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: United States of America

Draft country programme document: Malawi

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2014/1, draft country programme documents are considered and approved in one session, on a no-objection basis. All comments received by the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board before the deadline stated above will be posted on the Executive Board website.

	Delegation's comments	**Response(s)**
General comments	- How is UNICEF considering opportunities to incorporate nutrition-sensitive social protection into their work in Malawi? - Please share more about UNICEF's efforts to improve integration of nutrition and WASH within UNICEF. Are there opportunities for joint planning and monitoring visits? - What is UNICEF doing to increase focus on not only providing quality water systems, but also ensuring strategies are in place for long term sustainability?	

| **Comments on specific aspects of the draft country programme documents** | • We note the CPD references the 2016 Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS) (paragraph 6). Are there other data sources that could be used by UNICEF to properly identify the number of people in need? These numbers may have changed after the impact of COVID on the world economy, as well as three tropical cyclones between 2019 and 2023.
• Could UNICEF please provide more detail on their work to support the operationalization of the Malawi National Social Protection Program III (paragraph 36), particularly how UNICEF is engaging with the World Food Programme and UNHCR to integrate their work with the Government of Malawi in the refugee camps? | |