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Office of the  
United Nations Resident Coordinator

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Dear Etona,

**RE: Endorsement of the Draft UNICEF-Zimbabwe Country Programme Document (2027-2031)**

1. I welcome and endorse the Draft UNICEF-Zimbabwe Country Programme Document (CPD) for the period 2027–2031, which presents a coherent, integrated and forward-looking programme derived from and fully aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF).
2. The Draft CPD is firmly grounded in Zimbabwe's development context, recognising both the progress made toward macroeconomic stabilisation and national development ambitions, as well as persistent structural challenges related to child poverty, constrained social sector financing, climate vulnerability and widening inequities. The document clearly articulates the multidimensional deprivations facing children and young people across health and nutrition, learning and skills, protection and social protection, with particular attention to adolescents, girls, children with disabilities and those living in high-poverty, climate-exposed and underserved districts.
3. I commend the CPD for its strong alignment with the Government of Zimbabwe's National Development Strategy 2, Vision 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals, with a clear focus on leaving no one and no place behind. Its emphasis on strengthening national and subnational systems for planning, financing, service delivery, accountability and climate resilience reflects a systems-oriented and well-sequenced response to Zimbabwe's interlinked development challenges, consistent with the priorities and results of the UNSDCF.
4. The CPD positions UNICEF effectively as a trusted advocate for child rights and a catalytic partner for systems transformation, with a unique capacity to link policy, financing and implementation. Through its convening role and multisector mandate, UNICEF will support national efforts across accountable and devolved governance, inclusive and shock-responsive social protection and services, climate-resilient basic service delivery, human capital development across the life course, and gender equality and social inclusion, particularly for the most vulnerable children and adolescents.

5. In view of the above, I hereby endorse the Draft UNICEF-Zimbabwe Country Programme Document (2027–2031) and look forward to UNICEF’s continued contribution, within the broader United Nations system, to advancing inclusive, resilient and sustainable development in Zimbabwe.

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Yours sincerely,



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