

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: *USA*

Draft country programme document: *Niger*

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">● The United States welcomes the Country Programme Document for Niger.● UNICEF highlights significant challenges related to “the lack of health centres, their uneven geographic distribution and their poor provision of equipment, qualified personnel and water and sanitation facilities.” How will UNICEF address this issue, both directly and indirectly, e.g. through engagement with other partners?● We ask UNICEF to further clarify its social behavior change approaches to accompany sanitation and hygiene activities.● We appreciate UNICEF's attention to strengthening of sector governance and accountability frameworks and urge UNICEF to ensure the communities' voices, especially	

	<p>those of the most vulnerable, are incorporated, as per Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP) principles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In the document, UNICEF acknowledges the low level of national budget spending on social sectors and the risks associated with limited national budget and inconsistent institutional capacity that could compromise achieving outlined objectives. However, the mitigation measures mentioned do address these particular risks. Can UNICEF expand on planned measures to mitigate risks specifically related to these budgetary and institutional capacity concerns? 	
<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>	