

**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: **United States of America**

Draft country programme document: **Mauritania**

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.

|                         | <b>Delegation's comments</b>  | <b>Response(s)</b> |
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| <b>General comments</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● The United States notes the Country Programme Document (CPD) for Mauritania.</li><br/><li>● We note that there are limited references to the outcomes and impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic response in the CPD. How does UNICEF plan to assist the Government of Mauritania and the Ministry of Health in taking stock of and building upon health system improvements at all levels?</li><br/><li>● We strongly support UNICEF's prioritization of efforts to improve maternal, newborn and child health and nutrition outcomes through a focus on the first 1000 days. Noting</li></ul> |                    |

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|   | <p>the critical importance of birth registration documentation, we strongly recommend that UNICEF/Mauritania elevate this as a top crosscutting objective across all its programming and to strengthen collaboration with all partners to jointly advocate for the Government of Mauritania to enact registration/documentation policies that enable all children in the country to access health, education and protection services.</p> |  |
| <p><b>Comments on specific aspects of the draft country programme documents</b></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>   |  |