

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

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Comments by Canada	UNFPA country/regional office response to comments
<p>Canada welcomes the UNFPA Country Program Document 2023-2027 for Mongolia. The CPD complements Canada’s bilateral development programming in Mongolia, particularly in areas related to gender-based violence and women’s economic and social empowerment. The CPD is well aligned with Mongolia’s development priorities as established in Mongolia’s Vision 2050 as well as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The document has clearly and accurately identified challenges and gaps related to the implementation of existing legal, policy, and regulatory frameworks in sexual and reproductive health, reproductive rights, and gender equality. Proposed program outputs and activities are highly relevant.</p>	<p>This comment is well noted with appreciation.</p> <p>The 7<sup>th</sup> Country Programme of Mongolia was developed in line with the Mongolia’s Vision 2050 and UNSDCF (2023-2027). It will contribute to the achievement of SDGs in Mongolia and UNFPA’s three transformative results.</p>
<p>We encourage UNFPA to put greater emphasis on CPD output #5 (<i>increased use of high-quality disaggregated data</i>), particularly in terms of providing technical assistance to the National Statistics Office and relevant line ministries for the collection, analysis and dissemination of gender-disaggregated data.</p>	<p>This comment is well noted.</p> <p>The new country programme was developed taking into account the Country Programme Evaluation recommendations to support increased availability of disaggregated quality data for evidence-based policymaking and analysing population dynamics.</p> <p>The focus of CPD output 5 has been developed to contribute to achievement of all CPD outputs including on gender and social norms. UNFPA will further elaborate its assistance to the National Statistics Office (NSO) and relevant line ministries on strengthening the availability and utilization of gender-disaggregated data in the implementation plan of the new Country Programme.</p> <p>The CO will continue to strengthen close collaboration and partnership with the NSO as an important implementing partner of UNFPA.</p>

The CPD rightly identifies weak coordination as an critical gap in the implementation of gender equality policies and programs in Mongolia. We therefore encourage UNFPA to play a greater coordination role with donors and various stakeholders involved in the implementation of gender equality programming in Mongolia.

This comment is well noted with appreciation.

In the new country programme, which aims to accelerate ending GBV through improved gender equality and transform gender norms, UNFPA will continue to build on its current best practice and continue to strengthen existing and new partnerships with various actors including CSOs and marginalized groups. UNFPA will continue to strengthen coordination with relevant stakeholders, including government partners, UN agencies, donors and the private sector to ensure synergies and avoid duplications in the implementation of gender equality programmes in Mongolia.

As a lead agency of the gender theme group within the United Nations Development System in Mongolia, UNFPA will continue to play a coordination role in bringing stakeholders together, advocating for joint collaboration and ensuring the voices of the marginalized groups, especially women and girls, are integrated into gender programming.