

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: *Zambia*

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">• We ask UNICEF to explore the option of integrating COVID-19 vaccination campaigns with routine immunization in an effort to expand vaccine coverage in both areas.• In addition to attention given to diarrhoea as a major cause of death in children under-five, UNICEF should consider also focusing explicit attention on the prevention and management of other major killers of children under five including pneumonia and malaria.• We welcome additional analysis related to the direct effects of Zambia's still concerningly high child marriage rate (29% in 2019) on HIV transmission, educational attainment, and more.• We ask UNICEF to consider investing in youth-friendly interventions for reaching adolescents affected by HIV	

	given the high transmission rate within this population (53% of adolescents 10-19 years old).	
Comments on specific aspects of the draft country programme document	<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>	