

## Office of the Secretary of the UNICEF Executive Board

### Template for delegations commenting on the country programme documents

2021 First Regular Session

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

Delegation name: *United Kingdom*

Draft country programme document: *Georgia*

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2014/1, 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 will be made public on the Executive Board website, and considered by the requesting country, in close consultation with UNICEF.

Category	Comments	UNICEF Response
<b>General comments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The CPD presents a comprehensive and accurate picture of the issues and challenges, including COVID-19 impact and risks of political instability. Lessons learned including the need to involve traditional and grassroots elements, and a review of the training approach have the potential to lead to greater effectiveness and impact.</li> <li>• To flag (and noted in the report) that access to the Breakaway Territories (South Ossetia and Abkhazia) will impact on the UNICEF's ability to deliver.</li> <li>• There is no indication about links, relationships and synergies between the CPD and the current work on Women, Peace and Security (WPS) Agenda, women empowerment and participation, and gender-based violence (GBV) in Georgia. We recommend UNICEF explore the potential for synergies on the ground, particularly in Georgia's conflict-affected areas and communities where an overlap of work on WPS, GBV, etc. and UNICEF scope is likely.</li> </ul>	<p>UNICEF Georgia continues advocating for essential services for all children, especially the most vulnerable, including in Abkhazia, Georgia and South Ossetia, Georgia. The situation is continuously monitored, including through the United Nations Country Team, to facilitate continued programme delivery.</p> <p>UNICEF Georgia is working on people-to-people engagement, promoting social integration/participation activities of youth and improving second language education to increase social cohesion and building a more tolerant society to ultimately support progress towards peace and reconciliation. Empowering and protecting women and girls is an important part of this work. UNICEF is working in partnership with other UN agencies such as UN Women, INGOs such as World Vision, local NGOs, religious leaders and academia to bring the WPS, women empowerment and</p>

		participation and GBV agendas forward.
<b>Comments on specific aspects of the country programme document</b>	<i>(Delegations providing comments may wish to include details, such as the page number, paragraph number, or page of the annexed results and resources framework.</i>	