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: Angola

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		
Comments on specific aspects of the draft country programme documents	Regarding section 15, the United States notes this CPD's lack of disability data. Does UNICEF plan to use the Washington Group of Questions to gather such data? We understand that this is the standard disability data question set, developed in part by UNICEF.	UNICEF appreciates the comment of the United States of America on the Angola draft country programme document. UNICEF is committed to supporting national institutions, including the National Institute of Statistics (INE), to plan and implement the effective generation, analysis and use of quality data for programming and decision-making. UNICEF is currently providing technical support to INE to implement the 2023 Demographic and Health Survey, which incorporates the Child Functioning Module for children aged 5-17 years for the first time after continuous advocacy by UNICEF. The Child Functioning Module was developed by UNICEF and the Washington Group on Disability Statistics to address the paucity of data on the situation of children with disabilities. UNICEF will continue to support INE in the preparation of the 2024 Census to incorporate the Washington Group Question Set, in order to gather more accurate information on the prevalence of disabilities in Angola for targeted programming.