

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: *Jamaica* (available at https://www.unicef.org/executiveboard/media/8391/file/2022-PL11-Jamaica_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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ As expected, UNICEF is proposing to continue addressing the key strategic issues prevalent in the region and notably:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ the Safe Schools and Climate-Smart school initiatives; including with the private sector;○ to develop digital, technical and vocational skills among adolescents not in education, employment, or training;○ to conduct gender analyses to address disparities in school completion rates;○ to prevent violence in and around schools;○ the expansion of inclusive and shock-responsive programmes; and develop more comprehensive responses through cash plus access to quality essential services;○ disaster risk reduction and CCA.	<p>As EU noted, these are the key strategic issues that UNICEF Jamaica is addressing in the draft CPD 2022-2026.</p> <p>Jamaica office has conducted a series of consultation meetings with key stakeholders, including the government, CSO, academia, UN agencies and International Development Partners, to analyse the critical areas and population groups to ensure the Left No One Behind (LNOB), gender equality, and humanitarian principles are fully reflected throughout the CPD.</p>

<p>Comments on specific aspects of the draft country programme document</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>	<p>Jamaica’s CPD will address equity and inclusion through cross cutting approach, notably children with disability, out of school children and adolescents and young people who are not in in education, employment, and training. To this end, education programme has specific focus on the transition to work outcome for adolescents and children outside the school system, and education for children with disabilities. Likewise, one of the key target group of social policy programme is the children with disability to ensure that the unmet needs of this group are adequately reflected in the government social protection programmes. These programmes are supported by the knowledge generation activities to generate evidence, which, in turn, strengthen our communication strategy to advocate for the inclusion of those children while at the same time to generate social norm, and behaviour change towards the most marginalized population.</p> <p>The refugee crisis and people on the move are a critical issue in the Caribbean, but Jamaica has not seen the increase of these groups of population in recent years (in 2020 Jamaica had 32 refugees granted asylum). Having said that, UNICEF Jamaica is in close contact with UN agencies to continuously monitor such situation. The inclusion strategy mentioned above would enable us to immediately respond to the needs of these groups when s necessary.</p> <p>The humanitarian dimension is integrated in all the programme structure. Paragraph 46 highlights “UNICEF will support early warning mechanisms to allow timely detection and intervention regarding threats from climate change, social unrest and economic crises”.</p> <p>Furthermore, UNICEF Jamaica’s CPD has a programme component dedicated to Climate Action and Resilience. This component will aim to support the government of</p>
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		<p>Jamaica and stakeholders to implement risk-informed, gender-responsive and child-sensitive policies and programmes that promote urgent and participatory climate action, sustainable development and enhance the resilience of children and communities including in emergency contexts. One of the two outputs area is specifically addressing resilience and disaster risk reduction by strengthening the capacities and coordination mechanisms of the national stakeholders to implement child-sensitive programmes to enhance resilience, shock-responsiveness and emergency preparedness; and providing technical capacity to ensure that children affected by emergencies have access to shock-responsive social protection programmes that are more accessible and adapted to their needs.</p>
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