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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 Angola, Guinea, Myanmar, Papua New Guinea and Ukraine, as presented in table 1, and may wish to approve the first two-year extension of the country programme for Djibouti and the second one-year extensions of the country programmes for Burkina Faso, Chad, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Sudan, 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>
Angola	2020-2022	2023	The current United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) is being extended to ensure full alignment of the new UNSDCF with the national development planning cycles. Accordingly, this extension will allow the UNFPA country programme to align with the new UNSDCF and ensure harmonization with national development planning and priorities.
Guinea	2018-2022	2023	The current United Nations Development Cooperation Assistance Framework (UNDAF) is being extended while the new UNSDCF is finalized. Accordingly, this extension will allow the UNFPA country programme to align with the new UNSDCF and ensure harmonization with national development planning and priorities.
Myanmar	2018-2022	2023	The current UNDAF is being extended while the new UNSDCF is finalized. Accordingly, this extension will allow the UNFPA country programme to align with the new UNSDCF and ensure harmonization with national development planning and priorities.
Papua New Guinea	2018-2022	1 January 2023 - 30 June 2023	The Government of Papua New Guinea and the United Nations country team (UNCT) agreed to extend the current UNDAF by six months while developing the UNSDCF. Accordingly, the UNFPA country programme has also been extended through 30 June 2023 so that it aligns with new national priorities.
Ukraine	2018-2022	2023	Given the war in Ukraine, the United Nations developed an interim transitional framework for 18 months (July 2022 - December 2023). Accordingly, the one-year extension is needed in order to synchronize the UNFPA country programme with the transitional framework.

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>
Burkina Faso	2018-2020 2021-2022 (first extension)	2023 (second extension)	—	Owing to political developments in Burkina Faso, the preparation of a new national development plan has been delayed; the extension is needed to ensure continuity of services.	UNFPA will continue to implement programmes along the humanitarian-development-peace continuum. This includes strengthening its interventions in response to humanitarian crises, especially in the North, Central, Sahel and boucle du Manhon regions.

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Chad	2017-2021 2022 (first extension)	2023 (second extension)	—	The Government of Chad and the UNCT have agreed to extend the current UNDAF. Accordingly, the next UNSDCF cycle will align with the national development planning cycles, to better respond to national priorities.	UNFPA will continue to focus on the priorities and results identified within the current country programme cycle, along with supporting the Government to implement the COVID-19 response plan
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	2017-2021 2022 (first extension)	2023 (second extension)	—	The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the UNCT have agreed to further extend the United Nations Strategic Framework for one year, given the impact of COVID-19, to allow for finalization of the UNSDCF. The extension of the UNFPA country programme will therefore allow for alignment with the UNSDCF.	With this extension, UNFPA will continue to focus on the priorities and results identified within the current country programme cycle and will adapt to the operational conditions on the ground.
Djibouti	2018-2022	2023-2024 (first two-year extension)	—	The Government of Djibouti and the UNCT have agreed to extend the ongoing programme for two years to align the next UNSDCF cycle with the national development planning cycle (2020-2024), to include measures related to the COVID-19 crisis, and to better respond to national priorities.	During the two-year extension period, UNFPA work will continue to focus on the priorities and results identified within the current country programmes cycle.
Sudan	2018-2021 2022 (first extension)	2023 (second extension)	—	The Government and the UNCT have agreed to extend the current UNDAF for one year (to December 2023) to better align the country programmes with the Humanitarian Response Plan and facilitate harmonization of interventions between UN entities with the Government.	With this extension, UNFPA will continue to focus on the priorities and results identified within the current country programme cycle and will adapt to the operational conditions on the ground.