



Evaluation of the UNFPA support to census data availability to inform decision-making and policy formulation (2005-2014)

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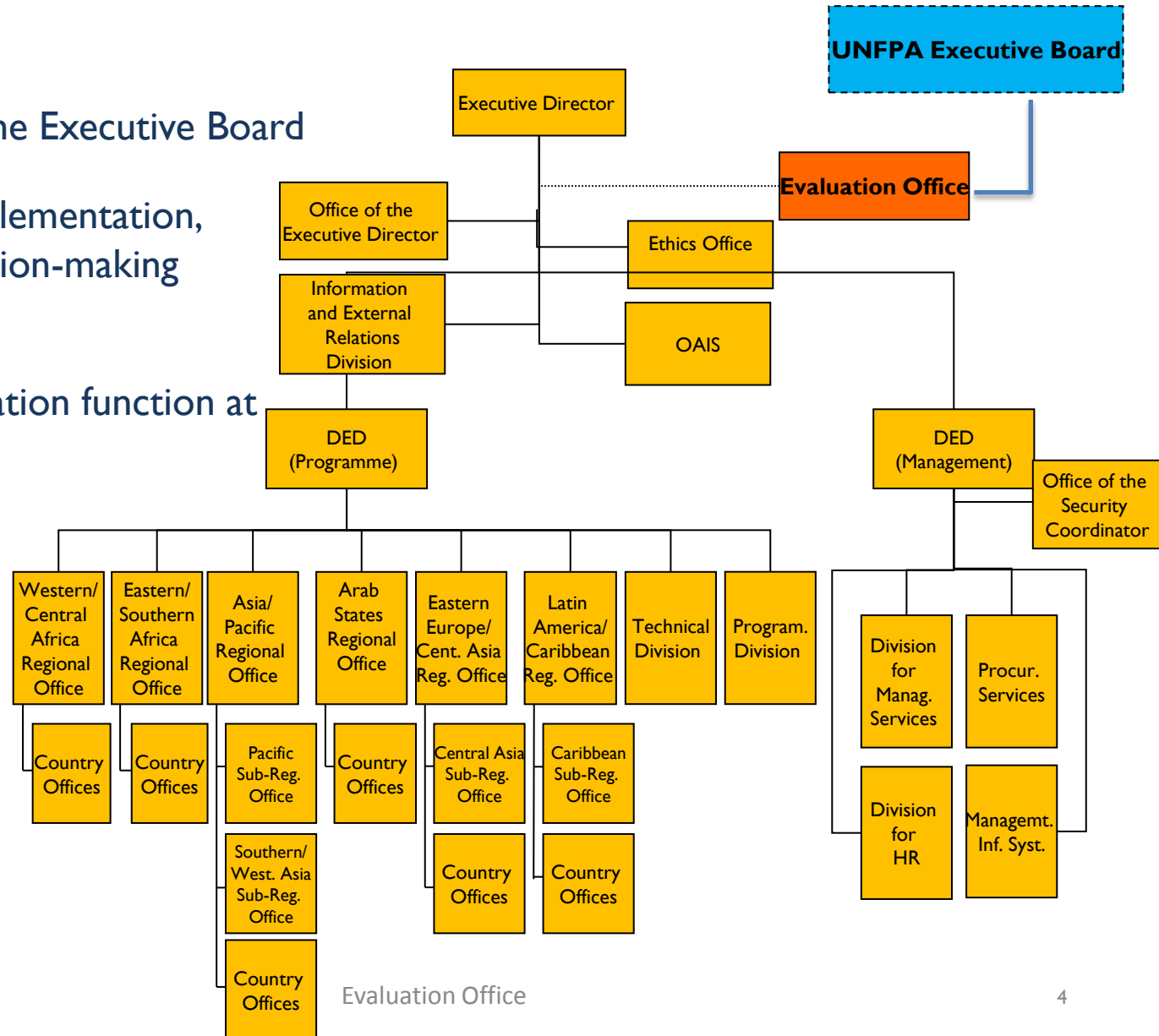
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Introduction

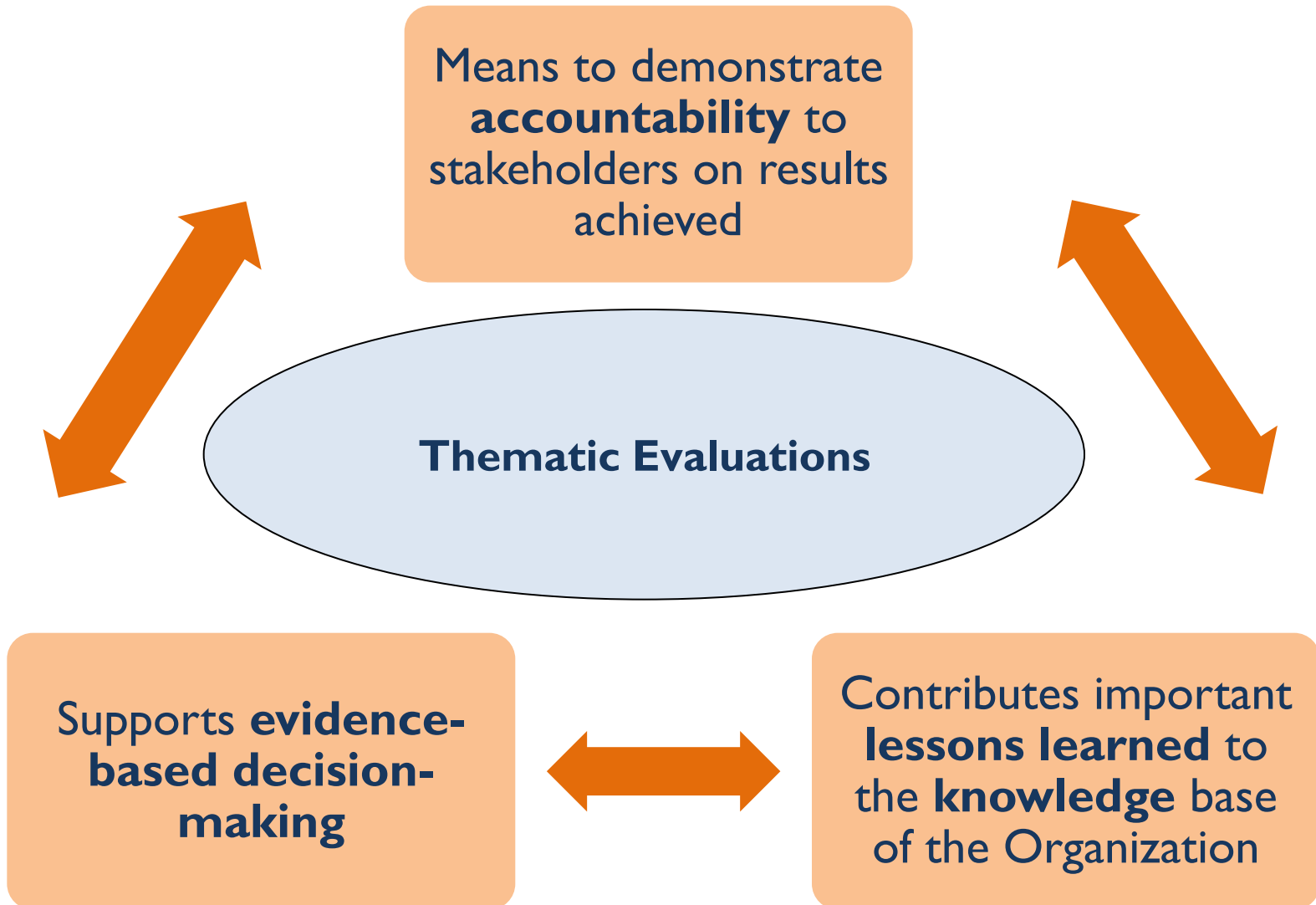
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Evaluation Office:

- reporting directly to the Executive Board
- independent from: implementation, management and decision-making functions
- custodian of the evaluation function at UNFPA

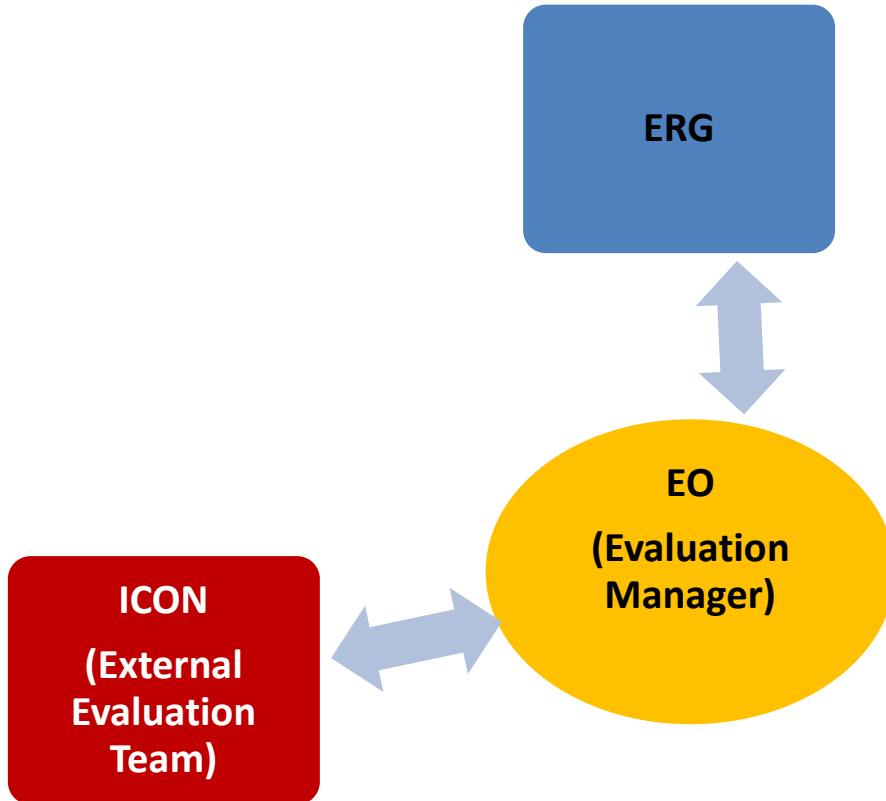


THE PURPOSE OF EVALUATIONS



**Governance and
management of the
Census Evaluation**

GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT



- Evaluation Office: provides methodological guidance and quality assurance, supervision and oversight of the evaluation; ensures independence
- External Evaluation Team: carries out the evaluation (ICON)
- Evaluation reference group: provide technical inputs

**Purpose, objectives and
scope of the Census
Evaluation**

THE PURPOSE OF THE EVALUATION

Assess the extent to which the UNFPA support to population and housing censuses, over the last 10 years, strengthened national capacity for:

- Production and dissemination of quality disaggregated data
- Integration of evidence-based analysis into decision-making and policy formulation

OBJECTIVES OF EVALUATION

Specific objectives:

- To assess the relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, and sustainability of the UNFPA support to the 2010 round of PHS
- To assess the extent to which census data are used, on policy formulation and development plans
- To identify lessons learned and generate knowledge to inform the midterm review of the strategic plan and the support of UNFPA to the 2020 census round

THE SCOPE OF THE EVALUATION

Scope in terms of focus:

- The relevance of UNFPA support to census **data availability** under the 2010 census round (2005-2014); and
- The implementation of the UNFPA support to **enhancing national capacities** on census data production, dissemination, analysis and use; focusing on the effectiveness, efficiency, sustainability and added value

The scope of the Evaluation is not:

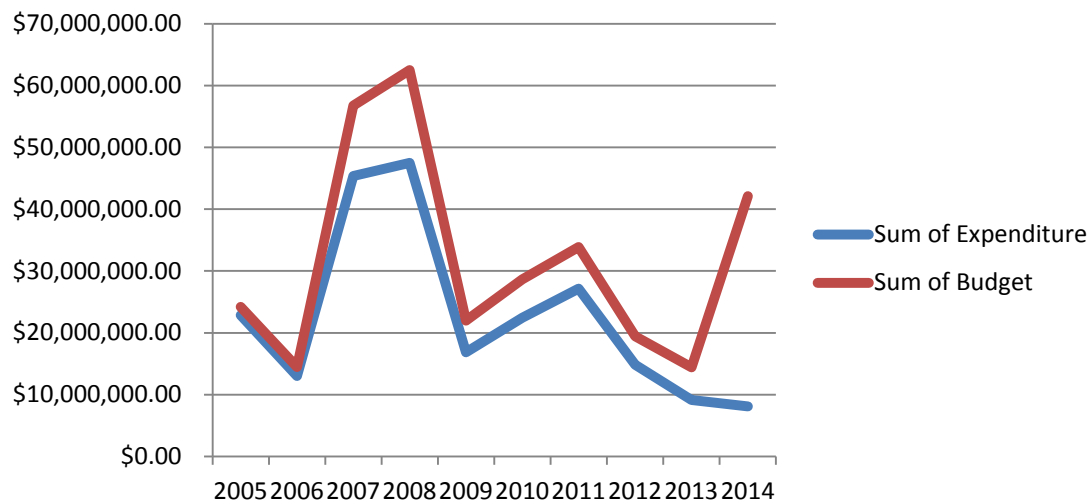
- To assess the impact of the national policies, their quality and how they influence people (the population)

Scope in terms of coverage:

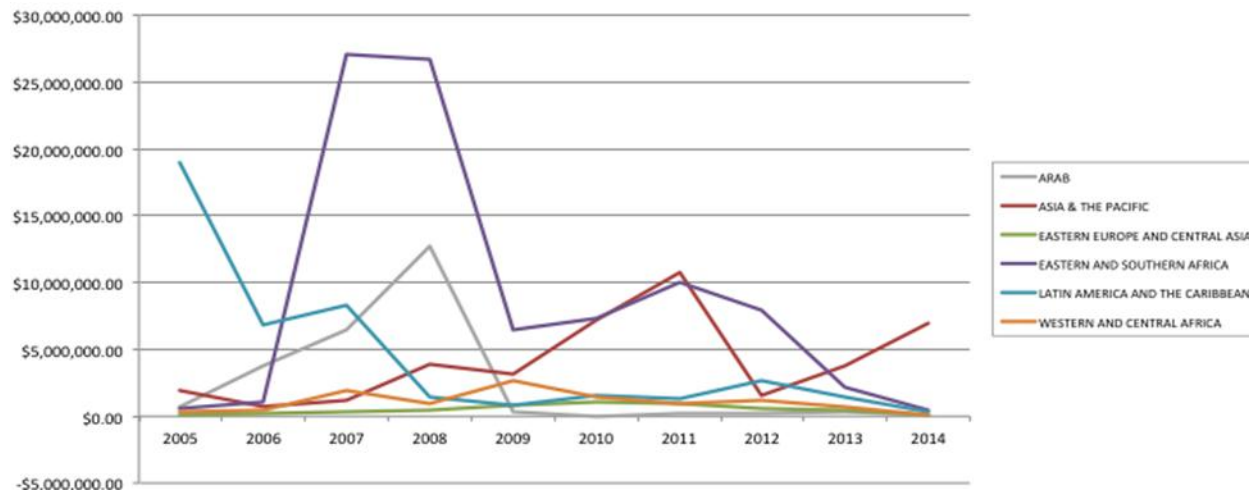
- six UNFPA regions
- countries where UNFPA has been involved directly (AWPs) or through soft aid activities – 134 countries

Financial support and typology of interventions

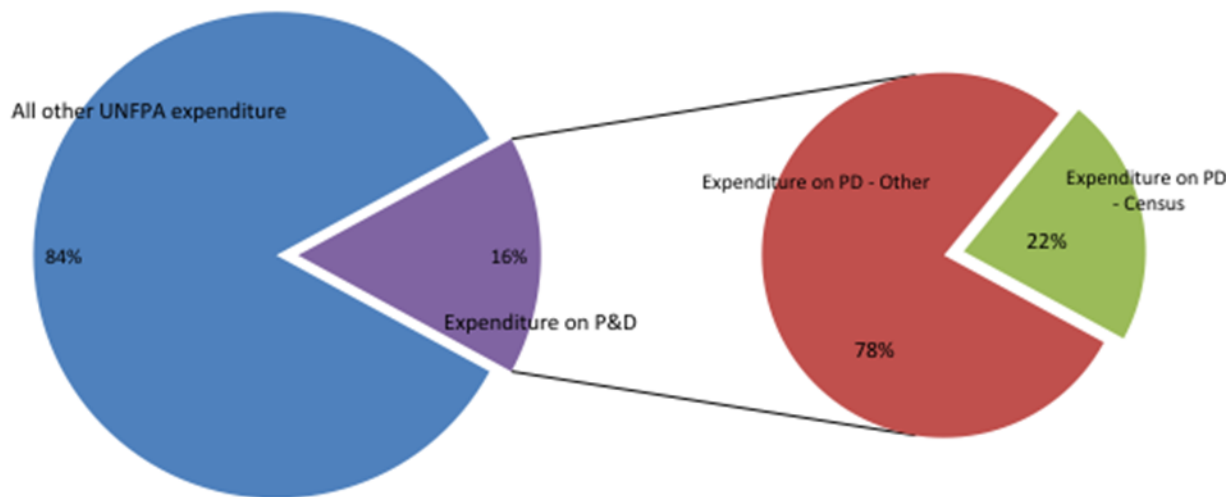
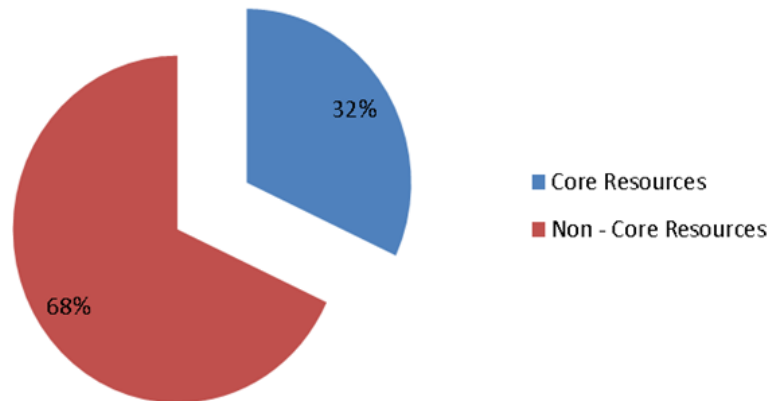
FINANCIAL SUPPORT (2005 – June 2014)



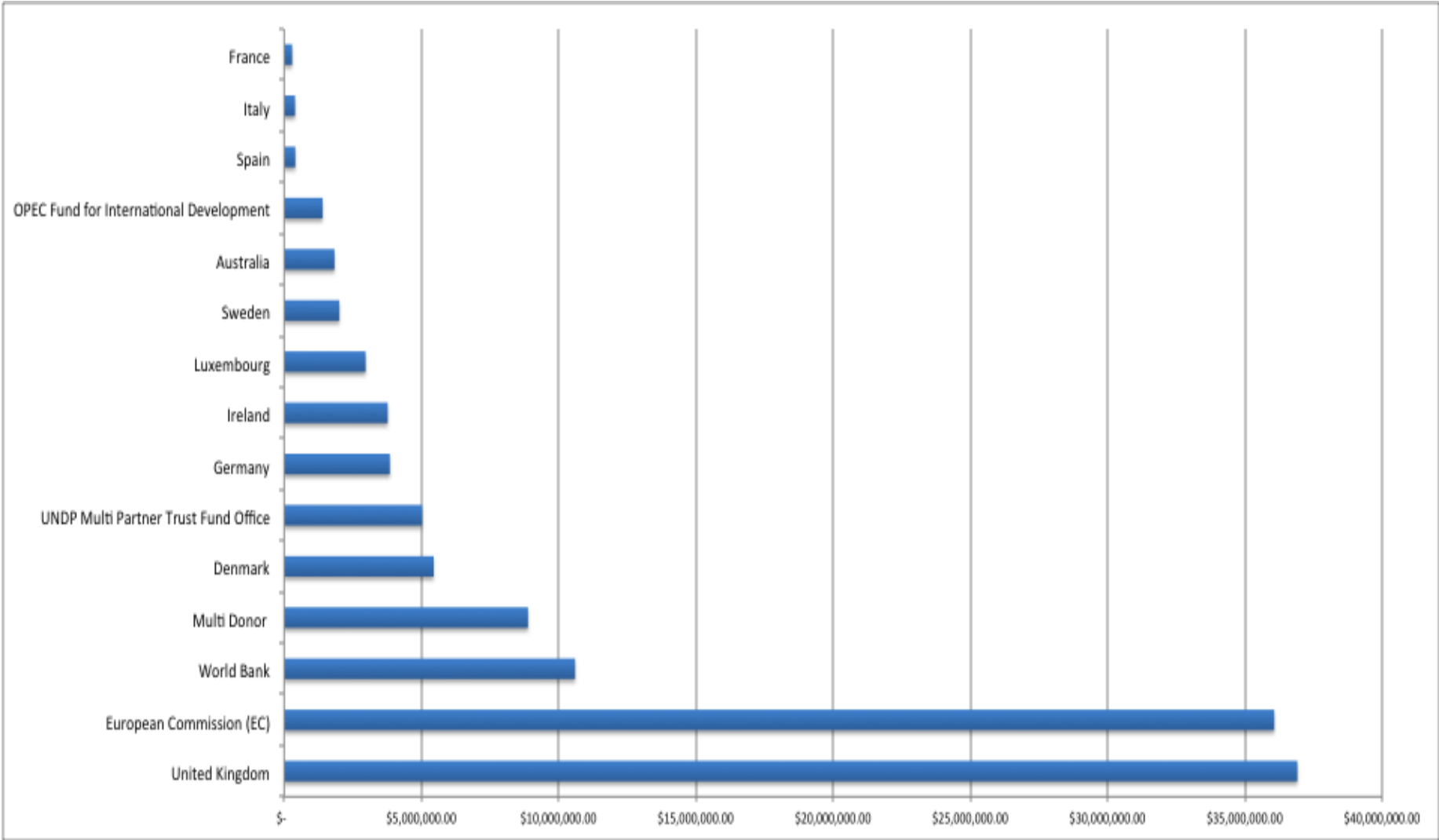
Year	Budgeted Amount for Census (USD)	Expenditure on Census (USD)	Implementation Rates
2005	\$24,203,053.37	\$22,829,497.70	94%
2006	\$14,473,758.71	\$13,033,323.52	90%
2007	\$56,776,512.81	\$45,358,149.86	80%
2008	\$62,503,881.35	\$47,492,558.65	76%
2009	\$21,964,026.14	\$16,852,357.46	77%
2010	\$28,647,978.78	\$22,436,638.95	78%
2011	\$33,871,019.74	\$27,142,581.26	80%
2012	\$19,444,677.17	\$14,830,772.68	76%
2013	\$14,424,714.04	\$9,142,614.03	63%
2014	\$42,116,554.40	\$8,102,203.64	19%
	\$318,426,176.51	\$227,220,697.75	71%



FINANCIAL SUPPORT (2005 – June 2014)



TOP 15 DONORS



TYPOLGY OF INTERVENTION

The different categories of UNFPA intervention are:

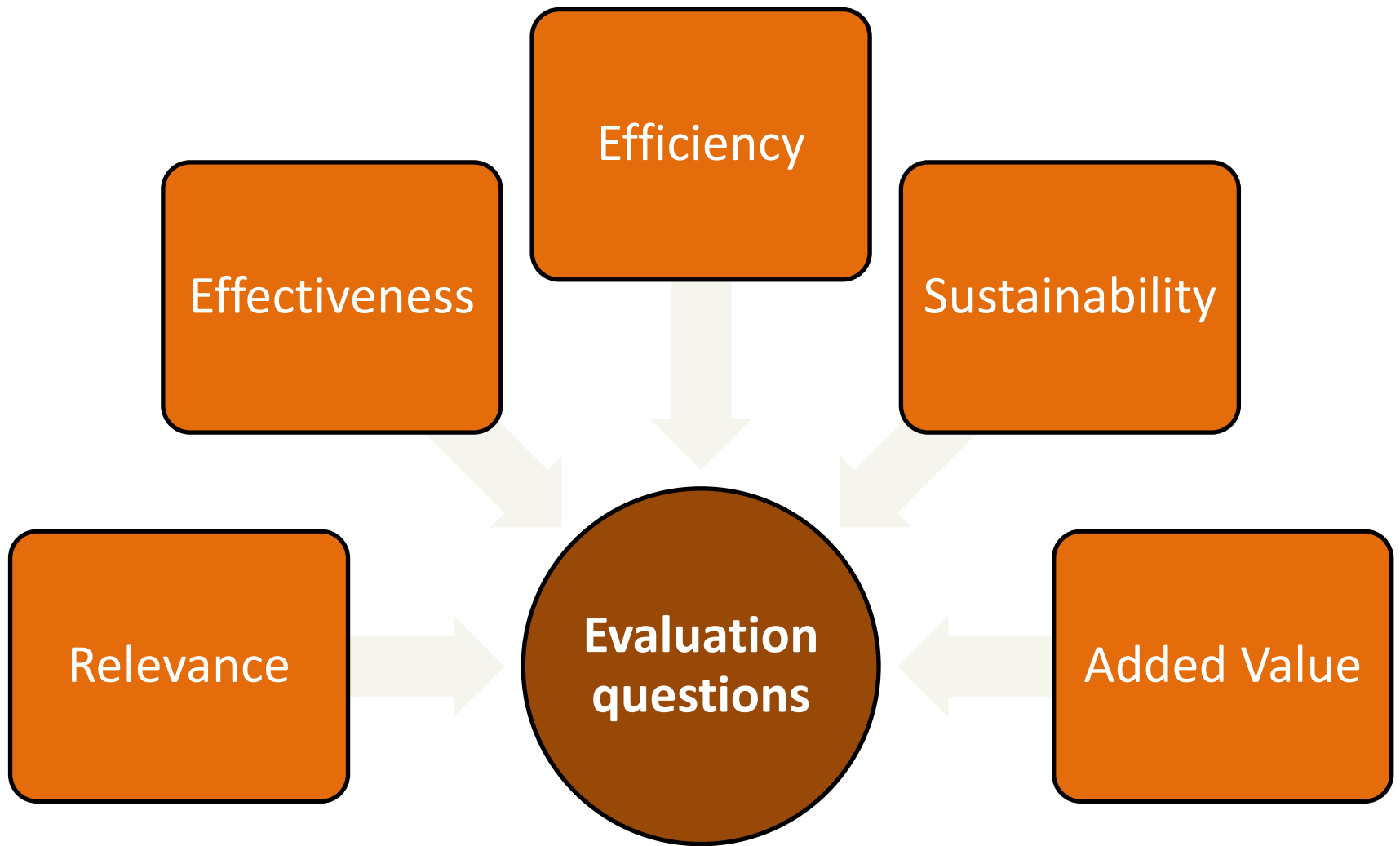
- **Advocacy** and **policy dialogue** to encourage the undertaking of censuses, resource mobilization, and create political commitment to collect and use internationally comparable data;
- **Technical assistance** and advice for planning, preparing, and carrying out the census including dissemination and analysis activities;
- **Service delivery** for example, to pay enumerators, or to procure equipment and/or services for questionnaire data capture
- Facilitation of **South-South and triangular cooperation**.

SUPPORT BY CATEGORY AND REGION

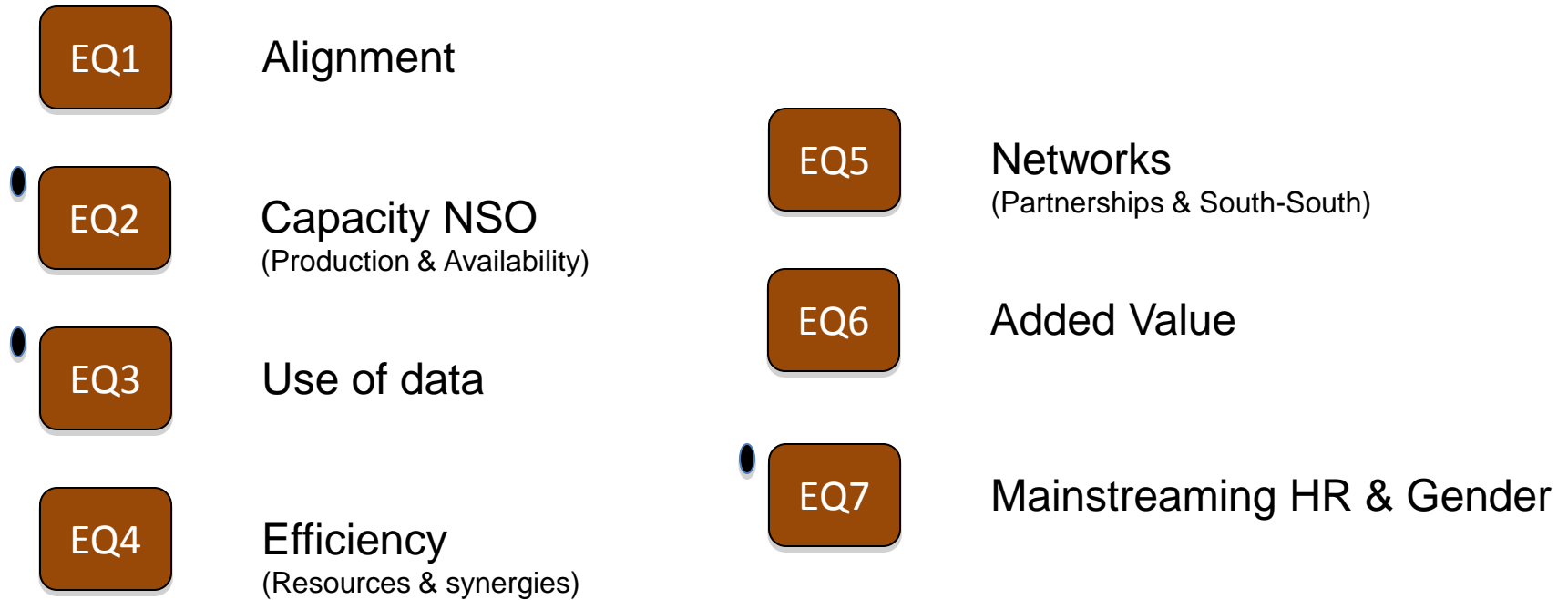
Region	Advocacy- Policy dialogue	TA- Capacity building	Service delivery & procurement	South- South	N. of countries supported
Asia- Pacific	44%	100%	56%	31%	32
Arab States	29%	93%	36%	14%	14
EECA	47%	87%	60%	20%	15
ESA	60%	100%	67%	13%	15
LAC	15%	73%	50%	18%	40
WCA	89%	100%	89%	0%	18
Total	42%	90%	58%	18%	134

Methodological approach of the evaluation

EVALUATION CRITERIA



SEVEN QUESTIONS



AT THREE LEVELS



KEY EVALUATION QUESTIONS

Evaluation question	Criteria
EQ1. To what extent was UNFPA support <u>aligned with partner government</u> priorities and national needs on availability of data on the one hand, and <u>UNFPA policies and strategies</u> on the other?	Relevance
EQ2. To what extent has UNFPA support <u>enhanced the capacity</u> of National Statistical Offices (NSO) to enable the production and availability of quality census data? To what extent is this enhanced capacity sustainable?	Effectiveness & Sustainability
EQ3. To what extent have UNFPA-supported interventions contributed (or are likely to contribute) to a <u>sustained increase in the use of population and housing census</u> and other relevant demographic and socio-economic data in the evidence-based development of plans, programmes and policies to improve access to SRH and rights population dynamics; gender equality at national and decentralized levels?	Effectiveness & sustainability

KEY EVALUATION QUESTIONS

Evaluation question	Criteria
EQ4. To what extent were <u>available resources adequate</u> , made available and used in a timely manner to support the 2010 census round? To what extent did UNFPA utilize synergies at country, regional and global levels with a view to support the implementation of the 2010 Round.	Efficiency
EQ5. To what extent has UNFPA made use of its existing <u>networks to establish partnerships</u> at country, regional and global level as well as promoting opportunities for <u>South-South Cooperation</u> with a view to support the implementation of the 2010 Round in a way that ensured an <u>swift implementation of the census and optimized the use of its results</u> ?	Efficiency & Effectiveness
EQ6. To what extent does UNFPA support to PHS data generation, analysis, dissemination and use, <u>add value</u> in comparison to other UN agencies and development partners at national, regional and global levels?	Added value
EQ7. To what extent has UNFPA support contributed to the <u>mainstreaming of human rights and gender equality</u> in the census process?	Effectiveness

AND FOR EACH QUESTION

Assumptions	Indicators	Sources of info	Methods & Tools
Possible answers to the questions formulated as hypothesis	Available body of facts/evidences supporting or challenging the assumption	Primary and secondary sources providing the facts / evidences (informants, documents, statistical digests, etc)	Methods and tools to collect the facts / evidences (interviews, groups discussions, surveys, desk review, focus groups)

CONTRIBUTION LINE

Achieve universal access to sexual and reproductive health, promote reproductive rights, reduce maternal mortality and accelerate progress on the ICPD agenda and the MDG5B, to improve the lives of adolescents and youth, and women, enabled by population dynamics, human rights, and gender equality

Better national / sub-national policies

Data used for evidence-based policy and programme development and monitoring (national at sub-national)

EQ3

Improved analysis of data by national stakeholders

Strengthened national capacity (Ministries, CSO, local authorities)

Improved availability of quality data

Enhanced enabling environment for the use of data

UNFPA census support intervention strategies

Technical assistance

South- South

Advice

Advocacy

Policy dialogue

1. Enhanced enabling environment for the conduction of the Census

2. Strengthened national capacity for the Production of quality data

3. Raw data published in a timely manner

4. Strengthened national capacity for the analysis of data

5. Strengthened national capacity for the dissemination of data

EQ2

Strengthened national capacity (NSO)

Household & thematic surveys

Population and housing Censuses

EQ4

National and sub-national Administrative records

UNPFA census support intervention strategies

Policy dialogue

Advocacy

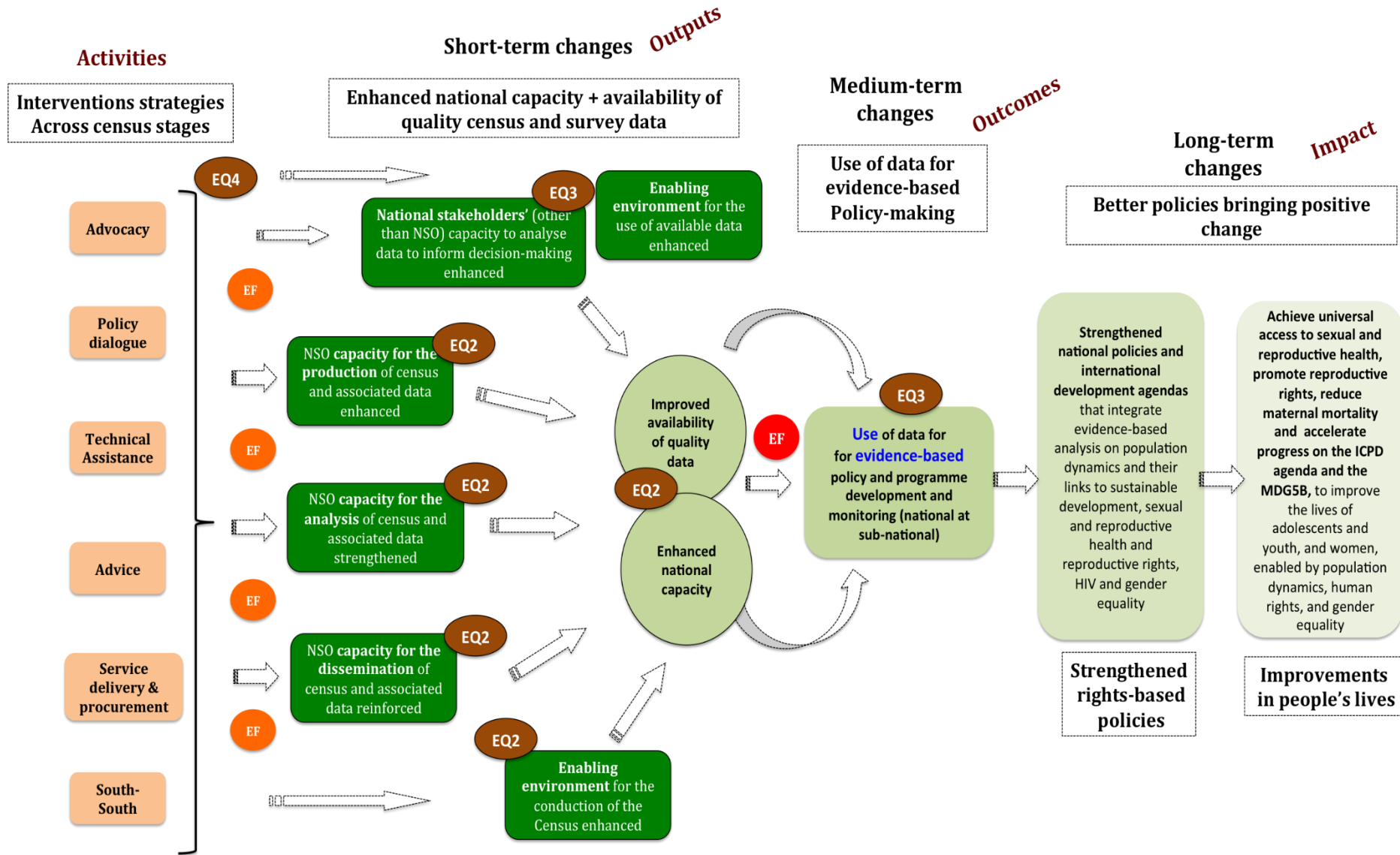
Service delivery & procurement

Technical assistance

Advice

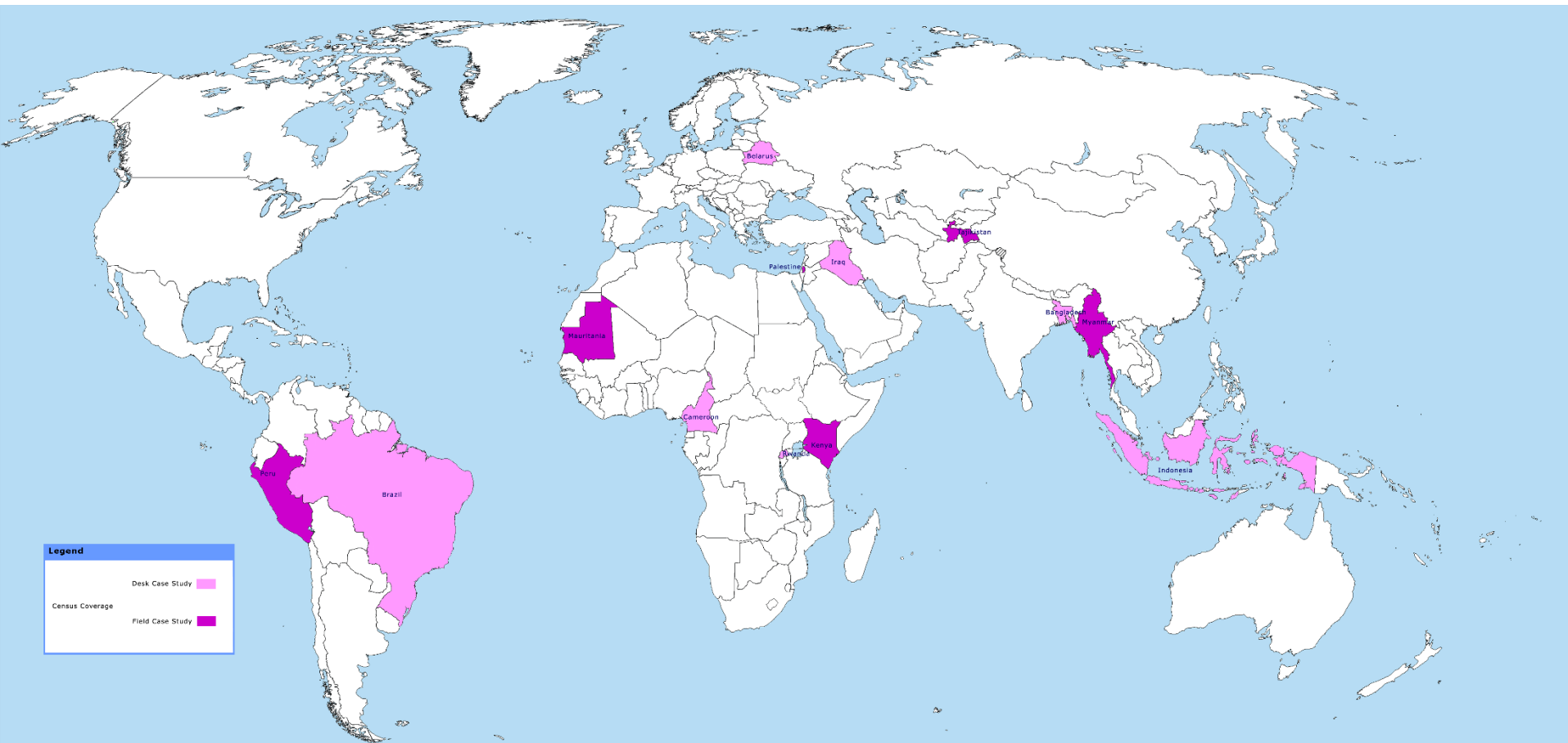
South- South

THEORY OF CHANGE



APPROACH FOR DATA COLLECTION

- Data collection at global, regional and country levels:
 - 13 countries: 6 in-depth country case studies; 7 countries for the extended desk review
 - 3 Surveys covering all 134 Programme Countries
 - Interviews to key informants at Global and Regional Levels



COUNTRY CASE STUDIES - TYPE A COUNTRIES

Region	Year the census was conducted							
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Arab States	Palestine: Pop: 4.2m support: \$3.6m							
Asia Pacific								Myanmar Pop: 51.4m, support: \$36.3m
Eastern Europe and Central Asia				Tajikistan: Pop: 8.2m support: \$0.7m				
Eastern and Southern Africa			Kenya: Pop: 44.4m, support: \$8.5m					
Latin America and the Caribbean	Peru: pop: 30.4m, support: \$33.8m							
Western and Central Africa							Mauritania: Pop: 3.9m, support: \$4m	

EXTENDED DESK REVIEW - TYPE B COUNTRIES

Bangladesh	(2011)
Brazil	(2010)
Cameroon	(2005)
Belarus	(2009)
Indonesia	(2010)
Iraq	(Not done)
Rwanda	(2012)

TYPES OF COUNTRIES

Data collection tools

TYPE A

- Face-to-face interviews & group discussions
- Direct observation
- Desk study
- CO soft aid and NSO capacity surveys

TYPE B

- Remote interviews
- Desk study
- Survey for national actors other than NSO (data users)
- CO soft aid survey
- **NSO capacity survey**

TYPE C

- Desk Study
- CO soft aid survey
- **NSO capacity survey**

SURVEY ON UNFPA SUPPORT TO STRENGTHEN THE CAPACITIES OF NSOs

The objectives of the questionnaire are:

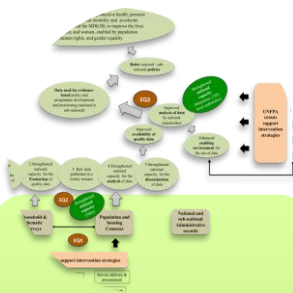
- to collect information on the type/nature of support provided, its effectiveness and relevance to strengthen the **capacities of NSOs**
- to capture elements of **sustainability** of the **capacities strengthened**
- to assess the **quality of the support** that NSOs have received from UNFPA

The answers to this questionnaire will be treated with confidentiality

WHERE ARE WE?



Preparatory



Design



Data
Collection



Reporting



Dissemination
and
follow up

Evaluation Phases

EVALUATION DELIVERABLES AND MILESTONES

- Inception Report – December 2014
- 6 Country case study final notes – September 2015
- Publication of Synthesis Evaluation Report + Management Response – February 2016
- Evaluation Brief (EN, FR and SP) – March 2016
- Presentation to the Executive Board – June 2016

For further information on the methodological approach please refer to the Inception Report:

<http://www.unfpa.org/admin-resource/evaluation-unfpa-support-population-and-housing-census-data-inform-decision-making>



Questions?

THANK YOU!