

## 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: **Eastern Caribbean Area** (available at [https://www.unicef.org/executiveboard/media/8331/file/2022-PL7\\_Eastern\\_Caribbean\\_Area\\_draft-MCPD-EN-2021.11.15.pdf](https://www.unicef.org/executiveboard/media/8331/file/2022-PL7_Eastern_Caribbean_Area_draft-MCPD-EN-2021.11.15.pdf)).

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.

	Delegation's comments	Response(s)
<b>General comments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ As expected, UNICEF is proposing to continue addressing the key strategic issues prevalent in the region and notably:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ the Safe Schools and Climate-Smart school initiatives; including with the private sector;</li><li>○ to develop digital, technical and vocational skills among adolescents not in education, employment, or training;</li><li>○ to conduct gender analyses to address disparities in school completion rates;</li><li>○ to prevent violence in and around schools;</li><li>○ the expansion of inclusive and shock-responsive programmes; and develop more comprehensive responses through cash plus access to quality essential services;</li><li>○ disaster risk reduction and CCA.</li></ul></li></ul>	

<b>Comments on specific aspects of the draft country programme document</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ 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?</li><li>➤ The document could also develop further on Disaster Preparedness</li></ul>	
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