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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: GERMANY

Draft country programme document: Senegal

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	We miss the elaboration on how digital tools and methods can be an accelerator for greater access to and better quality of services provided, along the different programmatic priorities and partnerships. In our reading, digitalization is only referred to in paragraph number 27.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• UNICEF acknowledges and appreciates the comments on its draft country programme for 2024-28 from the Government of Germany and welcomes the opportunity to provide additional information that could not be adequately covered in a document of 6000 words• UNICEF CO in Senegal acknowledges the importance of digital tools and methods as an accelerator for greater access and better-quality service provision.• In fact, UNICEF CO in Senegal has a deliberate strategy on the usage of digital tools and methods across sectors to improve access to and quality of services and promote adolescent participation, which will be further detailed in the work planning phase. To name but a few examples:

		<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. In the health sector, digital tools will be used to promote adolescent health and to put in place an electronic vaccination register in urban and peri-urban areas for data quality and to better capture children that may have been missed during the initial vaccination phase. 2. In the education sector, strategic and innovative partnerships with the private sector will be strengthened to support digital learning. Through a large-scale public-private partnership, UNICEF is looking into launching the GIGA initiative in Senegal, which aims to map and connect schools to Internet in Senegal. UNICEF CO in Senegal is also exploring collaboration on a digital application on menstrual hygiene management and access to information linked to protection and health/mental health for better retention in schools, accessible to girls and made by girls, the first of its kind in West and Central Africa. 3. In the child protection sector, support will be provided to the ongoing digitization of civil registration based on lessons learnt from the UNICEF-support Rapid Pro intervention, and digital tools and information management systems for reporting and referral of cases of violence will continue to be expanded to better connect the communities with public services as well as accelerate the response provided to the child victims of violence.
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<p>Comments on specific aspects of the draft country programme documents</p>		