

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

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<b>Comments by Finland</b>	<b>UNFPA country/regional office response</b>
Finland would like to thank UNFPA for a well-formulated draft and recognizes that the program focus, key program components, and proposed outputs fit well with Tunisia’s demographic, gender, and reproductive health needs. The comment below may be considered by the author while finalizing the draft.	The UNFPA Tunisia CO appreciates the Finnish Government’s overall comment on the draft Country Programme Document for 2021-2025.
<p><i>Regarding the Programme Priorities and Partnerships, and Results and Resources Framework</i></p> <p>Related to Items 14 and 21 of the Programme Priorities and Partnerships mentioning the transformation of social norms as a central element of UNFPA strategy in addressing GBV, while suggesting a “development of a positive social norms’ framework”; and output indicators regarding the improved national capacity to advocate, prevent and respond to gender-based violence. The Document highlights the focus on gender-based violence (GBV), however the Document does not include output indicators for addressing harmful sociocultural norms and practices that enable an environment for GBV, which has been rapidly increasing during Covid-19 confinement. We encourage UNFPA to include indicators that concern also the transformation of social norms.</p>	<p>The indicator relates to the existence and implementation of a National Sensitization Plan to prevent GBV and to ensure that gender equal treatment will include interventions addressing harmful socio-cultural norms and practices.</p> <p>In addition, specific indicators on the transformation of harmful social norms will be taken into account in the annual workplans.</p>
<b>Comments by Germany</b>	<b>UNFPA country/regional office response</b>
Germany welcomes this CPD for Tunisia and highlights the importance of multilateral approaches.	The Tunisia CO appreciates the German comments on the Tunisia CPD and affirms its commitment to multilateral approaches.
Germany highlights the importance of complementarity with bilateral German approaches of development cooperation.	The Tunisia CO acknowledges the importance of complementarity with bilateral German approaches. This is evidenced by the Integrated Resource Mobilization, Partnership, South-South Cooperation Plan for the Tunisia CO, which highlights the opportunity for partnership with GIZ on the project “Youth policy promotes participation and creates prospects”, commissioned by the German Federal Ministry for Economic

	<p>Cooperation and Development and implemented by the Tunisian Ministry of Youth and Sports for the period 2019-2022. This could be an area of particular common action and integrated approach on youth development and participation, noting that the Tunisian Ministry of Youth and Sports is also a partner of the UNFPA Tunisia CO on youth empowerment issues.</p>
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