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Extensions of ongoing country programmes

Note by the secretariat

Summary

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2009/11, this note informs the Executive Board of the two-month extensions of the country programmes for Cambodia and the Philippines, and the one-year extension of the country programme for Namibia, which were approved by the Executive Director.

This note further informs the Executive Board of the reasons for the proposed one-year extension of the country programme for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, following two consecutive one-year extensions. The Executive Board is requested to approve this extension.

Draft decision

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note of* the two-month extensions of the country programmes for Cambodia and the Philippines, and the one-year extension of the country programme for Namibia, which were approved by the Executive Director and are presented in table 1.

2. *Approves* the one-year extension of the country programme for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, following two consecutive one-year extensions, which is presented in table 2.

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Note: The present document was processed in its entirety by UNICEF.



Table 1
Extensions of one year (or less) of ongoing country programmes approved by the Executive Director

<i>UNICEF-supported country programme</i>	<i>Original programme period, including previous extensions</i>	<i>Year/period approved for extension</i>	<i>Reasons for the extension</i>
Cambodia	2019–2023	January–February 2024 <i>(two-month extension)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – This extension has been requested to ensure the country programme document (CPD) is aligned to and derived from the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF). – The extension has been agreed with the Government of Cambodia, requested by the United Nations Resident Coordinator and endorsed by the Regional Directors of the respective United Nations agencies.
Namibia	2019–2023	January–December 2024 <i>(one-year extension)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – This extension will allow the UNSDCF to be synchronized with the Sixth National Development Plan (NDP6) 2025/26–2030/31. – The country team has reached consensus on the request and agreed to the extension of the current framework until 31 December 2024. – The extension of the CPD has been requested to facilitate alignment with the new UNSDCF, which begins in 2025.
Philippines	2019–2023	January–February 2024 <i>(two-month extension)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – This two-month extension has been requested to synchronize submission of the CPD with the timeline of the national development plan, and to ensure proper sequencing of the CPD with the UNSDCF at the country level. – The extension has been coordinated with the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the Resident Coordinator’s Office to ensure that the next CPD is fully aligned with and derived from the final UNSDCF.

Table 2

Extensions of ongoing country programmes for which the approval of the Executive Board is requested

<i>UNICEF-supported country programme</i>	<i>Original programme period, including previous extensions</i>	<i>Year/period proposed for extension</i>	<i>Reasons for the extension</i>
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	2017–2023 <i>(including two consecutive one-year extensions)</i>	January to December 2024 <i>(one-year extension)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – This one-year extension request is intended to ensure sequencing between the completion and approval by the Government of the UNSDCF and the agency-specific CPDs that contribute to its results. – The UNSDCF is expected to be approved by mid-2024.