

Office of the Secretary of the UNICEF Executive Board

Template for delegations commenting on the draft country programme documents

2023 first regular session

Draft country programme document commenting period for Cabo Verde common country programme document: 7 to 25 November 2022 [18:00 EST]

Draft country programme document commenting period for Algeria; Bolivia (Plurinational State of); Central African Republic; Costa Rica; Dominican Republic; Ecuador; Haiti; Iran (Islamic Republic of); Lebanon; Nepal; Pacific Islands (multi-country programme); Palestinian children and women in Jordan, Lebanon, the Syrian Arab Republic and the State of Palestine (area programme); Sao Tome and Principe: 15 November to 5 December 2022 [18:00 EST]

Draft country programme for Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of): TBC

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: *New Zealand*

Draft country programme document: *Pacific Islands (multi-country programme)*

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.

	Delegation's comments	Response(s)
General comments		
Comments on specific aspects of the draft country programme document	We note in para 34 that UNICEF will accelerate efforts to promote approaches to reduce stunting and improve the quality of foods. One of the target countries for the First 1000 Days is the Solomon Islands, and we are aware UNICEF has been doing work there on micronutrients supplementation. However, we note the Solomon Islands is not included on the prioritisation list, and UNICEF may consider adding it to the list.	UNICEF Pacific acknowledges and appreciates the comment and has subsequently confirmed that the Government of Solomon Islands wishes for UNICEF to continue to prioritise support for nutrition in the country. This has now been included in the MCPD in paragraph 34.

		UNICEF also wishes to sincerely thank and acknowledge the Government and people of New Zealand for their continuous support to UNICEF's work for children and women in the Pacific and looks forward to continued strong collaboration.
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