

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: **United States of America**

Draft country programme document: **Lao Democratic People's Republic**

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	Response
<p>The United States commends the CPD's focus on development issues in Lao PDR. We encourage UNICEF country office to continue to work with stakeholders on the ground to address:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Activities for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and WASH programs in flood-affected communities.2. Updating the National Nutrition Strategy as a part of the CPD's activities.		<p>Ad 1) The UNICEF Country Office concurs with the comments received of the Government of the United States, recognizing the importance of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) programs in flood-affected communities. In its Country Programme 2022-2026, UNICEF will continue to support the Government of Lao PDR in strengthening these programs.</p> <p>Ad 2) The UNICEF Country Office will continue to work with the Government of Lao PDR and relevant stakeholders in improving the nutrition situation of the population, especially children and women, using multiple platforms and strategies. UNICEF will support the operationalization of the National Plan of Action on Nutrition (2021-2025) which is in its final stages of preparation. As co-convener of</p>

		the development partners in nutrition, UNICEF will support the Government of Lao PDR and nutrition stakeholders to update the current nutrition strategy (2016-2025) as part of the new country programme activities, ensuring its alignment with global best practices and addressing the country nutrition challenges in a holistic manner.
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