

**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: *Ireland*

Draft country programme document: *Mozambique*

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>
<b>General comments</b>	<p>The CPD covers the broad range of UNICEF's mandate and seems relevant to the current context in Mozambique. Ireland has a close working relationship with UNICEF, including in Mozambique and is about to embark on a Shock Responsive Social Protection Programme, with UNICEF as 1 of 3 UN implementing agencies. Attention to social protection and the focus on systems strengthening is welcome in the CPD.</p> <p>A significant gap in the CPD, within the programme priorities and partnerships is attention to the need for improved coordination and working closely with other UN Agencies in line with UN reform requirements. There are several references to a multi sectoral approach but not to a multi-agency approach. In Cabo</p>	

	<p>Delgado, Ireland has witnessed poor coordination and communication. This impedes a coordinated response and results in the UN family not delivering effectively on their mandate. Limited resources is a definite constraint but a more important and actionable constraint - in the current context of a global funding shortage for humanitarian crises – is the need for improved inter agency communication and coordination.</p> <p>The Shock Responsive Social Protection Programme, mentioned above, will be implemented by three UN agencies, including UNICEF. Ireland hopes that the programme will foster greater links and may shift the dial - even slightly – to improve cooperation, cohesion and coordination.</p>	
<b>Comments on specific aspects of the draft country programme document</b>	<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>	