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Extensions of ongoing country programmes

Note by the secretariat

Summary

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2009/11, this note informs the Executive Board of the one-year extensions of the country programmes for Ghana, Malawi and Oman approved by the Executive Director.

Draft decision

The Executive Board

Takes note of the one-year extensions of the country programmes for Ghana, Malawi and Oman, which were approved by the Executive Director, as presented in the following table.

* E/ICEF/2016/1.
Table

First one-year extensions of ongoing country programmes approved by the Executive Director

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<th>UNICEF-assisted country programme</th>
<th>Original programme period</th>
<th>Year/period approved for extension</th>
<th>Reasons for the extension</th>
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<td>Ghana</td>
<td>2012-2016</td>
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<td>– To align the UNICEF country programme with the Ghana United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF), which has been extended to 2017.</td>
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<td>– To synchronize with the Government’s five-year planning and budgeting cycle.</td>
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<td>Malawi</td>
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<td>– To align the start of the next UNICEF country programme with the UNDAF, which has been extended until 2017.</td>
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<td>– To align the UNICEF country programme with the start of the next Malawi Growth and Development Strategy, which will be completed in late 2016.</td>
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<td>– To make sure that UNDAF priorities are developed only once Government priorities are known and agreed, and as such are aligned with national priorities outlined in the Malawi Growth and Development Strategy.</td>
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<td>– Building on strategic shifts agreed during the July 2014 Mid-Term Review, additional time is needed to consolidate country programme strategies and demonstrate programme results as per the revised country programme results.</td>
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