

Office of the Secretary of the UNICEF Executive Board
Template for delegations commenting on the draft country programme documents
2023 second regular session

Draft country programme document commenting period: 13 June to 3 July 2023 [18:00 EST]

Delegations are kindly invited to use this template to share their comments on the draft country programme document being presented to the Executive Board during the forthcoming session.

Delegation name: *European Union*

Draft country programme document: Nicaragua

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	Delegation's comments	Response(s)
General comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The four prioritised programme components are important and appropriate for the Nicaraguan context. The targeted areas, namely the Caribbean Coast and the Dry Corridor, are also in our view the most vulnerable, multi-affected areas.▪ Collaboration and coordination with other UN agencies could be further developed, especially for the health, nutrition and child development components, where stronger links with WFP, WHO and FAO could be built.▪ We encourage improving a multi-sectorial approach in the different components, and to integrate WASH in the health and nutrition programme component too. Likewise, protection should not only be a stand-alone activity but should also be integrated in the health and education programme components, and in any disaster preparedness programme. A	

	<p>strong risk analysis should include protection-related risks in any programme component.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tools and methodologies should be promoted and used to ensure continuity of education during emergencies. Even when the Nicaraguan legal framework establishes that schools should only be used as shelter “as a last resort”, they are routinely being used in any emergency. Advocacy at national, local and community level should ensure they become a true last resort. ▪ Complementarities and synergies should be sought with other humanitarian and development stakeholders, as well as donors to ensure coherence, avoiding duplications and to reinforce the nexus. ▪ Any humanitarian activity in Nicaragua should try to broaden the humanitarian space. UNICEF could reinforce this role for, at least, its implementing partners. 	
<p>Comments on specific aspects of the draft country programme documents</p>	<p><i>(Delegations providing comments may wish to include details, such as the page number, paragraph number, or page of the annexed results and resources framework.</i></p>	