

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: **Nicaragua**

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The United States welcomes the Country Programme Document (CPD) for Nicaragua and appreciates UNICEF's focus on health, nutrition and child development; inclusive quality education; protection of children and adolescents; and water, sanitation, hygiene and climate resilience.	UNICEF appreciates the comments made by the United States on the Nicaragua country programme document (CPD).

<p>Comments on specific aspects of the draft country programme documents</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We also appreciate the strong focus in the CPD on addressing protection issues, particularly in the North Caribbean Coast Autonomous Region (RACCN). Could UNICEF please elaborate on the “Schools of Values” strategy noted in paragraph 41 and explain how this will support efforts to address child protection issues? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The "School of Values" is a strategy for the prevention of violence against children and adolescents. Families are accompanied through weekly group sessions for 4 months on 16 topics related to the protective role of mothers, fathers, and caregivers. The strategy addresses the challenges adolescents face in situations of violence, whether among peers, at home, or in other socialization spaces, and promotes violence-free environments. Annually, about 10,000 families participate in the School of Values strategy. In 2023, the Sports for Development (Football for Peace) will be included in the strategy for violence prevention tool.
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