

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: *Denmark*

Draft country programme document: *China*

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.

	Member state comments	UNICEF response
General comments	Denmark welcomes that the CPD is closely aligned with the priority areas of the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2018 – 2021. The normative framework of the UN, including human rights, the Convention of the Rights of the Child, the SDGs and leaving no one behind, should always be an integral part of country programme documents.	UNICEF appreciates the comments made by Denmark on the China draft country programme document (CPD). The 2021-2025 UNICEF country programme for China has been designed to contribute to the attainment of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development agreed upon by 193 Member States of the United Nations.
Comments on specific aspects of the country programme document	Denmark welcomes UNICEF's support for South-South cooperation and the dissemination of best practices in accordance with internationally agreed frameworks and standards, while emphasizing that the focus of a CPD should predominantly address sustainable development in the country in question and to a lesser degree external development activities. As such, Denmark would welcome more information on how South-South cooperation will contribute to the sustainable development in China.	In UNICEF's Strategic Plan 2018-2021, UNICEF commits: 'to realize the rights of all children, everywhere, and to achieve the vision of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, a world in which no child is left behind.' This commitment is embedded within the CPD that 'is aimed at supporting the Government to realize the rights of all children in China, including the most disadvantaged...', and '...by 2025, the rights of more girls and boys, including the most disadvantaged, will be realized so that they survive, live in a safer and healthier environment and develop to their full potential.' Discussion of child rights is

		<p>prominent in the CPD in relation to all children in China including vulnerable groups, and for informing advocacy efforts. The overarching focus on rights provides the framework for UNICEF’s support to child development efforts in China.</p> <p>The majority of the proposed UNICEF country programme 2021-2025 is focussed on programming in China as per the summary budget table and the result and resources framework. UNICEF also aims to influence and inform the efforts of the Government of China in line with international norms and standards, through specific institutions such as the China International Development Cooperation Agency (CIDCA), as they invest in other countries towards the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) so as to maximize results for all children, leaving no one behind.</p> <p>One of the aims of the UN Charter is ‘to achieve international cooperation in solving international problems’. The UNICEF Strategic Plan 2018-2021 notes that ‘promoting cooperation, sharing lessons learned and fostering innovation and partnerships through South-South and triangular cooperation will also be emphasized’.</p> <p>Under the framework of South-South cooperation UNICEF will share transparently best practices in child development - that are in line with international norms and standards - to China, and from China to other countries. This aims to support sustainable development in both China and in other countries.</p>
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