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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 first two-month extension of the country programme for Ecuador; the first two-month extension of the multi-country programme for the Pacific Islands; the first six-month extensions of the country programmes for Chile and Papua New Guinea; and the first one-year extension of the country programme for Myanmar, all of which were approved by the Executive Director.

This note further informs the Executive Board of the reasons for the proposed one-year extension of the country programme for the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, following a previous one-year extension. The Executive Board is requested to approve this extension.

Draft decision

The Executive Board

1. Takes note of the first two-month extension of the country programme for Ecuador; the first two-month extension of the multi-country programme for the Pacific Islands; the first six-month extensions of the country programmes for Chile and Papua New Guinea; and the first one-year extension of the country programme for Myanmar.

2. Approves the one-year extension of the country programme for the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, following a previous one-year extension.

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Note: The present document was processed in its entirety by UNICEF.
Table 1
First extensions of one year (or less) of ongoing country programmes approved by the Executive Director

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– The preliminary road map anticipates the development of the new Cooperation Framework of the United Nations agencies during the course of 2022.  
– This extension request is being made in line with the United Nations country team (UNCT) commitment to ensure the sequencing of the UNSDCF and agencies’ country programme documents (CPDs.) |
| Ecuador                           | 2019–2022                                                | January–February 2023 (two-month extension) | – This extension request is being made in line with the UNCT commitment to ensure sequencing between the completion and approval by the Government of the UNSDCF, which will only be finalized in mid-2022, and the CPDs.  
– This extension request has been coordinated with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), which will also present the new CPDs to their respective Executive Boards during the first regular session of the Executive Boards in 2023. |
| Myanmar                           | 2018–2022                                                | January–December 2023 (one-year extension) | – This one-year extension request is intended to ensure alignment with the postponed UNSDCF development and to also ensure the sequencing of the UNSDCF and the UNICEF CPD.  
– This request is being made in view of the complex country context in Myanmar and has been requested by the Resident Coordinator. |
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| Pacific Islands (multi-country programme)                | 2018–2022                                                | January–February 2023 (two-month extension) | – The extension is being requested to ensure harmonization among United Nations agencies in relation to the alignment and sequencing of the design of the UNSDCF and the multi-country programme documents (MCPDs) for 2023–2027.  
  – The UNSDF is currently in the strategic prioritization process and is expected to be approved by the governments at the end of the second quarter of 2022.  
  – It has been agreed among UNICEF, UNDP and UNFPA in the Pacific to submit their MCPDs during the respective first regular sessions of the Executive Boards. |
| Papua New Guinea                                        | 2018–2022                                                | January–June (six-month extension)  | – Upon the request of the Government, the current UNSDCF has been extended by six months until mid-2023.  
  – This extension request is being made to ensure the sequencing of the approval of the new UNSDCF by the Government with the agency-specific CPDs. |
Table 2
Extensions of ongoing country programmes for which the approval of the Executive Board is requested

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| Democratic People’s Republic of Korea | 2017–2022  
(including a one-year extension) | January-December 2023  
(one-year extension) | – The current UNSDCF has been extended until the end of 2023, following agreement between the Resident Coordinator’s Office and the Government of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea.  
– The UNICEF CPD will need to be aligned and sequenced accordingly. |