

Office of the Secretary of the UNICEF Executive Board
Template for delegations commenting on the draft country programme documents
2023 second regular session

Draft country programme document commenting period: 13 June to 3 July 2023 [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: **United States of America**

Draft country programme document: **Papua New Guinea**

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		
Comments on specific aspects of the draft country programme documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Could UNICEF please describe the connection between UNICEF's work outlined in paragraph 26 and the Global Action Plan on Child Wasting (GAP) Roadmap for Papua New Guinea? In particular, does UNICEF plan to support the Government of Papua New Guinea in updating or developing any specific policies and guidance documents?	UNICEF will support the Government of Papua New Guinea in addressing stunting and other forms of malnutrition including wasting, which aligns with the Global Action Plan on Child Wasting (GAP). Proposed interventions highlighted in the CPD (enabling environment, nutrition service delivery as well as social behaviour change communication) are key components of Papua New Guinea's Roadmap of the GAP. UNICEF will support the Government of Papua New Guinea to develop key nutrition guidelines including the National Guidelines on Integrated Management of Acute Malnutrition (IMAM) and the guidelines on nutrition for school age children and adolescents,

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Could UNICEF please describe how moderate wasting will be addressed in the proposed model? ● Why is global acute malnutrition (GAM) not included as a metric in the Results Framework? 	<p>among others. UNICEF will also support the development of the new National Nutrition Policy 2027.</p> <p>UNICEF will support the Government of Papua New Guinea to implement nutrition specific interventions that are essential for addressing wasting. Key interventions include: growth monitoring including mid upper arm circumference (MUAC) screening; weight and height measurements for early detection of wasting; maternal infant and young child feeding support and promotion to improve child diets to prevent wasting; micronutrient supplementation (Vitamin A, deworming and micronutrient powders) to prevent deficiencies; cash transfers for nutrition to positively influence child diets; and treatment of wasting when prevention fails. The details of treatment protocol for moderate wasting will be reflected in the soon to be developed National Guidelines on Integrated Management of Acute Malnutrition (IMAM).</p> <p>Addressing global acute malnutrition (wasting) requires the contributions of multiple systems and partners that go beyond UNICEF’s contribution. UNICEF has ensured the inclusion of stunting and wasting indicators in the results framework of the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) for 2024 – 2028. UNICEF’s specific contribution is described under paragraph 26 of the CPD while the alignment to the UNSDCF outcome 3 is reflected in the Results Framework.</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● We recommend strengthening the component on support to the social workforce and response mechanisms needed to support survivors of gender-based violence (GBV) and children who experience violence.	<p>Paragraph 32 of the CPD outlines UNICEF’s strategic intent to strengthen the social sector workforce as follows: “<i>UNICEF will support systemic expansion of inclusive, gender-responsive prevention and response services in welfare, justice and law enforcement sectors, including the social service workforce.</i>” UNICEF developed a costed Social Services Workforce Roadmap (2023-2025) that will guide the interventions in the CPD. UNICEF will advocate for strengthening quality, size and resourcing of the social service and allied workforces, including through implementation of the Social Services Workforce Road Map. Gender-inclusive child protection norms will be included in updates of training curricula for health workers, police, judges, teachers and other duty-bearers. UNICEF will support the government of Papua New Guinea in strengthening the child protection system to respond to violence by strengthening response mechanisms, including support to the survivors of gender-based violence and children who experience violence.</p>
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