

## 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: *Finland*

Draft country programme document: *Venezuela*

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)
<b>General comments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Finland welcomes the multiple references in the CPD to the most vulnerable groups as well as a clear and strong gender focus.</li><li>We would, however, welcome a stronger human rights focus throughout the CPD.</li></ul>	<p>UNICEF takes note and appreciates the comments made by the Republic of Finland on the Country Programme Document (CPD).</p> <p>As a human-rights based organization, UNICEF is guided by, and takes into account within its programming, the human rights standards and principles. The CPD is further guided by the principles and provisions of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, its Optional Protocols, CEDAW and all other relevant international child and human rights standards, and includes interventions focused on building capacities of both duty-bearers</p>

		and rights-holders in alignment with the UNSDCF as a key condition to improve active citizenship and social accountability.
<b>Comments on specific aspects of the draft country programme document</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The results framework lacks references to the most vulnerable groups as well as information on how disaggregated data will be collected. We would recommend UNICEF to apply the Washington Group's Child Functioning Module to collect better disability sensitive data:  <a href="https://www.washingtongroup-disability.com/question-sets/wg-unicef-child-functioning-module-cfm/">https://www.washingtongroup-disability.com/question-sets/wg-unicef-child-functioning-module-cfm/</a></li> </ul>	UNICEF recognizes the importance of data. The comment is well received and will be taken into account during the implementation of the CPD.