
- Building up the body of evidence on population dynamics through supporting in-depth analysis of census data, with particular focus on those furthest behind, including older persons and rural youth;
- Supporting policy dialogue for mainstreaming Ageing into the national and subnational policies and plans;
- Providing technical assistance and mobilizing partnerships for introducing innovative municipal services for supporting active and healthy ageing in target municipalities.

Thank you for your partnership and collaboration!

We look forward to receiving your feed-back.



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