

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.

Delegation name: *Federal Republic of Germany*

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>CPDs are overall well drafted and address the right priorities in light of the multiple challenges in the Syrian context.</p> <p>However, the CPDs do only partly reflect the current situation in Syria. There is no mention of the conflict which is in its 12th year or the role of the SYR regime in causing the extreme challenges that the UN programmes try to address.</p> <p>The CPDs also reflect the reservations of the Syrian regime regarding the <u>UN Parameters and Principles</u>. We suggest to underline that the full implementation of UN Parameters and Principles is key to the UN engagement for the Syrian population.</p>	<p>The acknowledgement is appreciated.</p> <p>UNICEF continues to advocate for the availability of data. Unfortunately, the data is scarce at this point. Also, due to the limitation of the CPD, which is a technical document meant to provide a broad framework of UNICEF's programmatic priorities with strict word limit, it is difficult to further elaborate.</p> <p>This said, UNICEF conducted a situation analysis of children and adolescents for the CPD, including risk analyses considering conflict sensitivity and the vulnerability of children. UNICEF adopts a context-</p>

		<p>sensitive, vulnerability monitoring and community-based and localized approaches to the delivery of its programme to ensure that equitable, inclusive, community-driven priorities and solutions inform UNICEF programming.</p> <p>Also, as part of the One UN, UNICEF contributed to a comprehensive UN socio-economic context analysis. Additionally, UNICEF field-based programme staff regular assessments of the context, trends and vulnerabilities of children's and their families is critical for the programme planning and implementation.</p> <p>We are also pleased that UNICEF has received the approval to conduct the Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS), for the first time since 2006. This is a critical undertaking for further identifying key areas for prioritization in UNICEF and partner programming. We are confident that the narrative will be further grounded with this updated household survey data on key social indicators that are critical for children.</p> <p>The CPD for the Syrian Arab Republic, as is the case for other CPDs and in line with the QCPR and UNDS reform requirements, is aligned with and derived from the Strategic Framework, as validated by the Resident Coordinator.</p> <p>Currently, the primary priority for UNICEF through this CPD is to secure conditions to provide principled, on-the-ground assistance to meet the immediate humanitarian needs of children and population in Syria and fulfil their rights and protection, prevent a further escalation of needs, and build the resilience of vulnerable children and their families and communities. the programme planning and implementation.</p> <p>As referenced in Paragraph 23 of the CPD, UNICEF operates fully in line with the document titled, "Parameters and Principles of UN assistance in Syria", which recognize that reconstruction will only be possible once a credible political solution, consistent with UNSCR 2254 and the</p>
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<p>Comments on specific aspects of the draft country programme document</p>	<p>The Principles and Parameters of United Nations Assistance in Syria apply to all measures of the United Nations in Syria and should not be limited to early recovery as suggested in paragraph 23.</p> <p>Risk Management: continued conflict and violence pose serious threats to UN programme implementation. It would be appropriate to reflect these aspects more carefully.</p> <p>Risk Management under paragraph 46 and following paragraphs should also highlight safeguards against human-rights infringements.</p>	<p>As referenced in Paragraph 23 of the CPD, UNICEF operates fully in line with the document titled, “Parameters and Principles of UN Assistance in Syria”.</p> <p>Risk management description has been reviewed to better reflect UNICEF’s risk management system in paragraphs 46-51.</p>