

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: **Senegal**

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 for Senegal. We particularly appreciate UNICEF's approach to supporting the leadership of youth organizations and young people themselves and promoting their involvement in all social issues that concern them.	<p>UNICEF thanks the government of the United States for its interest and participation in the consultations during the country programme development process.</p> <p>Indeed, the partnership with young people and youth organizations and movements is a cornerstone of UNICEF's programme in Senegal.</p>

<p>Comments on specific aspects of the draft country programme documents</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The only specific WASH interventions listed are Community-Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) (paragraph 16) and installing water points and latrines in schools (paragraph 22). Both of these approaches are known to have limitations in terms of long-term sustainability (as little as 1-2 years later in many cases). Are there approaches that UNICEF will implement that will focus on sustainability (i.e. operations & maintenance) of new and existing WASH infrastructure? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNICEF acknowledges and appreciates the comments on its draft country programme for 2024-28 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. UNICEF CO in Senegal recognizes the importance of sustainability of new and existing WASH infrastructure in schools. UNICEF CO in Senegal plays a key role as convener of all parties involved in the sanitation and WASH in schools, collaborating with communities, NGOs, regional technical departments and respective line Ministries. By strengthening capacities at all levels and ensuring close monitoring of WASH service functionality, UNICEF contributes to improving the sustainability of WASH services. The CLTS approach remains an efficient entry point for improving the situation of sanitation in communities. In the new Country Programme, it is envisaged that the CLTS approach will be complemented with support from the private sector, to achieve sustainable access to improved sanitation In addition, UNICEF CO in Senegal and partners will keep a strong footprint in communities to monitor the sustainability of the CLTS gains. Furthermore, as part of UNICEF’s engagement in public financing for children, leveraging sustainable
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		<p>domestic resources for sanitation scale-up will remain a priority in Senegal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The key interventions related to the sustainability of WASH infrastructure will be included in a more detailed workplan starting in 2024.
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