

Office of the Secretary of the UNICEF Executive Board

Template for delegations commenting on the draft country programme documents

2023 first regular session

Draft country programme document commenting period for Cabo Verde common country programme document: 7 to 25 November 2022 [18:00 EST]

Draft country programme document commenting period for Algeria; Bolivia (Plurinational State of); Central African Republic; Costa Rica; Dominican Republic; Ecuador; Haiti; Iran (Islamic Republic of); Lebanon; Nepal; Pacific Islands (multi-country programme); Palestinian children and women in Jordan, Lebanon, the Syrian Arab Republic and the State of Palestine (area programme); Sao Tome and Principe; and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of): 15 November to 5 December 2022 [18:00 EST]

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: *Sao Tome e Principe*

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">• Good reference to international conventions (Rights of child, Rights of PwD and Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women combined with domestic relevant policy (Programme of the 17th Constitutional Government 2018–2022) within the 2023–2027 UNSDCF. Following recent elections please update if necessary the domestic programme.	

<p>Comments on specific aspects of the draft country programme document</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Equitable child survival: health, nutrition, water, sanitation and hygiene:</i> as the EU Delegation is involved in WatSan sector budget support, we would appreciate close collaboration with UNICEF especially in following UNICEF components which are the backbone of our budget support : (a) evidence-based policies, increased budget allocations, and improved efficiency of public spending;(b) improved sectoral and multisectoral coordination (c) evidence-based planning, information systems and quality services nationally and at district level As regards coordination/complementarities, the programme refers to other UN agencies (WHO, UNDP, ILO) which is fine, but should be expanded at least to the EU • <i>Social inclusion:</i> we commend the reference to the Ministry of Labour, Solidarity, Family and Vocational Training and the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Entrepreneurship as economic autonomy is key to fight poverty and increase social inclusion. We would appreciate dialogue with UNICEF on this matter as TVET is a key element of our green transition 2023 programme. 	