

COMMENTS ON THE UNFPA DRAFT COUNTRY PROGRAMME DOCUMENT FOR BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA (2021-2025)

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CSE is a said priority but it is not clear in the results framework and there is no indicator on CSE. With a young population this should be a priority and focus for the support to education, please explain why this is. 	<p>CSE is called Healthy Lifestyles education in Bosnia and Herzegovina. It is captured in the results framework under CPD Output 2.1 - <i>Capacities of the education system are strengthened for provision of Healthy Lifestyles education</i> and with a related indicator <i>Number of ministries of education which adopted Healthy Life-Styles programme</i>. This is also because only 2 of 13 Ministries of Education have mainstreamed Healthy Lifestyles education programme strategy.</p> <p>The CPD para 21 identifies the contributions of outputs 2.1. and 2.2 to Cooperation Framework Outcome 2, which emphasises the empowerment of individuals through education and ensuring physical and mental health and well-being.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is not enough concrete reference to the joint UN. 	<p>UNFPA BiH is strategically focused on joint programmes and has achieved very good cooperation with several joint UN programmes that will continue during the new programming.</p> <p>CPD paragraph 18 outlines how UNFPA is the convening agency for the long-running Combating Conflict-related Sexual Violence Joint UN Programme, which is set to continue in the next CPD. In addition, UNFPA, together with other UN agencies, participated in a rapid socio-economic assessment in relation to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the country's development and has developed a joint socio-economic response that will be shared with donors and other stakeholders. If approved, the joint socio-economic response will serve as a foundation for future joint programming. UNFPA will collaborate with other UN agencies in the development of joint programme initiatives, such as the provision of protection to migrant populations (including empowerment of migrants and addressing gender-based violence).</p>

	<p>UNFPA in Bosnia and Herzegovina will work closely with other UNFPA country offices in the region, in line with findings and recommendations of the joint cluster programme evaluation. Plans have already been made to implement a joint Pan-Balkans Generations and Gender Survey that will provide the necessary evidence for family-friendly population policy development.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing on the Nexus. 	<p>The draft CPD has been updated to address this comment on the humanitarian / development nexus - in the para 18 (amendments underlined):</p> <p>18. These two outputs will contribute to Cooperation Framework outcome 1 by strengthening capacities of the health-care sector for provision of family-planning services and promotion of reproductive health for young people, including vulnerable groups such as persons living with disabilities and minorities. <u>Bosnia and Herzegovina does not have a country-wide disaster risk reduction or emergency response plan. In order to ensure development-humanitarian nexus, UNFPA will maintain a continuous response through the Women and Girls Centres and delivery of the Boys-on-the-Move informal education in the framework of the ongoing mixed-migration crisis, thereby addressing the needs in relation to gender-based violence and sexual and reproductive health for vulnerable women and young people. In parallel, through the United Nations joint programme on disaster risk reduction, the capacities of the 10 most-at-risk local communities will be strengthened through the training of first-line responders and inclusion of the Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP) in local emergency response plans and platforms. All UNFPA humanitarian work on prevention and protection, is fully harmonized with the previous and ongoing extensive work UNFPA has invested in development context within the Joint UN Programme relating to conflict-related sexual violence. In view of the anticipated protracted COVID-19 pandemic recovery, authorities will be supported in the development of protocols and provision of gender-based violence and sexual and reproductive health services. In addition, joint United Nations work on sustaining peace and social cohesion is translated through interventions supporting vulnerable young migrants. The above mentioned approaches, focused on sustainability and resilience as the basis for strengthening state and local capacities and systems, will ensure a balance between humanitarian response and development operations.</u></p>