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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 six-month extension of the country programme for Papua New Guinea, following a six-month extension; and the 10-month extension of the country programme for Mauritania, following a two-month extension, both of which were approved by the Executive Director.

This note further informs the Executive Board of the reasons for the proposed 10-month extension of the country programme for Brazil, following a one-year extension and a two-month extension; the proposed 10-month extension of the country programme for the Gambia, following a one-year extension and a two-month extension; and the proposed 10-month extension of the country programme for Afghanistan, following a two-year extension, a three-month extension and an 11-month extension. The Executive Board is requested to approve these extensions.

##### *Draft decision*

##### *The Executive Board*

1. *Takes note of* the six-month extension of the country programme for Papua New Guinea, following a six-month extension; and the 10-month extension of the country programme for Mauritania, following a two-month extension, both of which were approved by the Executive Director and are presented in table 1.

2. *Approves* the 10-month extension of the country programme for Brazil, following a one-year extension and a two-month extension; the proposed 10-month extension of the country programme for the Gambia, following a one-year extension and a two-month extension; and the proposed 10-month extension of the country programme for Afghanistan, following a two-year extension, a three-month extension and an 11-month extension, all of which are presented in table 2.

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*Note:* The present document was processed in its entirety by UNICEF.



Table 1  
**Extensions of one year (or less) of ongoing country programmes approved by the Executive Director**

<i>UNICEF-supported country programme</i>	<i>Original programme period, including previous extensions</i>	<i>Year/period approved for extension</i>	<i>Reasons for the extension</i>
Mauritania	March 2018–February 2023 <i>(including a two-month extension)</i>	March–December 2023 <i>(10-month extension)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– A ten-month extension of the country programme document (CPD) will enable the Mauritania Country Office to ensure that the CPD derives from the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) and ensure a consultative and participative process for finalization of the new CPD for 2024–2027.</li> <li>– This extension request has been coordinated with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), which will also present new CPDs to their respective Executive Boards in September 2023.</li> </ul>
Papua New Guinea	2018–June 2023 <i>(including a six-month extension)</i>	July–December 2023 <i>(six-month extension)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– This extension request is being made in line with the United Nations Regional Collaborative Platform (Group of Regional Directors for UNDP, UNFPA and UNICEF) approval of the United Nations country team’s formal request for a further six-month extension of the current United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) for Papua New Guinea from 30 June 2023 to 31 December 2023, to ensure sequencing between the completion and approval of the UNSDCF by the Government.</li> <li>– This extension request has been coordinated with UNFPA and UNDP, which will also present new CPDs to their respective Executive Boards in September 2023.</li> </ul>

Table 2

**Extensions of ongoing country programmes for which the approval of the Executive Board is requested**

<i>UNICEF-supported country programme</i>	<i>Original programme period, including previous extensions</i>	<i>Year/period proposed for extension</i>	<i>Reasons for the extension</i>
Afghanistan	2015–February 2023 <i>(including a two-year extension, a three-month extension and an 11-month extension)</i>	March–December 2023 <i>(10-month extension)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– This extension request is being made to ensure the CPD is aligned to and derived from the United Nations Transitional Engagement Framework 2022.</li> <li>– The extension was coordinated by the United Nations country team for all Executive Committee agencies (UNDP, UNFPA and UNICEF) and endorsed by the Regional Directors.</li> </ul>
Brazil	2017–February 2023 <i>(including a one-year extension and a two-month extension)</i>	March–December 2023 <i>(10-month extension)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– This extension request is being made so that the Brazil country programme of cooperation can align with the UNSDCF timeline; the UNSDCF planning process is still under way.</li> <li>– The extension request has been coordinated with the Executive Committee agencies and will allow each of them to submit their CPDs to their respective Executive Boards in September 2023.</li> </ul>
Gambia	2017–February 2023 <i>(including a one-year extension and a two-month extension)</i>	March–December 2023 <i>(10-month extension)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– This extension is being requested so that the CPD can be reasonably derived from the UNSDCF, which is expected to be available at the beginning of the first quarter of 2023.</li> <li>– The extension has been endorsed by Regional Directors in West and Central Africa responsible for the Gambia through the Development Coordination Office Africa and the United Nations Coordinator in the Gambia, and is based on the Government’s request for an extension of the UNSDCF.</li> <li>– UNICEF, UNDP and UNFPA are fully aligned with this decision, and will each present their CPDs to their respective Executive Boards at the same time.</li> </ul>