

**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: *EU/ECHO*

Draft country programme document: *Botswana*

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>Response</b>
<b>Comments on specific aspects of the country programme document</b>	For BOTSWANA, the document is comprehensive and coherent, with good links to social protection. Regarding nutrition, it addresses adequately the gaps highlighted in the rational section.	The UNICEF Botswana CO acknowledges the positive feedback on the CPD submission with thanks. Indeed addressing malnutrition among children in Botswana is a key priority given that malnutrition contributes significantly to under-five mortality and that the levels of stunting remain pervasively high (19.8 per cent) for an Upper Middle Income country. It is possible that given the socioeconomic impact of COVID-19 on households, exacerbating poverty and food insecurity, that the levels of acute and chronic malnutrition may actually be higher and require multisectoral responses, as planned in the new CPD.