

Office of the Secretary of the UNICEF Executive Board

Template for delegations commenting on the draft country programme documents

2022 annual session

Draft country programme document commenting period: 22 March to 11 April 2022

Delegations are kindly invited to use this to share their comments on the draft country programme document being presented to the Executive Board during the forthcoming session.

Delegation name: United States of America

Draft country programme document: Kenya

In accordance with Executive Board decision [2014/1](#), draft country programme documents are considered and approved in one session, on a no-objection basis. All comments received by the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board before the deadline stated above will be posted on the Executive Board website, and considered by the requesting country, in close consultation with UNICEF.

	Delegation's comments	Response(s)
General comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We welcome UNICEF's approach to reduce multidimensional child poverty and strengthen household's resilience to shocks.• We encourage UNICEF to ensure gender integration across programs including women's and girls' participation in decision-making at household and community levels.• We note a surprising lack of programming to address the current historic drought occurring in the Horn of Africa, which is likely to have long-term impacts beyond humanitarian need. What does UNICEF plan to do to address the drought response and recovery in the plan?• We support the focus of the CPD on the most underserved, vulnerable communities in rural and urban areas. How does UNICEF plan to deliberately address the significant equity gaps in several of the coverage and mortality measures cited?	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Given the high numbers of under-immunized and unimmunized children and outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases (including most recently, yellow fever), how does UNICEF plan to prioritize technical and financial support for strengthening routine immunization, at both national and subnational levels? ● We recommend further strengthening the focus on equity and minimizing missed opportunities for vaccination -- a key strategy for broadening access to immunization. ● We ask UNICEF to consider adding indicators for measles-containing-vaccine second dose (MCV2) and human papillomavirus vaccine (HPV) under the results and resources framework. ● The CPD has no mention of pneumonia and diarrhea which are major killers of children under five. Does UNICEF have a plan to focus explicit attention on the prevention and management of these concerns? 	
<p>Comments on specific aspects of the draft country programme document</p>		