

## COMMENTS ON THE UNFPA DRAFT COUNTRY PROGRAMME DOCUMENT FOR HONDURAS

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Comments by United States of America	UNFPA country and regional office response to comments
<p><i>Overarching</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● We support UNFPA’s commitment to the "Leaving no one behind" approach, including through focusing on marginalized populations and departments that are most impacted by humanitarian crises.</li> <li>● UNFPA outlines multiple program risks and risk mitigation measures. Given that Honduras has been managing concurrent crises for several years, in addition to strengthening emergency preparedness, we encourage UNFPA to develop and strengthen response capacity as well.</li> </ul>	<p>UNFPA acknowledges with thanks the thorough review and comments made by the United States, all of which are duly noted.</p> <p>During the 2017-2021 Country Programme, UNFPA has prioritized left behind populations, especially adolescents living in rural areas. That emphasis is strengthened in UNFPA Country Programme 2022-2026, which includes “Leaving no one behind” as an overarching principle applied in a crosscutting manner through interventions and indicators, focusing on women, adolescents and youth in rural departments with high levels of poverty and a high concentration of indigenous populations (Copán, Santa Bárbara, Lempira, Ocotepeque, Intibucá, La Paz, Choluteca, Valle, Olancho) and departments that have a higher concentration of Afro-Honduran populations, which have been particularly affected by humanitarian emergencies (Cortés, Yoro and Atlántida). It will also address the specific needs of migrants, LGBTIQ+ groups and people with disabilities.</p> <p>In terms of emergency response, since the emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic and, subsequently, with the emergency caused by hurricanes Eta and Iota, UNFPA has been working to ensure the continuity of the provision of sexual and reproductive health services, as well as attention and prevention of gender-based violence, in the most affected areas, with emphasis on the most vulnerable populations.</p> <p>The emergency situation still persists and, considering the high vulnerability of the country, new emergencies or crises are likely to occur in the future. Therefore, UNFPA has included in the Country Programme 2022-2026 strategic interventions aimed at strengthening emergency preparedness and response, particularly with regard to the incorporation of sexual and reproductive health and gender-based violence. The response actions are also included in the Honduran Humanitarian Response Plan, launched in September 2021 and which is still pending funding.</p> <p>In this regard, UNFPA fully agrees with the comment made by the United States regarding response capacity. The strategic interventions included in the Country</p>

	<p>Programme and related to humanitarian issues also address preparedness, as detailed in paragraphs 20 and 24 of the CPD: <i>“promote the inclusion of SRH in humanitarian action and in climate change adaptation initiatives, using culturally-sensitive approaches for the provision of family planning methods in crisis affected areas; ensure, as lead of the GBV sub-cluster, the inclusion of GBV prevention and care in humanitarian preparedness and response and in climate change adaptation initiatives; strengthen the capacities of national and local actors for humanitarian response, including women’s and youth-led organizations and local governments of prioritized municipalities”</i>.</p>
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