

Office of the Secretary of the UNICEF Executive Board
Template for delegations commenting on the draft country programme documents
2025 second regular session
(Updated: 12 June 2025)

Draft country programme document commenting period for Armenia, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Liberia, North Macedonia, Oman, Timor-Leste, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Uzbekistan: 10–30 June 2025 [18:00 hours Eastern Daylight Time]

Draft country programme document commenting period for Serbia, including RRF and CEP for Kosovo, under United Nations Security Council resolution 1244 (1999): 11 June–1 July 2025 [18:00 hours Eastern Daylight Time]

Draft country programme document commenting period for Türkiye: 12 June–2 July 2025 [18:00 hours Eastern Daylight 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: *Germany*

Draft country programme document: *Uganda*

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	Uganda has the second youngest population in the world. For Uganda to profit from a demographic dividend, access to education, health and social protection must be ensured. The proposed country programme addresses all these components. It is particularly appreciated that the humanitarian interventions in the refugee sector are integrated in a broader development approach, taking into account the Human-Development-Peace Nexus and the Common Refugee Response Framework.	UNICEF Uganda highly appreciates the comments of the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany and remains committed to continue our close collaboration in providing support to the Government of Uganda to address key deprivations for the most vulnerable children. Our work will span the development and humanitarian nexus with support to both long and short term refugee response programmes being an integral component.

Comments on specific aspects of the draft country programme document	• The Government of Uganda launched at the end of 2024 a school feeding programme, scheduled to start in 2026. How will UNICEF in collaboration with WFP support this programme? (Para. 27-30) • The budget foresees more than 50% of the regular resources/25% of the overall resources for Programme Effectiveness (p. 10). This seems unproportionate, considering that under programme effectiveness, the design, coordination and management of programmes is supported, but funds do not directly benefit the target group. • The interventions in the health sector should ensure non-discrimination for all persons affected by the Anti-Homosexuality-Act (e.g. Para 26).	• Food systems strengthening and reducing stunting and wasting remain at the core of UNICEF’s interventions for the new country programme. In close collaboration with WFP and FAO, UNICEF will work on integrating nutrition into sector policies and regulatory frameworks, including those of the Ministry of Education & Sports, advocating for and identifying viable models for domestic financing for national nutrition programmes, and provide technical support to deliver comprehensive school nutrition programmes. UNICEF and WFP will collaborate to support the regulation of the food environment in and around schools, developing guidelines incorporating nutritious food and diets in school meals, promoting nutrition literacy through curricula adjustments, and promoting school backyard gardens to complement the staple foods provided by the Government’s school feeding programme. • The Programme Effectiveness component covers a range of programmatic areas, of which the design, coordination and management of the country programme is a very small part. The programme areas under Programme Effectiveness covers UNICEF Uganda’s field operations, where services for children are delivered through two field offices; cross-cutting technical capacities to support sectoral programming, including social and behavioural change, gender equality and disability inclusion; emergency preparedness and response; and advocacy and communication. The component also enhances accountability, operational oversight and risk management - including addressing fraud - of UNICEF Uganda’s programme implementation and contributes to the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) both in UNICEF Uganda programme implementation, including through implementing partners, and within the framework of the joint UN operations. • UNICEF reconfirms its commitment to non-discrimination enshrined in Article 2 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Following UNICEF and partner advocacy, Uganda’s Ministry of Health issued a circular to all health facilities to
--	--	---

		ensure non-discriminatory provision of health services to all people, articulated further in the Ministry of Health's "Uganda AHA adaptation service delivery framework".
--	--	---