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Extensions of country programmes

Summary

The present note contains information on the extensions of UNFPA country programmes. First-time extensions of country programmes up to one year are approved by the Executive Director and presented to the Executive Board for information. All other requests for extensions of country programmes are submitted to the Executive Board for approval.

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the first-time one-year extensions of the country programmes for the Central African Republic, Chad, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Gambia, Iran, Mongolia, Morocco, Niger, Sao Tome and Principe, South Sudan and Sudan, as presented in table 1, and approve the second one-year extensions of the country programmes for Lebanon, Libya, Tajikistan and Zambia, as presented in table 2

Table 1
Extensions of country programmes approved by the Executive Director

<i>Country</i>	<i>Original programme period</i>	<i>Period approved for extension</i>	<i>Reason for extension</i>
Central African Republic	2018-2021	2022	The current United Nations Development Cooperation Assistance Framework (UNDAF) is being extended, while the new UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) is prepared. Accordingly, the purpose of this extension to the UNFPA country programme is to align with the UNSDCF, and ensure harmonization with national development planning and priorities.
Chad	2017-2021	2022	The current UNDAF is being extended, while the new UNSDCF is prepared. Accordingly, the purpose of this extension to the UNFPA country programme is to align with the UNSDCF, and ensure harmonization with national development planning and priorities.
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	2017-2021	2022	The current UNDAF is being extended, while the new UNSDCF is prepared. Accordingly, the purpose of this extension to the UNFPA country programme is to align with the UNSDCF, and ensure harmonization with national development planning and priorities.
Gambia	2017-2021	2022	The current UNDAF is being extended, while the new UNSDCF is prepared. Accordingly, the purpose of this extension to the UNFPA country programme is to align with the UNSDCF, and ensure harmonization with national development planning and priorities.
Iran	2017-2021	2022	The current UNDAF is being extended, while the new UNSDCF is prepared. Accordingly, the purpose of this extension to the UNFPA country programme is to align with the UNSDCF, and ensure harmonization with national development planning and priorities.
Mongolia	2017-2021	2022	The current UNDAF is being extended, while the new UNSDCF is prepared. Accordingly, the purpose of this extension to the UNFPA country programme is to align with the UNSDCF, and ensure harmonization with national development planning and priorities.
Morocco	2017-2021	2022	The current UNDAF is being extended, while the new UNSDCF is prepared. Accordingly, the purpose of this extension to the UNFPA country programme is to align with the UNSDCF, and ensure harmonization with national development planning and priorities.
Niger	2017-2021	2022	The current UNDAF is being extended, while the new UNSDCF is prepared. Accordingly, the purpose of this extension to the UNFPA country programme is to align with the UNSDCF, and ensure harmonization with national development planning and priorities.
Sao Tome and Principe	2017-2021	2022	The current UNDAF is being extended, while the new UNSDCF is prepared. Accordingly, the purpose of this extension to the UNFPA country programme is to align with the UNSDCF, and ensure harmonization with national development planning and priorities.
South Sudan	2017-2021	2022	The current UNDAF is being extended, while the new UNSDCF is prepared. Accordingly, the purpose of this extension to the UNFPA country programme is to align with the UNSDCF, and ensure harmonization with national development planning and priorities.

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Sudan	2017-2021	2022	The current UNDAF is being extended, while the new UNSDCF is prepared. Accordingly, the purpose of this extension to the UNFPA country programme is to align with the UNSDCF, and ensure harmonization with national development planning and priorities.

Table 2
Country programme extensions for which the approval of the Executive Board is sought

<i>Country</i>	<i>Original programme period</i>	<i>Period proposed for extension</i>	<i>Reason for extension</i>		
			<i>In-country development</i>	<i>United Nations harmonization</i>	<i>Implementation or other issues</i>
Lebanon	2017-2020 2021 (first extension)	2022 (second extension)	—	The United Nations system in Lebanon has decided to align the next UNSDCF cycle with the national development planning cycle, to better respond to national priorities and to ensure mainstreaming of mechanisms for monitoring and evaluation of the UNSDCF in national mechanisms.	The extension will ensure continued support to the humanitarian and emergency interventions as well as development assistance. Major interventions are aligned with the Lebanon Crisis Response Plan, the Reconstruction, Rehabilitation and Reform Plan, the Health Response Plan that lays out the COVID-19 health priorities and the United Nations Strategic Framework.
Libya	2019-2020 2021 (first extension)	2022 (second extension)	—	The Government of Libya and the UNCT agreed to extend the current Strategic Framework for Cooperation between the Government and the United Nations through 31 December 2021. The extension will allow for the finalization of the new Strategic Framework and alignment with the new country programme.	With this extension, UNFPA's work will continue in line with needs and will adapt to the operational conditions on the ground.
Tajikistan	2016-2020 2021 (first extension)	2022 (second extension)	—	The United Nations system in Tajikistan has decided to align the next UNSDCF cycle with the national development planning cycle, to better respond to national priorities and to ensure mainstreaming of mechanisms for monitoring and evaluation of the UNSDCF in national mechanisms	The UNCT developed a costed integrated socio-economic framework for the United Nations COVID-19 response to bridge the period of the UNDAF extension and the new UNSDCF. The extension will allow United Nations agencies and government partners to review and adopt the next UNSDCF to build back better from the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Zambia	2016-2020 2021 <i>(first extension)</i>	2022 <i>(second extension)</i>	—	The Government of Zambia and the UNCT have agreed to extend the ongoing programme for one year to align the next UNSDCF cycle with the national development planning cycle, to better respond to national priorities and to ensure mainstreaming of mechanisms.	UNFPA will continue to focus on the priorities and results identified within the current country programme cycle.