

5 May 2026

Dear Ms. Kunugi,

Subject: Alignment of UNICEF Country Programme Document with UN Cooperation Framework

I am pleased to confirm that the draft UNICEF Country Programme Document (CPD) has been developed in alignment with, and is derived from, the priorities and the results framework of the 2027-2031 UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (Cooperation Framework) for the Lao People's Democratic Republic. The results framework for the Cooperation Framework has been officially endorsed by the Government of Lao PDR.

The 2027–2031 Cooperation Framework is, in turn, aligned with national development priorities, particularly the 10th National Socio-Economic Development Plan (NSED) 2026–2030, as well as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The Cooperation Framework sets out a shared vision that, by 2031, people in Lao PDR thrive in a greener, more inclusive and resilient society, supported by accountable and responsive institutions.

The UNICEF CPD 2027–2031 contributes directly to the three outcome areas of the Cooperation Framework, namely:

1. **Outcome 1—People's Wellbeing:** By 2031, people in Lao PDR have greater capabilities, opportunities, skills and equitable access to services to lead safe, healthy and productive lives, participate more fully in public life, and better adapt to the impacts of socio-economic, technological and demographic change
2. **Outcome 2—Governance and Institutions:** By 2031, Lao PDR's institutions at all levels are more accountable and responsive to the needs of people, uphold human rights and the rule of law, promote participatory governance, gender, disability and digital inclusion and open civic space, and safeguard against risks of transnational crime
3. **Outcome 3—Environment and Sustainable Growth:** By 2031, Lao PDR's economy is greener and more diversified, inclusive and climate-resilient, with shared prosperity across rural and urban communities, while protecting natural resources and biodiversity.

In doing so, the CPD operationalizes UNICEF's contribution to national priorities through integrated, multisectoral programming focused on the first 1,000 days of life; learning and skills development; adolescent empowerment and inclusion; and ensuring a safe and clean environment for children, with a strong emphasis on equity, gender equality, disability inclusion, climate resilience, and evidence-based planning.

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The CPD has been developed in close consultation with Government counterparts, United Nations agencies, development partners, civil society organizations, and children and young people. It is informed by findings from the evaluation of the 2022–2026 country programme, national data and equity analyses, and Lao PDR’s commitments under the Convention on the Rights of the Child and other international human rights instruments.

I wish to acknowledge UNICEF’s active engagement throughout the Cooperation Framework formulation process thus far, including through data, analysis and foresight that informed the theory of change and strategic prioritization of UN support. As such, the CPD 2027–2031 will serve as a key country programming instrument for translating the shared vision and outcomes of the Cooperation Framework into concrete, measurable results for children and adolescents in Lao PDR.

I am pleased to endorse the UNICEF CPD for submission to the Executive Board, and look forward to its successful implementation in close alignment with the Cooperation Framework in order to realize the national development priorities and to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

Yours sincerely,



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