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Extensions of ongoing country programmes

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Summary

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2009/11, this note informs the Executive Board of the first two-month extensions of the country programmes for Chile, the Comoros, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Maldives and Peru; and the first one-year extensions of the country programmes for Bangladesh, Benin, Guinea-Bissau, Togo and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), all of which were approved by the Executive Director and are presented in table 1.

This note further informs the Executive Board of the reasons for the proposed two-month extensions of the country programmes for Panama and Tunisia, both following one-year extensions; the proposed two-month extensions of the country programmes for the Syrian Arab Republic and Yemen, both following two consecutive one-year extensions; the proposed two-month extension of the country programme for the Congo, following a two-year extension; the proposed additional one-year extension of the country programme for Libya, following a previous one-year extension; and the proposed additional one-year extension of the country programme for Myanmar, following four consecutive one-year extensions. The Executive Board is requested to approve these extensions.

Draft decision

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* of the first two-month extensions of the country programmes for Chile, the Comoros, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Maldives and Peru; and the first one-year extensions of the country programmes for Bangladesh, Benin, Guinea-Bissau, Togo and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), all of which were approved by the Executive Director and are presented in table 1.

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Note: The present document was processed in its entirety by UNICEF.

2. *Approves* the two-month extensions of the country programmes for Panama and Tunisia, both following one-year extensions; the two-month extensions of the country programmes for the Syrian Arab Republic and Yemen, both following two consecutive one-year extensions; the two-month extension of the country programme for the Congo, following a two-year extension; the additional one-year extension of the country programme for Libya, following a previous one-year extension; and the additional one-year extension of the country programme for Myanmar, following four consecutive one-year extensions, all of which are presented in table 2.

Table 1

Extensions of one year (or less) of ongoing country programmes approved by the Executive Director

<i>UNICEF-supported country programme</i>	<i>Original programme period, including previous extensions</i>	<i>Year/period approved for extension</i>	<i>Reasons for the extension</i>
Bangladesh	2022–2026	January to December 2027 (one-year extension)	– This one-year extension was requested to ensure alignment between the UNICEF country programme document (CPD) and the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF), which has been extended to the end of 2027. – This will allow UNICEF to sustain programme delivery while national and United Nations planning frameworks are finalized. The extension is aligned with other Executive Committee agencies requesting an extension (the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)).
Benin	2024–2026	January to December 2027 (one-year extension)	– This one-year extension was requested to ensure alignment between the UNICEF CPD and UNSDCF, which has been extended to the end of 2027. – This will allow UNICEF to sustain programme delivery while national and United Nations planning frameworks are finalized. The extension is aligned with other Executive Committee agencies requesting an extension (UNFPA and UNDP).
Chile	July 2023–December 2026	January to February 2027	– This two-month extension was requested to ensure alignment between the UNICEF CPD and UNSDCF 2027–2030, which is under finalization.
Comoros	2022–2026	January to February 2027	– This two-month extension was requested to ensure alignment between the UNICEF CPD and UNSDCF 2027–2030, which is under finalization.

<i>UNICEF-supported country programme</i>	<i>Original programme period, including previous extensions</i>	<i>Year/period approved for extension</i>	<i>Reasons for the extension</i>
Ecuador	March 2023–December 2026	January to February 2027	– This two-month extension was requested to ensure alignment between the UNICEF CPD and UNSDCF 2027–2030, which is under finalization.
El Salvador	March 2022–December 2026	January to February 2027	– This two-month extension was requested to ensure alignment between the UNICEF CPD and UNSDCF 2027–2031, which is under finalization.
Guinea-Bissau	March 2022–December 2026	January to December 2027	– This one-year extension was requested to ensure alignment between the UNICEF CPD and UNSDCF, which has been extended to the end of 2027. – This will allow UNICEF to sustain programme delivery while national and United Nations planning frameworks are finalized. The extension is aligned with other Executive Committee agencies requesting an extension (UNFPA and UNDP).
Honduras	March 2022–December 2026	January to February 2027	– This two-month extension was requested to ensure alignment between the UNICEF CPD and UNSDCF 2027–2030, which is under finalization.
Maldives	April 2022–December 2026	January to February 2027	– This two-month extension was requested to ensure alignment between the UNICEF CPD and UNSDCF 2027–2031, which is under finalization.
Peru	March 2022–December 2026	January to February 2027	– This two-month extension was requested to ensure alignment between the UNICEF CPD and UNSDCF 2027–2031, which is under finalization.

<i>UNICEF-supported country programme</i>	<i>Original programme period, including previous extensions</i>	<i>Year/period approved for extension</i>	<i>Reasons for the extension</i>
Togo	2024–2026	January to December 2027	– This one-year extension was requested to ensure alignment between the UNICEF CPD and UNSDCF, which has been extended to the end of 2027. – This will allow UNICEF to sustain programme delivery while national and United Nations planning frameworks are finalized. The extension is aligned with other Executive Committee agencies requesting an extension (UNFPA and UNDP).
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	March 2023–December 2026	January to December 2027 (one-year extension)	– This one-year extension was requested to ensure alignment between the UNICEF CPD and the UNSDCF, which has been extended to the end of 2027. – This will allow UNICEF to sustain programme delivery while national and United Nations planning frameworks are finalized. The extension is aligned with other Executive Committee agencies requesting an extension (UNFPA and UNDP).

Table 2

Extensions of ongoing country programmes for which the approval of the Executive Board is requested

<i>UNICEF-supported country programme</i>	<i>Original programme period, including previous extensions</i>	<i>Year/period approved for extension</i>	<i>Reasons for the extension</i>
Congo	2020–2026 (including a two-year extension)	January to February 2027 (two-month extension)	– This two-month extension is being requested to ensure alignment between the UNICEF CPD and UNSDCF 2027–2031, which is under finalization.
Libya	2023–2026 (including a one-year extension)	January to December 2027 (one-year extension)	– This one-year extension is being requested to ensure alignment between the UNICEF CPD and UNSDCF, which has been extended to the end of 2027. – This will allow UNICEF to sustain programme delivery while national and United Nations planning frameworks are finalized. The extension is aligned with other Executive Committee agencies requesting an extension (UNFPA and UNDP).
Myanmar	2018–2026 (including four consecutive one-year extensions)	January to December 2027 (one-year extension)	– This one-year extension request is being made following consultation with the Resident Coordinator a.i., UNDP and UNFPA to extend the current CPD until 31 December 2027, to align with the forthcoming transitional cooperation framework.
Panama	2021–2026 (including a one-year extension)	January to February 2027 (two-month extension)	– The two-month extension is being requested to finalize the UNICEF CPD, which was delayed due to repositioning of the country programme and ensuring its financial sustainability.

<i>UNICEF-supported country programme</i>	<i>Original programme period, including previous extensions</i>	<i>Year/period approved for extension</i>	<i>Reasons for the extension</i>
Syrian Arab Republic	July 2022 to December 2026 (including two consecutive one-year extensions)	January to February 2027 (two-month extension)	– This two-month extension is being requested to ensure alignment between the UNICEF CPD and UNSDCF 2027–2030, which is under finalization.
Tunisia	2021–2026 (including a one-year extension)	January to February 2027 (two-month extension)	– This two-month extension is being requested to ensure alignment between the UNICEF CPD and UNSDCF 2027–2031, which is under finalization.
Yemen	2023–2026 (including two consecutive one-year extensions)	January to February 2027 (two-month extension)	– This two-month extension is being requested to ensure alignment between the UNICEF CPD and UNSDCF 2027–2029, which is under finalization.