

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: *European Union*

Draft country programme document: Angola

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.

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General comments	Overall appropriate strategy in place with a focus on Nutrition and Protection and also Education.	UNICEF appreciates the comments of the European Union on the Angola draft country programme document (CPD). We have taken note of and responded to the points raised.
Comments on specific aspects of the draft country programme documents	<i>In the page 7 the strategy to address Wasting / undernutrition should be more ambitious in regard to advocacy with the central government and other donors to ensure adequate treatment and prevention of SAM</i>	UNICEF is committed to undertaking high-level advocacy with the central government and other development partners to ensure SAM prevention and treatment, as well as increased sector investment, spending efficiency, effectiveness and accountability. Development of the investment case for SAM prevention and treatment as well as overall technical assistance to enhance health and nutrition sector financing will form part of UNICEF's contribution to this. Support to evidence generation and capacity building to use prevalence and early warning data in decision-making will underpin UNICEF's advocacy efforts. UNICEF fully recognises the importance of central government leadership for the translation of policies into tangible actions, including the adoption of a high-impact

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		<p>nutrition package to ensure the adequate prevention and treatment of SAM as well as stunting, and will support the development of capacity to achieve this.</p> <p>UNICEF will work to encourage the multi-sectoral co-ordination that is essential for a successful nutrition response and will support the Government to provide leadership for the last-mile distribution of essential supplies and outreach to remote, under-served communities, including in humanitarian emergencies.</p>
	<i>Positive: the protection components</i>	<p>UNICEF appreciates the collaboration with the European Union (EU) to date, notably in the child protection sector. Grounded in a rights-based approach, the child protection component in the upcoming country programme will continuously support interventions to ensure that children and adolescents are better protected from all forms of violence, exploitation, abuse, neglect and harmful practices, including to have their birth registered in a timely manner, which is a common area of concern for both UNICEF and the EU. For programming in birth registration, UNICEF will take EU insights into account and support the children in Angola to live in a safer environment.</p>
	<i>Positive: the strategy to support Social policy and social protection</i>	<p>The long-standing partnership between the EU and UNICEF for social protection has yielded positive results and contributed to shifting the paradigm of social assistance programmes in Angola. With the cash transfer model scaled up by the Government of Angola through the <i>Kwenda Programme</i>, UNICEF support in this area will focus on improving the child-sensitivity of the social protection system and strengthening the administrative and operational components of cash transfer programmes.</p>