

Office of the Secretary of the UNICEF Executive Board

Template for delegations commenting on the draft country programme documents

2022 second regular session

Draft country programme document commenting period (except for the draft CPD for Gabon): 14 June to 5 July 2022 [18:00 EST]

Draft country programme document for Gabon commenting period: 17 June to 11 July 2022 [18:00 EST]

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: **South Sudan**

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">- To ensure synergies and avoid duplication it is recommended that UNICEF further elucidate in the draft CPD how they will coordinate with other actors, especially given the many sectors and thematic areas that UNICEF plans to engage in (under Programme priorities and partnerships).- Provided the strong linkages between the outcomes and the gender equality agenda, the draft CPD would benefit from a more elaborated context-specific gender analysis, including how the collective efforts will contribute to a transformative approach that will positively change the conditions and situation of women and girls in South Sudan. The current reference to the UNICEF Gender Action Plan 2022–2025 provides limited guidance on how	

	<p>this will be achieved in the context of South Sudan (under Programme priorities and partnerships).</p>	
<p>Comments on specific aspects of the draft country programme document</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Paragraphs on Health and Nutrition (p 6-7): It is understood that UNICEF CO intends to mainstream treatment of nutrition-related complications into primary health care services, however, given the high numbers of MAM (moderate acute malnutrition) and SAM (severe acute malnutrition) in the context of South Sudan, the CPD could seek to clarify how it intends to mainstream treatment of nutrition-related complications beyond fixed health facilities to ensure broader integration of nutrition services into health services. - Paragraph on Child Protection (p 8): Given the high needs of MHPSS (mental health and psychosocial support) and the limited capacity that exists in South Sudan, the CPD could clarify if UNICEF intends to embed the planned MHPSS services within the government structures or elsewhere? <p>Also, a clarification regarding terminology and planned support is required: will the planned MHPSS support include specific interventions on mental health (and not only psychosocial support services), provided the almost non-existing national resources and capacity?</p>	