

Office of the Secretary of the UNICEF Executive Board

Template for delegations commenting on the country programme documents

2021 second regular session

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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: **United States of America**

Draft country programme document: **Madagascar**

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
<p>The United States encourages UNICEF country office to work with stakeholders on the ground to address the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● To consider the integration of management of acute malnutrition in the program rationale section.● To consider building government capacity to monitor and enforce adherence to the International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes.● To consider conducting a risk analysis to identify and manage risks specific to the Madagascar context including the risks of fraud, waste, and abuse.● To maintain its focus and ensure a sufficient allocation of resources in the areas most impacted by climate shocks.● To articulate in a clearer manner the potential linkages between the different sectors, for example, WASH efforts to increase market-based approaches to sanitation.		

<ul style="list-style-type: none">● To ensure a strong focus on government commitment to improved water management and increased government and community capacity for sustainable water use. Subsidies for water costs must be carefully constructed so as not to counteract water system cost-recovery and sustainability.		
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