

Office of the Secretary of the UNICEF Executive Board
Template for delegations commenting on the draft country programme documents
2024 first regular session

Draft country programme document commenting period: 14 November to 4 December 2023 [18:00 hours Eastern Standard Time]

Delegations are kindly invited to use this template to share their comments on the draft country programme documents being presented to the Executive Board during the forthcoming session.

Delegation name: Germany *[kindly complete this information]*

Draft country programme document: Gambia *[kindly complete this information]*

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	We fully support the programme priorities and partnerships as well as its vision. UNICEF's work will be an important contribution the realization of child rights, including for adolescents, in the Gambia.	UNICEF The Gambia thanks Germany for this positive appreciation and support of the CPD 2024 – 2028 and ensures of its unwavering commitment for the realization of the Child rights in The Gambia.
Comments on specific aspects of the draft country programme documents	<p><i>(Delegations providing comments may wish to include details, such as the page number, paragraph number, or page of the annexed results and resources framework.</i></p> <p>As regards the target levels for outcome 4 on p. 15 “By 2028, vulnerable children and adolescents enjoy human rights-based social protection programmes through equitable, efficient and transparent budget allocation and execution”, we suggest to clarify that the target is supposed to be x% points above the baseline. Without that clarification, the target levels are not ambitious enough (as they are presented as percentage of percentage).</p>	<p>UNICEF The Gambia would like to take this opportunity to thank Germany for providing a comment on the draft CPD 2024 – 2028. Kindly find below the response to the comment.</p> <p>The targets outlined for indicator 1 under Outcome 4 (page 15) of the CPD are set as the baseline, quantified per each sector, increased by a definite percentage.</p> <p>Targets are set taking into consideration the limited fiscal space, high debt distress, double-digit inflation, and the underfinancing of the new National Development Plan 2023 – 2027, but also considering</p>

		<p>the central space of social sectors in national priorities and promising trends in support to the human capital pillar.</p> <p>The Government of The Gambia and UNICEF deem the set targets are both ambitious and attainable. UNICEF will continue to leverage strategic partnership and provide high standard technical assistance to accelerate public finance for children in the Gambia.</p>
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