

COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SUBREGIONAL PROGRAMME DOCUMENT FOR THE ENGLISH- AND DUTCH-SPEAKING CARIBBEAN

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Comments by United States of America	UNFPA country and regional office response to comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The United States appreciates the programme document’s focus on improving quality of care and addressing the needs of adolescents and other at-risk populations. ● We support UNFPA’s linkage of sexual and reproductive health and gender-based violence (GBV) interventions. ● Regarding Item 32, we fully support the roll out of the GBV in emergency minimum standards. We recommend better illustrating the inclusion of and partnering with local women-focused organizations in addition to national governments in order to support women as first responders and contribute to a preparedness-focused approach in addition to a shock-responsiveness. ● Additionally, we appreciate that the programme document highlights the importance of UNFPA’s role as lead in the area of responsibility of gender-based violence in emergencies. 	<p>UNFPA extends sincere appreciation to the United States of America for reviewing the 7th subregional programme and noting the focus on adolescents and other at-risk populations, the importance of integrating sexual and reproductive health and gender-based violence interventions as well as UNFPA’s leadership in gender-based violence in emergencies.</p> <p>UNFPA appreciates the recommendation to make partnerships with local women-focused organizations more visible in the programme document. UNFPA recognizes the critical importance to collaborate with a variety of partners to ensure the achievement of all three transformative results. The nature of GBV prevention and response activities requires partnering with civil society organizations, grass roots organizations, women’s groups, community-based organizations and youth associations that work with the most vulnerable populations. UNFPA has a long history of strong and strategic collaboration with civil society organizations, including in humanitarian settings, such as with the Guyana Women Miners Organization (GWMO), a grass-roots organization which has been instrumental in supporting efforts to strengthen GBV protection mechanisms in hinterland communities in particular.</p> <p>Consequently, UNFPA included civil society organizations, including faith-based and community-based organizations, and youth networks as core partners in the results and resources framework for relevant outputs, including output 6.</p>