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### Extensions of ongoing country programmes

#### Note by the secretariat

##### *Summary*

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2009/11, this note informs the Executive Board of the one-year extension of the country programme for the Syrian Arab Republic, which was approved by the Executive Director.

This note further informs the Executive Board of the reasons for the proposed six-month extension of the country programme for Rwanda, following a one-year extension; the proposed one-year extension of the country programme for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, following three consecutive one-year extensions; and the proposed one-year extension of the country programme for the Sudan, following three consecutive one-year extensions. The Executive Board is requested to approve these extensions.

##### *Draft decision*

##### *The Executive Board*

1. *Takes note* of the one-year extension of the country programme for the Syrian Arab Republic, which was approved by the Executive Director and is presented in table 1;

2. *Approves* the six-month extension of the country programme for Rwanda, following a one-year extension; the one-year extension of the country programme for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, following three consecutive one-year extensions; and the one-year extension of the country programme for the Sudan, following three consecutive one-year extensions, all of which are presented in table 2.

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*Note:* The present document was processed in its entirety by UNICEF.



Table 1  
**Extensions of one year (or less) of ongoing country programmes approved by the Executive Director**

<i>UNICEF-supported country programme</i>	<i>Original programme period, including previous extensions</i>	<i>Year/period approved for extension</i>	<i>Reasons for the extension</i>
Syrian Arab Republic	07/2022– 12/2024	January to December 2025 <i>(one-year extension)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– This one-year extension was requested due to the extension of the current United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework, 2022-2024 for an additional year, as agreed with the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic.</li> <li>– UNICEF is aligned with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) regarding this extension, and the Resident Coordinator/Humanitarian Coordinator has endorsed the extension.</li> </ul>

Table 2

**Extensions of ongoing country programmes for which the approval of the Executive Board is requested**

<i>UNICEF-supported country programme</i>	<i>Original programme period, including previous extensions</i>	<i>Year/period proposed for extension</i>	<i>Reasons for the extension</i>
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	2017–2024 <i>(including three consecutive one-year extensions)</i>	January to December 2025 <i>(one-year extension)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– This one-year extension is being requested due to the extension of the United Nations Strategic Framework for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (which has been in place since 2017), following an agreement between the United Nations Resident Coordinator's Office and the Government.</li> <li>– UNICEF is aligned with the other Executive Committee agency present in the country (UNFPA) regarding this extension.</li> </ul>
Rwanda	07/2018–06/2024 <i>(including a one-year extension)</i>	July to December 2024 <i>(six-month extension)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– This six-month extension is being requested to ensure better alignment of a new United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework with the new national strategy for transformation, which is being developed by the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning.</li> <li>– The extension has been agreed with the Government of Rwanda, requested by the United Nations Resident Coordinator and endorsed by the Regional Directors of the Executive Committee agencies.</li> </ul>
Sudan	2018–2024 <i>(including three consecutive one-year extensions)</i>	January to December 2025 <i>(one-year extension)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– This one-year extension is being requested due to an extension of the current United Nations Development Assistance Framework, 2018–2024, which was necessitated due to the outbreak of conflict in April 2023 and the continued volatility of the situation in the country.</li> <li>– The extension has been agreed upon by all Executive Committee agencies operating in the Sudan.</li> </ul>