

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: *Area programme: Palestinian children and women in Jordan, Lebanon, the Syrian Arab Republic and the State of Palestine*

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. We thank UNICEF for this important programme2. In particular, we thank for incorporating youth. However, the youth component could be strengthened by e.g. supporting the building of strategic alliances at the country level for greater impact on youth well-being.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. UNICEF appreciates the comments made by the Finland Delegation to the UN. UNICEF thanks Finland for its participation and support throughout the development of the new UNICEF APD and the UNSDCF.2. In particular UNICEF would like to express appreciation for the strategic partnership with Finland aimed at preventing and ending violence against children in schools, communities and households through the "BRAVE programme" supported in the State of Palestine.

		<p>This effort is yielding long-lasting results and will be continued in the new APD cycle.</p> <p>UNICEF appreciates also the delegation's suggestion on the youth component.</p> <p>The importance of building country-level strategic alliances to achieve greater impact on youth well-being has been added in the draft CPD, para 15 page 4. Strategic partnerships will be pursued with other UN agencies (e.g., UNPFA, which leads the UN Youth Theme Group) and other partners, as relevant.</p> <p>In Jordan, the UNICEF supported Adolescent and Youth programme aims to contribute to an inclusive and enabling environment where all adolescents and youth have the skills and opportunities to fully unleash their potential and to become active citizens who are socially and civically engaged and economically resilient. The Adolescent and Youth programmes implement a multi-pronged approach to link vulnerable young people with skills, services, and opportunities to ensure their access to volunteering and meaningful civic engagement, as well as formal or self-employment. Priority groups include the most marginalised, including young women and girls, out-of-school, refugees, young people with disabilities, and those residing in poverty pockets. Priority interventions are delivered in refugee camps, informal tented settlements, and host community. UNICEF supports creating an enabling environment to strengthen the systems to support youth engagement and participation working with all stakeholders and establishing strategic partnerships and allies including with Government, private sector, CSO and NGOs as well as young people themselves to maximize the results for young people.</p>
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<p>Comments on specific aspects of the draft country programme document</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>	