

**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: **Chad**

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.

	<b>Delegation's comments</b>	<b>Response(s)</b>
<b>General comments</b>		
<b>Comments on specific aspects of the draft country programme documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>In paragraph 29 of the Country Programme Document, UNICEF mentions preventing the recruitment of children into armed groups. Could UNICEF elaborate on how it is supporting the monitoring of this issue and providing appropriate protection responses to children who have been forcibly recruited?</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>UNICEF acknowledges and appreciates the comments on its draft country programme for 2024-26 from the Government of the USA and welcomes the opportunity to provide additional information that could not be adequately covered in a document of 6000 words.</li><li>UNICEF CO in Chad is planning to reinforce the prevention of violence against children, including the recruitment of children into armed groups. The most common form of recruitment observed so far in Chad is abduction by armed groups in the Lake Province. In this area, UNICEF is working with communities to strengthen community protection mechanisms to reduce the risk of violence and</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paragraph 36 of the CPD refers to the Ministry of Economic Prospects and International Partnerships, but then in paragraph 39 the same ministry is referred to as the Ministry of Economy, Planning and International Cooperation. We understand that this ministry underwent</li> </ul>	<p>violations against children, including recruitment by armed groups.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Furthermore, UNICEF CO in Chad is providing training to the Ministry of Defence on children’s rights, including prevention of recruitment. UNICEF is working with the Ministry of Defence and the Ministry of Gender and National Solidarity to ensure no children are recruited into the armed forces.</li> <li>• In addition, UNICEF CO in Chad is training NGOs on monitoring the UN Security Council’s 1612 Resolution. UN and field actors ensure that MRM (Monitoring and Reporting Mechanism) on grave violations against children in situations of armed conflict incidents in Chadian provinces of Lake Chad Basin are monitored, reported and verified.</li> <li>• For children released from the armed forces, UNICEF has set up a CTO (transit centre) to receive children and provide them with psychosocial support and vocational training activities pending reunification with their families and communities. Follow-up for each case is done until full reintegration into communities is achieved.</li> <li>• UNICEF appreciates the USA’s thorough review of the draft CPD and recognizes that this was a typo mistake.</li> <li>• Indeed, the name of the planning minister is changed and is now called “Ministère de la</li> </ul>
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	<p>a name change in October 2022 and is currently referred to as the Ministry of Economic Prospects and International Partnerships.</p>	<p>Prospective Economique et des Partenariats Internationaux ». The translation would be the Ministry of Economic Prospects and International Partnerships. The relevant change will be made in the draft CPD para 39.</p> <p>“The Ministry of Economic Prospects and International Partnerships will collaborate with other ministries, United Nations agencies, NGOs and civil society organizations to coordinate the monitoring and evaluation of the programme and joint workplans.”</p>
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