

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): 18 November to 8 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: **Canada**

Draft country programme document: **Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic 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.

	Delegation's comments	Response(s)
General comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Canada would like to thank UNICEF for sharing its draft program document outlining UNICEF assistance to Venezuela for 2023-2026, and notes that the program rationale, priorities, key components and outputs are well suited to help address	UNICEF welcomes the comments made by Canada on the Venezuelan Country Programme Document (CPD).

	<p>Venezuela’s demographic, health, nutrition, education, protection, and WASH needs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The document notes plans to collaborate with other UN agencies. We look forward to additional detail on how these plans will be executed, including collaboration with WFP on the implementation of school feeding programs; and PAHO on the implementation of immunization campaigns, as well as coordination with the pertinent ministries and other aspects of the response. • We appreciate UNICEF’s focus on generating stronger indicators to inform public policies and supporting the State in the use of innovative technologies and data-collection techniques. Sharing of data is critical for fostering data-driven decisions and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), while protecting the rights of individuals and organisations. We would encourage UNICEF to maintain (and augment) its efforts for the promotion of open data. • The document could develop further on coordination with the Humanitarian Needs Overview and Humanitarian Response Plans. While some reference to emergency and crisis situations 	<p>The coordination between UNICEF and other UN agencies is developed mainly twofold through i) Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP), that compiles the prioritized states and establishes the lines of key lifesaving interventions according to each UN agency mandate and defined activities. ii) UN Agencies joint delivery in most vulnerable areas and/or specific interventions, with complementary roles among UN agencies. With strengthened presence of WFP, UNICEF is transitioning out of the school feeding programme, while the coordination with PAHO is well established for support of the national immunization programme, in coordination with the pertinent ministries (Education and Health).</p> <p>UNICEF acknowledges the importance of accurate and updated data. In coordination with the National Statistics Institute (INE), the development of a more robust statistical system was identified as a key element, and it was included in the CPD as a main line of action (refer to paragraphs 28 and 29). UNICEF will continue to advocate and engage with the Government to use the available tools and practices, such as the Multi Indicators Cluster Surveys (MICS), Census, and others.</p> <p>The CPD, and the theory of change, were developed considering the nexus approach as the pillar to accelerate the transition to more sustainable results. While addressing prevailing humanitarian needs, the work will be focused on building capacity for long-term impact and resilience. The</p>
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	is made, little attention is given to ensure a nexus with humanitarian actions.	comment is well received and will be taken into account during the implementation of the CPD.
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>	