

Office of the Secretary of the UNICEF Executive Board

Template for delegations commenting on the country programme documents

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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: *Embassy of Sweden in Zimbabwe*

Draft country programme document: *Zimbabwe*

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2014/1, 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 will be made public on the Executive Board website, and considered by the requesting country, in close consultation with UNICEF.

| General comments | Delegations' comments | Country response |
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| Comments on specific aspects of the country programme document | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Comprehensive CPD, which articulates the relevant challenges within the country context.2. The CPD is clear on challenges in the country context. It is however not clear what the lessons learnt are from previous work. What has UNICEF learnt and what do they now propose to do differently, considering these previous experiences? The document does very much signal a continuation of previous work – “business as usual” and not much of change or innovative thinking. Considering the Zimbabwe context and negative sector trends – learning and identifying new ways of working is key. The area of health systems strengthening is one such key area.3. The issue of limited space for adolescent participation in decision-making is indeed important and is raised among the programme priorities. In the programme section it is however | |

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| | <p>linked to HIV/AIDS rather than at a broader overall level. Why is it specifically linked to HIV/AIDS and not mainstreamed?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">4. Furthermore, on meaningful participation in decision-making – the KPI in the results framework on this matter is rather broadly formulated. Important that it is clearly linked to <i>meaningful participation in decision-making</i>, and not just participation in general terms.5. Could it be useful to present an overall theory of change for UNICEF in the country context, to further clarify rationale behind priorities? We are aware that UNDP Zimbabwe, for example, did have that in their draft CPD.6. Proposal to identify and include overall risks and mitigation measures to the Programme and risk management section. | |
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