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: Kenya 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	UNICEF has developed a draft CPD but they have not indicated if the previous CPD was evaluated and the outcomes of the evaluation and how they have influenced the draft CPD	We appreciate the opportunity to provide the following clarification. There was no Country Programme evaluation at the end of the 2018-2022 CPD cycle. This is done every second cycle as per UNICEF Global Evaluation policy; and an evaluation for 2022-2026 Country Programme is planned, as per the Costed Evaluation Plan attached to the proposed CPD. However, all the sectoral evaluations along with the regular reviews and other evidence generated during the current country programme period as well as the "Mid Term Strategic Reflection" informed the formulation of the new CPD strategies.

Comments on specific
aspects of the draft
country programme
document

(Delegations providing comments may wish to include details, such as the page number, paragraph number, or page of the annexed results and resources framework.

No: 23 Theory of Change: - The CPD draft states that UNICEF's TOC is derived from the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework 2022–2026 (UNSDCF). There is need to quote what this is or state what then is the overall TOC for UNICEF.

We thank Sweden for the opportunity to elaborate UNICEF's overarching TOC that derives from the UNSDCF. The TOC of the UNSDCF towards Kenya Vision 2030 envisages two main strategic areas/results for (a) people and peace and (b) prosperity and planet being accelerated with strategic enabler of partnerships, as well as other accelerators. The TOC keeps its focus primarily on four main population groups for LNOB principle.

Contributing to this vision of change, UNICEF country programme's overall TOC is that:

- If more new-borns, children, adolescents and women, particularly in deprived areas survive and thrive and live in a safe environment, with better access to and improved use of high-quality health, nutrition, HIV and WASH services; and
- o if more children, including adolescents, particularly in deprived areas, learn and acquire foundational and transferable skills for the future; and
- if more children, including adolescents, particularly in deprived areas, are safer and better protected from violence, exploitation abuse, neglect, harm and HIV; and
- o if more children and adolescents, particularly in deprived areas, benefit from enabling policies and social protection to live free from poverty,

Then

More children in Kenya, including adolescents, and especially the most excluded, will realise their rights.

Due to constraints of word count, full elaboration of the UNSDCF/UNICEF TOC could not be place in the CPD.