

**COMMENTS ON THE UNFPA DRAFT COUNTRY PROGRAMME DOCUMENT FOR THE PLURINATIONAL STATE OF BOLIVIA**

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<b>Comments by Germany</b>	<b>UNFPA country/regional office response to comments</b>
<p>On page 36, it should say “36 ethnic groups” instead of indigenous peoples“.</p>	<p>UNFPA thanks Germany for the important comment. Since the constitutional law in Bolivia (art. 5) specifically refers to “36 languages and nations (<i>naciones</i>)”, UNFPA uses the word “indigenous peoples”, instead of ethnic groups in the CPD, under the assumption that one language or nation belongs to one indigenous community or people. The same language (indigenous peoples) was used in other UN agencies’ CPDs, and most recently, in President Arce’s speech to the UN General Assembly, as well as by IWGIA (International Work Group for Indigenous People).</p>
<p>Through the UNFPA programme, synergies can be created with the German technical cooperation project on the "Prevention of Violence against Women (PREVIO)" and a planned follow-up project "ProIgualdad". There is a local donor table ("Sub GRUS") on gender in place, in whose meetings GIZ and UNFPA participate. Further opportunities for exchange could enhance potential synergies.</p>	<p>UNFPA appreciates and thanks Germany for this comment. We continue to participate in the local donor table ("Sub GRUS") on gender and the inter-agency committee on gender, where Germany is actively participating. UNFPA will be pleased to liaise with the local representatives of GIZ to exchange information on the abovementioned projects on "Prevention of Violence against Women (PREVIO)" and the planned follow-up project "ProIgualdad" as well as explore opportunities for potential future synergies.</p>
<p>Considering the partly patriarchal social structures, cooperation with civil society organisations is key to raise awareness and create access and effective use of information, in particular on sexual and reproductive health, among society.</p>	<p>UNFPA takes good note of this comment and will continue strengthening the ongoing collaboration and partnerships with civil society organisations. Currently, UNFPA Bolivia is member of the Roundtable on Sexual and Reproductive Rights (“Mesa de derechos sexuales y reproductivos”), where many CSOs are also participating. At present, this Roundtable is supporting the approval process of the law on sexual and reproductive rights. The Roundtable is open to the participation of various cooperation agencies and UNFPA would</p>

	welcome having the German cooperation join this important mechanism.
<b>Comments by Spain</b>	<b>UNFPA country/regional office response to comments</b>
The UNFPA new CPD 2023 2027 for the Plurinational State of Bolivia incorporates two strategic approaches that will enhance the effectiveness of the action: the results defined from a multisector perspective and the focus on the subnational level to achieve the furthest left-behind population. The results and resources framework are based in previous programs and a solid data analysis that make it credible».	UNFPA appreciates this comment and would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the support received from the Spanish embassy and AECID in Bolivia during the process of development of the new CPD. We take good note of the observations and, as agreed in our recent meeting, we will continue our dialogue to explore future collaboration opportunities during the process of CPD implementation.