

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: **Honduras** (available at https://www.unicef.org/executiveboard/media/8381/file/2022-PL10-Honduras_draft_CPD-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)
General comments	<p>The programme focuses on 5 components:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Good health and nutrition,WASH, climate change, risk management and resilience,Learning and skills,Social protection,Safe and protective environments. <p>The document does not mention Education in Emergencies and omits reference and specific data on mental health support, which in our view is necessary to respond to the needs in the programme rationale.</p> <p>It also lacks sufficient specific response to displaced and returned children who may face stigmatisation.</p>	

	<p>Social protection mechanisms might also be particularly relevant for returnees, who might have additional barriers to access schemes due to e.g. a lack of documentation.</p> <p>Nothing is mentioned to ensure integration of children on move, who transit through Honduras and might be stranded, into existing schools and specific programs.</p> <p>Additional information is required on the lessons learnt of recent disasters e.g. the response to Eta and Iota, and include the conclusions in any proposed DP.</p> <p>Coordination with the HNO and HRP's should be elaborated. Little attention is given to ensure a nexus with humanitarian actions.</p>	
<p>Comments on specific aspects of the draft country programme document</p>	<p>Page 4, paragraph 18: The causes and main drivers for migration could be further elaborated. Climate change, food insecurity are additional drivers of migration. It could be interesting to develop further why returnees face stigmatisation and how is UNICEF going to overcome this. There is no response elaborated related to this.</p> <p>Page 7, paragraphs 31, 32, 33: Information linked to coordination and synergies in strategies with other stakeholders in the sectors of food security, nutrition and health, including UN agencies (WFP, WHO) is lacking. Responses to the mental health needs of children and adolescents are lacking, including differentiated approaches for children and adolescents with specific vulnerabilities (IDPs, refugees and asylum-seekers, vulnerable migrants and returnees, unaccompanied and separated children, etc.)</p> <p>Page 8, paragraph 40: Please include more information on coordination and possible synergies with ongoing EiE initiatives.</p>	