

**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: 15 November to 5 December 2022 [18:00 EST]***

***Draft country programme for Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of): TBC***

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: *The Netherlands*

Draft country programme document: *Palestinian children and women in Jordan, Lebanon, the Syrian Arab Republic and the State of Palestine (area programme)*

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.

	<b>Delegation's comments</b>	<b>Response(s)</b>
<b>General comments</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The Netherlands appreciates the consultative process regarding the development of this Area Programme. We also appreciate the thorough analysis of the needs, in particular of the vulnerabilities of children in the region.</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. UNICEF appreciates the comments made by the Netherlands Delegation to the UN and for its participation and support throughout the development of the new UNICEF APD and to the UNSDCF process.</li></ol>

	<p>2. We noticed the significant increase in the <i>programme effectiveness budget</i> for the Palestinian Territories. Why is this, and what will these funds be used for?</p>	<p>2. UNICEF in the State of Palestine particularly acknowledges the fruitful partnership to improve sustainable access to safe drinking water in urban and peri-urban areas in Yatta.</p> <p>We would like to note that the cross-sectoral components, such as Coordination, Emergency preparedness and response, Communication and Advocacy, Social Behaviour change communication, planning, monitoring (including field monitoring), Knowledge Management, Evidence Generation and evaluation as well risk management and operational costs fall under Programme Effectiveness component. They are essential for programme implementation and do not represent other forms of cross-sectoral costs.</p>
<p><b>Comments on specific aspects of the draft country programme document</b></p>	<p>1. During the consultations in the Palestinian Territories, ‘climate’ was mentioned as a specific priority. This however doesn’t seem to be reflected as such in the document, other than a general reference to ‘adaptation’. What is the reason for this?</p>	<p><u>1.State of Palestine</u></p> <p>Climate change is a specific priority for UNICEF in the State of Palestine as part of the new APD. While the narrative doesn’t go into details, the results framework does.</p> <p>The WASH related outcome includes “climate change” and reads: vulnerable families especially adolescent girls and women, including people in humanitarian situations utilize equitable, inclusive, resilient and sustainable WASH services and systems and address the impact of climate change with active involvement of young girls and boys.</p> <p>And the output 3 under the WASH outcome specifically relates to climate change: Government authorities have capacity for planning, implementing and raising awareness regarding the impact of climate change and emergency preparedness with participation of vulnerable communities.</p> <p>Finally, it is worth noting that the Climate Landscape Analysis for Children (CLAC) conducted by UNICEF and about to be</p>



	<p>programmes and cash-for work opportunities.” For the youth part, will there be any engagement with other communities?</p>	<p>Lebanese community through the broader youth programme related to skills building, innovation and cash for work, as well as organizing community events (music, sports, cooking etc.) and arranging visits for Palestinian youth to Lebanese villages and vice versa.</p>
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