

Office of the Secretary of the UNICEF Executive Board

Template for delegations commenting on the country programme documents

2021 second regular session

Country programme document posting period: 16 June to 6 July 2021

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: UK

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Coordination, collaboration and partnerships with other development partners as a strategy for programme delivery is missing in the document.</i> • <i>The key advocacy agenda such as increased education financing, child marriage, climate change and resilience have not been highlighted or focused in the delivery strategies</i> • <i>Health (page 6): A separate paragraph on Covid-19 response plan would have been useful. This does not capture the work they are doing on oxygen and other areas to improve capacity of the district level hospitals and there are no relevant KPIs as well.</i> • <i>Outcome indicators (page 11): Recommend to include an outcome indicator to increase access of out-of-school children i.e. Proportion of out of school children reduced.</i> 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Education. Outcome 3: No KPI set to track increasing participation rate for the primary school age children. This is crucial in a post covid-19 context where it is anticipated that enrolment and retention of children could be negatively affected.</i>• <i>Outcome 3: KPI 1: (Participation rate in organized learning one year before the official primary entry age (total; girls; boys) B: 77.4%; 78.8%; 76.1% T: 100% ; 100%; 100%): Too ambitious target (100%) for five years in a post Covid-19 context.</i>	
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