In accordance with Executive Board decision 2014/1, 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 will be made public on the Executive Board website, and considered by the respective regional office, in close consultation with the country office and the concerned Government.

| General comments | The country programme has a comprehensive approach to children: from documentation, nutrition, education in a safe and conducive environment. It integrates as expected the refugee population with a focus on the most deprived children. This integration is across the board for all objectives of the programme aligned with the CRRF, even though not mentioning it (not even once in the document). We suggest this aspect should be considered/referred to.  

The country programme articulates well a tailored approach to gender and diversity. The focus on adolescents as a population in need and underserved is welcome – and key for the future of the country. In addition, the specific attention to children in urban centres might become even more important with the Covid-19 implications.  

A small reference to Covid-19 situation (one paragraph) is in the document while the consequences are impacting on all the objectives of UNICEF country programme: from nutrition, to child protection to education, wash,… for at least the first 2 years of the programme.  

Lastly, a welcomed deeper engagement with the private sector in Uganda that sees investing in children and adolescents as key for the future and expansion of business. |
| Comments on specific aspects of the country programme document | • The current CPD (until 2020) contains references to reproductive health or comprehensive sexuality education. However, the present draft CPD has no references to reproductive health or comprehensive sexuality education. This appears like a regression on SRH.  
**Question:** what are the reasons for not including such references in the new version of the CPD for Uganda?  
• 17. Across all sectors and programmes, the challenges to progress are broadly similar. Progress has been achieved, but gains are fragile and the pace of improvement is slowing. The increasing demands of a rapidly growing population, the impact of refugee flows, urbanization, disease outbreaks and climate-related events have collectively outpaced the country’s moderate economic growth, stagnant budget allocations, and strained capacities to plan and deliver essential social services.  
**Question:** This is indeed a main issue also for a successful CRRF. How is UNICEF intending to address this?  
• There is no clear mention of governance – referring here for example to the health system.  
• We find the following planned studies interesting:  
  - Formative Evaluation of School as an Integrated Platform for Service Delivery to Adolescents  
  - Evaluation of Child Protection System- Strengthening |