

**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: *Germany*

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.

<b>General comments</b>	<b>Delegations' comments</b>	<b>Country response</b>
<b>Comments on specific aspects of the country programme document</b>	<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 2022-2026 for Zimbabwe and the opportunity to comment on it.</p> <p>Programme Rationale: well-structured and comprehensive, however no mention of children in the justice system, both in terms of victims or perpetrators.</p> <p>Programme priorities and partnerships: welcome the gender-transformative approach throughout all priority areas; on child protection the role of the Human Rights Commission particularly</p>	

	<p>with regard to child's rights monitoring should be explored (ref. No 44).</p> <p>The aspect of promoting economic development: mentioned a few times (e.g. c)/ page 5) but not clearly defined how the programme will contribute to that.</p> <p>Devolution: The programme refers to the devolution process which hasn't really taken off yet. If the programme was seriously "building on the country's devolution process" (point 16/ page 5) UNICEF together with other UN agencies and development partners should undertake a thorough assessment of this process and progress to date.</p>	
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