

Office of the Secretary of the UNICEF Executive Board

Template for delegations commenting on the country programme documents

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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: European Commission

Draft country programme document: Uzbekistan

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
General comments	<p>The programme is overall well drafted and strong. However, it would benefit from an analysis of lessons learnt from the previous cycle and how these feed their strategy for 2021-25.</p> <p>It would also benefit from a stronger description of possible specific actions, as opposed to outcomes.</p>	<p>Agreed. The country programme evaluation for 2016-20 has documented lessons learnt with summary of which provided on p. 10 para 14. All programme priorities are defined in line with those lessons. For example, stronger focus on gender, disability, cross-sectoriality, etc. Specific actions at the output level are defined as per Programme Strategy Notes (PSN) for each outcome. The further elaboration of activities under the country programme will be done as a part of the UN joint work planning and the agency' specific annual workplans.</p>
Comments on specific aspects of the country programme document	<p>Annex result:</p> <p>The Baseline and the Target in the percentage of children under age 1 who receive measles vaccine is the same: B: 96% (2019) T: 96% (2025)</p>	<p>Due to increased vaccine hesitancy in the region, the target is to sustain or increase the current level. Thus, the target is revised as follows:</p> <p>T: $\geq 96\%$ (2025)</p>