

**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.

	<b>Delegation's comments</b>	<b>Response(s)</b>
<b>General comments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>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.</li></ul>	<p>UNICEF appreciates the comments made by the USA on Zambia draft Country Programme Document (CPD).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Supporting the Expanded Programme on Immunisation in Primary Health Care has been identified as one of the priorities for the Health/HIV programme component. UNICEF will help strengthen an effective, efficient and resilient national immunisation system to deliver life-saving vaccines across the life-course continuum, including routine immunisation for children and women, HPV for adolescents, COVID-19 vaccines for all eligible age groups, and other new vaccines that are critical for controlling vaccine preventable diseases. UNICEF will take advantage of investments for COVID-19 vaccination as sustainable assets to</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 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.</li> <li>● 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.</li> </ul>	<p>strengthen the routine immunisation and Primary Health Care system, such as the expansion of the cold chain system, improvements to micro-planning and management information system (digitalization of data collection, monitoring, and reporting), and the expansion of the network of vaccinators and community-based platforms to improve demand generation and public aware on immunization. UNICEF will further support the community engagement and continuity of essential services through dedicated efforts for collaboration with other sectors to include COVID-19 vaccination in the package of essential services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● UNICEF will support the Government in strengthening the health system to improve capacities of delivering high-impact reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health services, including integrated management of childhood illness (IMCI). This will entail supporting the institutionalisation of community health to strengthen the provisions of integrated facility-based and community-based case management including malaria, diarrhoea and pneumonia, and promote nurturing care (integrated community case management and IMCI). This will be complemented with social and behaviour change efforts to promote preventive practices (e.g., hygiene promotion and bed net use).</li> <li>● Efforts on reducing the high rate of child marriage will continue, and UNICEF will work with partners to conduct additional analysis on the causes and impacts of child marriage to develop and implement social and behaviour change and other preventions. This includes data collection, analysis and other</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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).</li> </ul>	<p>evidence generation activities as a key method for UNICEF to inform and develop evidence-based programmes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investing in adolescents who represent a quarter of Zambia’s population can be a driver of economic and social transformation—UNICEF will help build the Government’s capacities to expand programmes and interventions that seek to address health challenges faced by adolescents, and provide high-quality, comprehensive and integrated adolescent-friendly services that are accessible and responsive to their needs, including HIV treatment and prevention.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Comments on specific aspects of the draft country programme document</b></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>	