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 template to share their comments on the draft country programme document being presented to the Executive Board during the forthcoming session.

Delegation name: Sweden

Draft country programme document: *Tanzania draft CPD*

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	• We welcome the inter-sectorial approach. UNICEF has a unique role to integrate e.g. education, WASH, child protection to reach the most vulnerable children and youth, including out of school children.	
	• We'd like to underline the importance of UNICEF, jointly with other stakeholders, to continue advocating for increased domestic financing and human resources for education.	
	• Coordination with other UN agencies and one voice, is key. Further, to avoid duplication of efforts and resources, coordination with other UN agencies, the main ministry and CSO's is important.	
	• Good with a system-strengthening approach in programs. In practice however, the focus is often on more limited outreach via projects that might have a potential to be scaled up. We would welcome a clearer division of tasks with other UN bodies like UNESCO with system strengthening expertise in areas such as	

		
	climate change in curricula and comprehensive sexuality education where UNESCO has been the lead the last years contributing with substantial expertise.	
	• The insufficient national funding for education in combination of the young population and demographic forecast, underline the needs for prioritisation on the key challenges in the education sector. The proposed focus on high- and low-technology solutions is very costly in relation to expected outcome and driven mainly by donors, we encourage UNICEF programs to focus more on the core challenges in the sector.	
	• The program is very comprehensive. With relatively limited funding, we recommend UNICEF to focus its programming, concentrating on areas of its main expertise and complementing other UN agencies in others. UNICEF is also encouraged to investigate opportunities for co-funding with other initiatives in the education sector.	
	• The reflection on Gender transformative programming in the CPD is universal and general. How this will be applied is too general and not contextualized to the Tanzanian context or to issues facing children in Tanzania. We encourage these needs to be customized to show what social norms victimize children in Tanzania and if there will be new approaches to address the gap.	
	• We would like to see the role of UNICEF in the national strategies on protection clarified. What is the role of UNICEF in the ending National Plan of Action on Violence Against Women and Children (NPA-VAWC)?	
	• The role of UNICEF in data driven solutions is not highlighted and needs to be clarified. For example, what is UNICEF's role in technical support on accessibility, availability and credibility of data?	
	• The CPD would benefit from strengthening how programme management will ensure it is accessible, inclusive, consultative, and representative for all key actors involved in programming.	

Comments on specific aspects of the draft country programme document	-	