

COMMENTS ON THE UNFPA DRAFT COUNTRY PROGRAMME DOCUMENT FOR YEMEN

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Comments by Canada	UNFPA country/regional office response to comments
Canada welcomes the draft UNFPA CPD. We are pleased that UNFPA continues to have reach in many areas of the country, and has a unique position and ability to implement that desperately-needed gender programming due to their relationships with local authorities.	This comment is well appreciated and UNFPA Yemen is grateful for the support from Canada that has contributed to its gender programming in Yemen.
Given the difficulty of gender and protection programming in Yemen, as well as the increased requirements for Mahram (male escorts), suggest that this is acknowledged more clearly in the CPD, as well plan to deal with these obstacles.	The CPD has been slightly edited and this issue has now been reflected in a revised second sentence in paragraph 7. UNFPA, together with the UNCT and HCT, is constantly engaged in advocacy against the mahram issue.
Comments by the United States of America	UNFPA country/regional office response to comments
Overall, we found that the country programme document demonstrates a thorough understanding of the context and challenges in Yemen and provides appropriate interventions to address those challenges.	This comment is well noted and much appreciated.
We would appreciate additional details about how the programme plans to address the lack of access to family planning services in areas under the control of de facto Houthi authorities in the northern parts of the country.	UNFPA will continue its advocacy efforts to ensure that the current volumes of family planning commodities being distributed in the north are increased.
In addition, we encourage UNFPA to ensure effective monitoring and evaluation plans are in place, particularly given that UNFPA transfers family planning commodities to the Ministry of Public Health and Population, which creates vulnerabilities for leakage.	UNFPA has a dedicated monitoring and quality assurance unit within the office, that coordinates monitoring and assurance activities of the program. In addition to dedicated RH Coordinators who follow up UNFPA's inputs in each of the seven humanitarian hubs, UNFPA maintains dedicated warehousing assistants that support and monitor operations in all government and non-government warehouses that store UNFPA's commodities and supplies. Meanwhile, through the current Last Mile Assurance initiative, UNFPA will continue to ensure that family planning and other RH commodities channelled through MOH stores are actually

	transported and distributed to the lowest service delivery point possible and that full accountability of all commodities is established and documented.
Finally, we encourage UNFPA to include in its country programme document how it will address the lack of a functioning health management information system in order to improve program planning and implementation and avoid duplications.	During the current programme cycle, UNFPA initiated a logistics management information system that tracks all RH commodities up to the district level. In this new proposed country programme, a dedicated strategy for improving this logistics system has been proposed, aimed at tracking RH commodities at the relevant lowest level service delivery point.