

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 (Kenya, United Republic of Tanzania)

24 March to 13 April (Syrian Arab Republic)

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.
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Delegation name: *Danish Mission to the UN*

Draft country programme document: *Syrian Arab Republic*

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	<p>DK reiterates its general concerns regarding the UNSF, a number of which are also reflected in the draft CPD. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Insufficiently holistic analyses of the conflict in Syria, its root causes, human rights violations and the realities on the ground, including the dire humanitarian situation in northern Syria. There is a need for deeper and broader analysis of the continued state of conflict in the country and its development since its beginning in 2011, as the basis for any programming. Challenges related to humanitarian access and thereby delivery of humanitarian assistance in line with humanitarian principles should also be elaborated.	

	<p>b) Footnotes regarding reservations on the side of the Syrian regime regarding the UN “Principles and Parameters of UN assistance in Syria”: Adherence to P&P remains essential. We expect all aspects of implementation of the CPD’s and programming to be compliant and within the scope of P&P and the UN/agencies to ensure that adherence is monitored.</p> <p>c) Denmark is guided, inter alia, by the EU Council Conclusions on Syria from April 2018 in our decision-making and as a donor in response to the Syria conflict. The EU Council Conclusions stipulate that “EU assistance must benefit the population of Syria and avoid benefits accruing to the Syrian regime that would legitimise its national and local governance”. CPD references to the strategy plan “Syria 2030” are concerning. Denmark reminds agencies of donor conditionalities, including those of the EU, not to support reconstruction until a political process, on the basis of UN Security Council Resolution 2254, is firmly underway.</p>	
<p>Comments on specific aspects of the draft country programme document</p>	<p><i>(Delegations providing comments may wish to include details, such as the page number, paragraph number, or page of the annexed results and resources framework.</i></p>	