

COMMENTS ON THE UNFPA DRAFT COUNTRY PROGRAMME DOCUMENT FOR COSTA RICA

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Comments by Spain	UNFPA country/regional office response to comments
AECID in Costa Rica considers that the Country Program proposal is very relevant and will help Costa Rica to consolidate and progress in the results of its policies aimed to promoting sexual and reproductive rights, gender equity, and the promotion of the rights of vulnerable groups.	UNFPA appreciates and thanks Spain for the comments made, and reiterates its commitment to work alongside the Government of Costa Rica for the health and wellbeing of the entire population.
The country program has been formulated with broad participation of public institutions and civil society organizations, with a methodological approach that coincides with that of AECID.	UNFPA appreciates and thanks Spain for the comments made, and reiterates its commitment to strengthen the ongoing partnership to achieve common goals.
The pandemic and the ensuing crisis have weakened Costa Rica's capacity for progress in women's sexual and reproductive rights and the protection of vulnerable rural groups, Indigenous and Afro-descendant people, adolescents and young people, persons with disabilities, LGTBIQ+ groups, migrants and refugees. The Country Program proposal is particularly relevant because it proposes mechanisms to accelerate the objectives of the National Development Plan 2023-2027.	UNFPA appreciates and thanks Spain for the comments made, which are in line with the concept of national ownership.
The country program aims the need to strengthen the capacities of the institutions responsible for acting on problems where negative indicators have stagnated at high levels such as teenage pregnancy rates, as well as the emerging needs of the female population such as reproductive cancers, climacteric and menopause.	UNFPA appreciates and thanks Spain for the comments made, and reiterates its commitment to continue national capacity building taking into consideration population dynamics.
The program strengthens Costa Rica's capacity to generate disaggregated information. This capacity will make it possible to focus public policies on vulnerable groups, leaving no one behind, and to consolidate a monitoring and evaluation system.	UNFPA appreciates and thanks Spain for the comments made, recognizing the importance of data for effective programming.

The priority sectors of AECID are also reflected in this framework: digitalization and innovation, ecologic transition and migrations, and gender.

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