

Office of the Secretary of the UNICEF Executive Board
Template for delegations commenting on the draft country programme documents
2024 first regular session

Draft country programme document commenting period: 14 November to 4 December 2023 [18:00 hours Eastern Standard Time]

Delegations are kindly invited to use this template to share their comments on the draft country programme documents being presented to the Executive Board during the forthcoming session.

Delegation name: *United States of America*

Draft country programme document: *Philippines*

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.

	Delegation's comments	Response(s)
General comments	<p>The United States strongly recommends that UNICEF ensure that its health programming in the Philippines is, to the extent possible, well-aligned with and responds to the needs of the country and bolsters integrated PHC delivery capacities particularly at decentralized levels.</p> <p>In light of the triple malnutrition burden (underweight, overweight, and micronutrient deficiencies) affecting children in the country's underserved communities, including those where an estimated 637,000 'zero dose' children live, UNICEF should also prioritize efforts to help integrate high-impact nutrition interventions both in childhood vaccination programs as well as an integral part of all routine essential maternal, newborn and child PHC services.</p>	

Comments on specific aspects of the draft country programme documents	<i>The United States suggests inserting language into paragraph 22 on child protection supporting engagement with the National Child Care Authority of the Philippines, which has oversight of child welfare and protection matters in the Philippines in addition to carrying out functions as the Central Authority for the Hague Intercountry Adoption Convention.</i>	
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