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Dear Ms Kadilli,

Subject: Endorsement of the draft Government of Botswana - UNICEF Country Programme Document (2027 – 2031)

Greetings from UN Botswana. I hope this letter finds you well.

Your Representative in Botswana, Dr Kimanzi Muthengi, has briefed me on the UNICEF Country Programme for 2027–2031 and shared the draft Country Programme Document (CPD) with me.

I commend the quality of the programme design and the consultative process undertaken, which engaged key stakeholders, including Government, non-governmental organisations, civil society, the private sector, adolescents and young people, development partners, and donors. The design drew on the Validation Workshop held on 8 April 2026 (in which I participated), a brief situation analysis on children's rights and young people in Botswana, an evaluation of the 2022–2026 country programme, and evidence synthesis and technical consultations with Government counterparts. The programme is aligned with National Development Plan (NDP) 12 and the Botswana Economic Transformation Plan (BETP).

I am also pleased to note that the draft CPD is aligned with UN system-focused priorities for Botswana, as set out in the draft Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (CF). While the CF is being finalised, the work completed through the Common Country Assessment (CCA) and the proposed results framework demonstrate that UNICEF's planned results will contribute to, and be mutually reinforcing with, those of the CF, thereby strengthening UN development efforts in Botswana. I further wish to acknowledge UNICEF's instrumental role in the development of the new CF through strategic inputs.



I am, therefore, pleased to endorse the draft Government of Botswana - UNICEF Country Programme Document (2027–2031). I also convey my appreciation for UNICEF’s continued contribution to strengthening the effectiveness and efficiency of the United Nations Country Team (UNCT) in Botswana. I look forward to continuing and enhancing our collaboration with the UNICEF team in Botswana as we accelerate progress towards achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Together, we strive for a peaceful, prosperous, productive, and inclusive Botswana.

Yours sincerely,



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