

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: *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">● The United States commends UNICEF's shift from a predominately service-delivery focus to investments in sustainable systems and capacity building. However, malnutrition rates have increased by 36 percent in 2022. Does UNICEF believe it can pivot away from life-saving nutrition interventions when South Sudan faces humanitarian needs?● Does UNICEF plan to seek South Sudan government funding to ensure that UNICEF programming, in country, can be sustained for a longer period of time? (creating a "burden sharing" approach)● The United States acknowledges UNICEF's plan to shift from nutrition programming that focuses on life-saving activities through national and international NGOs towards supporting the Government of South Sudan's capacities to	

	<p>deliver services and implement multi-sectoral systems. We would like more information on the processes UNICEF will take to implement this shift. We ask UNICEF to share information on their approach implementing the Supply Chain maturity model in South Sudan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● UNICEF plans to mainstream treatment of severe wasting with medical complications into the primary health care package of services. How will UNICEF coordinate this work with the World Health Organization and how will UNICEF ensure the implementation of this is funded?● The United States is supportive of the integrated Community Case Management (iCCM) work mentioned in the program document and recommends that this includes wasting treatment as iCCM + to increase access to care and treatment in humanitarian contexts.● UNICEF describes a focus on public-private partnerships and sustainability within the WASH sector. How will these efforts be balanced with increasing humanitarian needs? Please describe how efforts or activities will be prioritized.● The United States appreciates UNICEF's strategic focus on using evidence-based, gender-responsive social and behavioural change and community engagement in program implementation. We ask UNICEF to share more information on its plans to incorporate discriminatory gender norms change or other gender transformative programming work within the programmatic priorities.● We ask UNICEF to share more details on how population groups with intersecting vulnerabilities like people with disabilities and LGBTQIA+ groups, are included in UNICEF's programming in South Sudan and particularly among adolescents- given that almost 57 percent of the population is younger than 18 years old.● We appreciate UNICEF applying the Accountability to Affected Populations framework to support programs in South Sudan, including implementation through local actors and communities. Can UNICEF provide further	
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	<p>information on how they will be able to prioritize the voices, needs, and capacities of local communities, including the most vulnerable, to play a significant role in influencing these local programs?</p>	
<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>	