

**Office of the Secretary of the UNICEF Executive Board**

**Template for delegations commenting on the draft country programme documents**

**2022 first regular session**

***Draft country programme document commenting period: 16 November to 6 December 2021***

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: *BELIZE 2022-2026*

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, and considered by the requesting country, in close consultation with UNICEF.

|                         | <b>Delegation's comments</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>Response(s)</b> |
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| <b>General comments</b> | A strategic and comprehensive UNICEF programme which embraces all the dimensions of childhood issues in Belize from poverty, to nutrition, lack of social protection, violence and abuse prevention, education at early schooling, primary and secondary, lack of job opportunities, lack of access to water/sanitation... and particularly the SDGs which are off track and compounded by COVID. It proposes to develop partnerships with UN family organisations, line Ministries, Development Partners, Private Sectors and CSO which is most welcomed. It also focuses on strengthening the national systems to build sustained outcomes. The UNICEF Programme presents some important points for cooperation/integration on Education/alternative livelihood, access to social services, issues linked to Indigenous Populations and migrants with the EU Priorities for MIP 2021-2027 which would |                    |

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|                                                                                    | <p>need to be further investigated. TVET as an alternative for out of school adolescents is not developed, it could be a good option for job creation/alternative livelihood/reduction of crime among youngsters.</p>                                                      |  |
| <p><b>Comments on specific aspects of the draft country programme document</b></p> | <p>➤ The document lacks sufficient response to refugees, asylum seeker and people on the move. What are UNICEF’s plans to promote their inclusion in education and social protection services?</p> <p>The document could also develop further on Disaster Preparedness</p> |  |