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Extensions of ongoing country programmes

Note by the secretariat

Summary

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2009/11, this note informs the Executive Board of the two-month extension of the country programme for Mali and the first one-year extension of the country programme for Tunisia, both approved by the Executive Director.

The note further presents the reasons for the proposed one-year extension of the country programme for Yemen, following two previous one-year extensions and a previous two-year extension. The Executive Board is requested to approve this programme extension.

Draft decision

The Executive Board

1. Takes note of the two-month extension of the country programme for Mali and the first one-year extension of the country programme for Tunisia, which were approved by the Executive Director and are presented in table 1;
2. Approves the one-year extension of the country programme for Yemen, following two previous one-year extensions and a previous two-year extension, as presented in table 2.

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Table 1
First extensions of one year (or less) of ongoing country programmes approved by the Executive Director

<i>UNICEF-supported country programme</i>	<i>Original programme period</i>	<i>Year/period approved for extension</i>	<i>Reasons for the extension</i>
Mali	2015–2019	February 2020 <i>(two-month extension)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – A two-month extension will enable UNICEF to align the development of the new country programme document (CPD) with the development of the new United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF), in anticipation of the release of new UNDAF guidance, which is scheduled for the end of March 2019. A two-month extension has been endorsed by the Government of Mali. – A two-month extension will enable UNICEF to align the CPD with the new government’s development priorities, as well as with the axes and priorities of the new UNDAF. This will help UNICEF, as well as the other United Nations funds and programmes, to enhance collaboration under the framework of the common chapter of the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2018–2021 and the United Nations integrated strategy for the Sahel. – Except for the marginal alignment of results, strategies, enablers and resources to the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2018–2021, the priorities, assumptions and resources that underpin the current country programme remain unchanged.
Tunisia	2015–2019	2020 <i>(one-year extension)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – A one-year extension will enable UNICEF to align with the extension of the present UNDAF, which has been approved by the Government of Tunisia until the end of 2020. – Except for the marginal alignment of results, strategies, enablers and resources to the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2018–2021, the priorities, assumptions and resources that underpin the current country programme remain unchanged.

Table 2

Extensions of ongoing country programmes for which the approval of the Executive Board is requested

<i>UNICEF-supported country programme</i>	<i>Original programme period, including previous extensions</i>	<i>Year/period proposed for extension</i>	<i>Reasons for the extension</i>
Yemen	2012–2019 <i>(including two previous one-year extensions and a previous two-year extension)</i>	2020 <i>(one-year extension)</i>	– A one-year extension will enable UNICEF to align with the extension of the present UNDAF until the end of 2020, as approved by the Regional United Nations Sustainable Development Group.