

Office of the Secretary of the UNICEF Executive Board

Template for delegations commenting on the draft country programme documents

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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*

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	Delegation's comments	Response(s)
General comments	<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</p>	<p>UNICEF Mozambique acknowledges the valuable comments and thanks Ireland for the strategic support to strengthen the social workforce for child protection and social protection in Mozambique.</p> <p>As noted by the Government of Ireland, social protection is reinforced in the new CPD as a key priority for the next five years with an increased focus on the coherence between humanitarian and development programming considering the vulnerability of the country to shocks. We very much welcome the active engagement and broader partnership with Ireland and our sister agencies ILO and WFP to continue strengthening the implementation of the National Basic Social Security Strategy (ENSSB) 2016-24 including its shock responsiveness. With ILO we have been working closely within the UN Joint Programme for SP since 2017 in partnership with Sweden, UK and the Netherlands to support the Basic Social Subsidy Programme, particularly the implementation of the child grant with its</p>

	<p>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 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>	<p>cash and care model to be scale-up by the Government in the coming years. Adjusting to new challenges in Cabo Delgado, the programme has assisted around 5,000 families. We joined forces with WFP to expand the shock response social protection to mitigate the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic reaching more than 80,000 beneficiaries in Tete and Zambezia. UNICEF looks forward to the joint collaboration with Ireland, ILO and WFP to continue supporting the Government to reduce poverty and vulnerabilities of the most vulnerable families. Further, UNICEF, ILO and WFP are active members of the social action sector working group led by Sweden: we reaffirm our commitment to continued coordination and cohesion within this platform linking with high level platforms such as the ICCT for policy dialogue between development partners and the Government.</p> <p>We take note of the comments with regards to the need for enhanced collaboration among UN and agree that there is room for improvement to implement the UN reform in Mozambique to support the Government in achieving Agenda 2030. The formulation of the new United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) 2022-2026 has involved concrete actions among the UN entities in joint evaluation, situation analysis and planning. As Chair of the UNCT Programme Management Team (UNPMT), UNICEF will continue reinforcing the coherence and multi-agency approach under the four Strategic Pillars of the UNSDCF as well as within the Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP).</p> <p>In alignment with its mandate and mission, UNICEF will take a leadership role, where relevant, to strengthen coordination within the UN system, i.e. in its sector working groups and in humanitarian cluster system. We will build on the lessons learned from the UNDAF and Country Programme evaluations, including from over ten UN joint programmes that we are engaged in such as the UN Joint Programme on Social Protection, the Global programme on child marriage and Papariga Biz Joint Programme.</p> <p>We very much welcome the first-hand feedback from Cabo Delgado, which will help us to improve our work, especially in complex settings. UNICEF is one of several UN agencies actively contributing to recent UNCT’s joint efforts to align</p>
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<p>Comments on specific aspects of the draft country programme document</p>	<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>	