

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: *Germany*

Draft country programme document: *Bangladesh*

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
Comments on specific aspects of the country programme document	<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> <p>We welcome the UNICEF Draft Country Programme Document 2022-2026 for Bangladesh and the opportunity to comment on it. GER and UNICEF are working together successfully in Bangladesh, especially in improving the access to quality education for children affected by the Rohingya crisis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <u>Humanitarian-development nexus</u> <p>The CPD mentions <i>strengthening humanitarian-development linkages, and supporting the national response to the COVID-19 pandemic with the aim of longer-term systems strengthening</i>. We would appreciate additional information on <u>how</u> the nexus</p>	

	<p>linkages, including as part of the Covid-19 response, will be strengthened.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <u>Rohingya crisis</u> <p>The Rohingya crisis is a crucial issue and a focus of GER Transitional Development Assistance work with UNICEF in Bangladesh. Acknowledging the annual publishing of a separate response plan for addressing the Rohingya crisis, we would appreciate more information about potential linkages between programmes, particularly the education components, related to the Rohingya crisis and the CPD.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <u>Climate Crisis:</u> <p>The CPD mentions Bangladesh being the <i>seventh most-affected country by extreme weather events. Bangladesh has made climate adaptation and disaster response a central pillar of its Eighth Five-Year Plan (8FYP) for 2020 to 2025.</i> Besides the mentioned climate-related interventions in the CPD, we would appreciate additional information on the partnerships UNICEF is going to leverage / synergize (with UN agencies, CSO) on this important agenda.</p>	
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