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; and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of): 15 November to 5 December 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: Germany

Draft country programme document: Bolivia (Plurinational State of)

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	 Through the UNICEF program, synergies can be established with the German Technical Cooperation project on prevention of violence against women. To a lesser extent, synergies can be generated with the current water and basic sanitation sector, particularly with UNICEF's program priority on water, sanitation and hygiene and climate and environment. There are donor coordination roundtables on gender, water and health in which UNICEF and GIZ (also KfW in water) participate, but direct exchange could be beneficial in order to deepen possible synergies. 	 UNICEF appreciates the comments made by the German Delegation on the Bolivia country programme document (CPD). The comments are relevant and timely and will inform the ongoing work of elaborating programme strategy notes, work plans and advocacy strategies. During the 2023-2027 CPD UNICEF Bolivia will be escalating its advocacy and technical assistance actions for both areas, preventing violence against women and improving access to quality Basic Water and Sanitation Services.

- Throughout the new CPD and in line with the UNSCDF 2023-2027, UNICEF will continue strengthening the child protection system and contributing to preventing and responding to violence against women and children in collaboration with other UN agencies and international cooperation. In this context, UNICEF will continue ensuring the pursuit of strong collaboration with the German Technical Cooperation to leverage results in this area.
- At the National Level, UNICEF is working very closely with the Ministry of Environment and Water, the National Service for the Sustainability of Basic Sanitation Services (SENASBA) and the Authority for the Enforcement and Social Control of Basic Water and Sanitation (AAPS). The main results of this collaboration are aimed at focusing on promoting decentralized sanitation solutions for urban and rural sanitation, learning from successful experiences carried out by UNICEF in the past years.
- Under the scope of this support, UNICEF has agreed with the Ministry of Environment and Water to implement a National Plan for the Promotion of Decentralized Urban and Rural Sanitation for additional municipalities, which sewage-based projects will not reach in the near future.
- The scale-up of these interventions will be only possible with the support and technical assistance of all agencies and bilateral donors involved in cooperation with the WASH sector. As part of the Donor Group for Water and Sanitation (GRAS), UNICEF recognizes the critical participation of GIZ and KFW in this agenda and will seek additional synergies and coordination with both institutions.

Comments on specific aspects of the draft country programme document	(Delegations providing comments may wish to include details, such as the page number, paragraph number, or page of the annexed results and resources framework.	