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: Sierra Leone

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<td>The United States welcomes the Country Programme Document and its costed evaluation plan. <strong>General Comments:</strong></td>
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<td>• We suggest improving the alignment of the information in the CPD and the CEP. There is relevant, important, contextual information in the CPD that is not included or referred to in the CEP leading to poor linkage between the two documents.</td>
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<td>• Vaccine-preventable diseases like polio, measles, and other important causes of maternal and child mortality like malaria, tuberculosis are not covered, and there are no indicators or targets for them. Please clarify.</td>
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<td>• Survey data like National Demographic and Health Survey or National Immunization Coverage Survey-Multi-Cluster Indicator Survey (NICS-MICS) are not used to determine the targets. Why is this the case?</td>
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<td>• There is nothing on routine immunization in general or on zero dose in particular which are both critical to child</td>
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### Specific Comments:

- The CEP has statements or terms that are not clearly defined and makes the document difficult to comprehend. In addition, there are issues with the targets set as some are unrealistic. We suggest UNICEF revising and improving these.

- National level data is not sufficient. Given that UNICEF is trying to assess its impact from a decentralized approach, we would also suggest tracking how many provinces/states met the set target.

### Comments on specific aspects of the draft country programme document

*Delegations providing comments may wish to include details, such as the page number, paragraph number, or page of the annexed results and resources framework.)*

#### Outcome 2: People in Sierra Leone, particularly the most vulnerable groups in rural and hard-to-reach areas, have equitable access to quality, gender-responsive essential and social protection services and decent job opportunities.

2.1: Mortality ratios “Maternal mortality ratio: From 443 to reduce 219 per 100,000 live births” and “Under-5 mortality rate: From 101 to reduce 50 per 1000 live births”

- These indicators are planned to be reduced by half. This is difficult to reach at this level within five years. We suggest revising these.

- Neonatal mortality rate is not included, which is a very important indicator as they are planned ANC and skilled attendance should be included. Please revise.
### Section “2.1.1: Percentage of people benefiting from access to health services: a) Communicable diseases b) non-communicable diseases (NCD) c) Sexual and reproductive health and Family Planning (SRH and FP) d) Integrated management of childhood illnesses services e) services related to harmful practices (HP)”

- The goal for immunization coverage/ Children benefiting from measles and rubella increase from 91 to 100 percent routine immunization is unrealistic unless otherwise the denominator has a problem. Please explain and or revise.

- The percentage of pregnant women living with HIV who received ARVs, which is the proposed plan, increased from 82 to 87 percent seems low. Why is this?
  - When compared to the other indicators, such as “PLHIV receiving treatment at 95” and “ANC service reaching 100” percentages.

- We recommend increasing the coverage.

- For immunization, the country should compare Routine immunization administrative data with WUENIC (UN data) and note other survey data available, if possible.