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| General comments| Current UNICEF draft Country Programme Document (CPD) for Bosnia and Herzegovina shows that many challenges and risks are still there. Increasing influx of refugees, migrants and asylum-seekers will pose addition challenges to the country. In general, we can support the programme priorities, which all contribute to enhancing the protection and promotion of children’s rights. Good to note that the area of quality and inclusive education, including information technology education, will get sufficient attention. However, it is important that Bosnia and Herzegovina commits itself to dealing with risks identified (following risk management strategy). | Thank you for the valuable comments. We are pleased to know that the Government of Estonia is willing to support the programme priorities to further enhance protection and promotion of child rights. UNICEF fully agrees with the comment that the authorities in Bosnia and Herzegovina has commitment to mitigate the risks identified in the Country programme Document 2021-2025. UNICEF will continue to collaborate with the authorities in Bosnia and Herzegovina at all levels for operationalization of existing policies, strategies and service delivery frameworks and to build new capacities for effective, cross-sectoral approaches with a focus on vulnerable groups. This will be done through consistent advocacy and policy dialogue, to promote reforms and develop cost-effective models and options to enhance the quality and coverage of essential services. Some examples include:  
   a. Advocacy for early childhood development and for social inclusion of children with disabilities;  
   b. Promotion of the |
| | **International Classification of Functioning (ICF), disability and health methodology;**  
| | **c. Strengthening multi-sectoral coordination and mainstreaming child-specific vulnerabilities in local analysis, action planning and implementation; and**  
| | **d. Multi-sectoral response to the refugee/migrant crisis.** |