

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: 14 June to 5 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: *The Danish Mission to the UN*

Draft country programme document: *Draft country programme document for Egypt (2023-2027) (E/ICEF/2022/P/L.30)*

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>The draft country programme for Egypt (2023-2027) overall captures the needs for child protection and development in the country, but it could further address the challenges to the programme to ensure full effectiveness and progress of the interventions.</p> <p>Further, the country programme should include reference to and inclusion of civil society organizations on children rights particularly in Section (2) on programme priorities and partnerships.</p>	

<p>Comments on specific aspects of the draft country programme document</p>	<p>In Section (1) on <i>programme rationale</i>;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The main challenges for progress on several issues, including in relation to follow up and implementation, could be elaborated in this section. - Paragraph 1 could include the current economic challenges faced by the Egyptian economy and its potential impact; as it only states economic growth stability in the Egyptian economy with decreasing poverty rate, which is not necessarily the case at the moment - Paragraphs 7, 10 and 14, tackling the situation of migrant and refugee children, do not encompass the exclusion of refugee and migrant children from state social services, including social care intuitions. - Moreover, paragraph 10 does not adequately address the various protection issues faced by children in contact with the law and particularly children on the move; including but not limited to over-use of detention, lack of access to legal representation and lack of statistics of the matter. This is also coupled by limited rehabilitation and reintegration services for these children. These factors are critical to address. - Paragraph 11 refers to decreasing rates of FGM, while the cited official statistics (Egypt Demographic and Health Survey 2014) do not indicate such progress. The cited survey indicates a rate of 87.6 % among women and girls aged 15-19 years. More recent estimates should be cited in the country programme, if available. <p>Section 2 on <i>programme priorities and partnerships</i> should also focus on ensuring the systematic implementation of national policies to promote progress and sustainability of efforts.</p>	
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