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**UNFPA – Country programmes and related matters**

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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 extensions of the country programmes for Mauritania and Rwanda, as presented in table 1, and may wish to approve the second extensions of the country programmes for Brazil, the Gambia and Papua New Guinea and the third extensions of the country programmes for Afghanistan and Libya, 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>
<b>Mauritania</b>	2018-2022	2023	The current United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) is being extended to ensure full alignment of the new UNSDCF with national development planning cycles. Accordingly, this extension will allow the next UNFPA country programme to align with the new UNSDCF and ensure harmonization with national development planning and priorities.
<b>Rwanda</b>	1 July 2018-30 June 2023	1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024	The current United Nations Development Assistance Plan (UNDAP II) is being extended to align it with national plans and priorities. This extension will align the UNFPA country programme with the new UNDAP being developed.

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>
<b>Afghanistan</b>	2015-2019 2020-2021 (first extension) 2022 (second extension)	2023 (third extension)	—	The preparation of a new UNSDCF has been delayed; the extension is needed to ensure continuity of services. The extension will align the country programme with the new cooperation framework being finalized.	The extension will ensure continued support to meet the needs of Afghan women and girls. UNFPA will adapt to the operational context on the ground in delivering humanitarian assistance.
<b>Brazil</b>	2017-2021 2022 (first extension)	2023 (second extension)	—	The United Nations country team (UNCT) has decided to align the next UNSDCF with the national development planning cycle and national priorities and to ensure mainstreaming of UNSDCF monitoring and evaluation in national mechanisms. The extension will align the country programme with the new cooperation framework being finalized.	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.

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<b>Gambia (the)</b>	2017-2021 2022 (first extension)	2023 (second extension)	—	The Government and the UNCT have agreed to extend the UNDAF for one year to better harmonize it with national development plan processes and timelines. The extension will align the country programme with the new cooperation framework being finalized.	UNFPA will continue to focus on the priorities and results identified within the current country programme cycle and adapt to the operational conditions on the ground.
<b>Libya</b>	2019-2020 2021 (first extension) 2022 (second extension)	1 January 2023 – 30 June 2023 (third extension)	—	The Government has requested to revise the UNSDCF (2023-2025). The six-month extension will align the country programme with the new cooperation framework being finalized.	UNFPA will continue its work in line with the needs in the country and adapt to the operational conditions on the ground.
<b>Papua New Guinea</b>	2018-2022 1 January 2023 – 30 June 2023 (first extension)	1 July 2023 – 31 December 2023 (second extension)	—	The Government and the UNCT have agreed to extend the current UNDAF by six months to harmonize it with the national development planning process. The extension will align the country programme with the new cooperation framework being finalized.	UNFPA work will continue to focus on the priorities and results identified within the current country programme cycle.