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UNFPA – Country programmes and related matters**United Nations Population Fund****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 Brazil and Haiti, as presented in table 1, and may wish to approve the second one-year extensions for Afghanistan and Algeria, the third one-year extension for Venezuela, the sixth, six-month extension for the Syrian Arab Republic and the sixth one-year extension for Yemen, as presented in table 2

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Table 1
Extensions of country programmes approved by the Executive Director

Country	Original programme period	Period approved for extension	Reason for extension
Brazil	2017-2021	2022	The current United Nations Development Cooperation Assistance Framework (UNDAF) has been extended while the new United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) is being prepared. Accordingly, the UNFPA country programme extension aligns with the UNDAF and ensures harmonization with national development planning and priorities.
Haiti	2017-2021	2022	The current UNDAF has been extended while a new one is being prepared. Accordingly, the UNFPA country programme extension aligns with the UNSDCF and ensures harmonization with national development planning and priorities.

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

Country	Original programme period	Period proposed for extension	Reason for extension		
			In-country development	United Nations harmonization	Implementation or other issues
Afghanistan	2015-2019 2020-2021 (first extension)	2022 (second extension)	–	Due to the recent developments in Afghanistan, the preparation of a new UNSDCF has been delayed; the extension is needed to ensure continuity of services.	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.
Algeria	2017-2020 2021 (first extension)	2022 (second extension)	–	The Government has requested the United Nations country team (UNCT) to extend the current UNDAF while the new UNSDCF is being developed.	The UNFPA country programme has also been extended so that it better aligns with new national priorities and coherently articulates linkages with the SDGs and the ICPD agenda.
Syrian Arab Republic	2016-2017 2018 (first extension) 2019 (second) 2020 (third) 1 January - 30 June 2021 (fourth) 1 July - 31 December 2021 (fifth)	1 January to 30 June 2022 (sixth extension)	–	In consultation with the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic and the United Nations Resident Coordinator and Humanitarian Coordinator in Damascus, UNDP, UNFPA and UNICEF are proposing to extend the presentation of their respective CPDs for the Syrian Arab Republic to allow time for further consultations at the country level, including with the Government and development partners, as they finalize the United Nations Strategic Framework.	The country programme will continue to focus on improving access to high-quality reproductive health care; scaling up gender-based violence prevention and response; engaging with young people; and improving the well-being of the most vulnerable populations.

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Venezuela	2015-2019 2020 (first extension) 2021 (second)	2022 (third extension)	–	The Government has agreed to a third extension of the UNDAF cycle to ensure that the new Resident Coordinator/Humanitarian Coordinator can lead discussions with counterparts and be familiar with the country and its institutions. Consequently, UNDP, UNFPA and UNICEF are requesting a third one-year extension of their respective country programmes.	Since the end of 2019, UNFPA has been implementing humanitarian projects to respond to sexual and reproductive health and gender-based violence needs in the context of the socio-economic crisis and the COVID-19 pandemic. UNFPA has also participated in the design of the updated Humanitarian Response Plan and the Early Socio-economic Response Plan.
Yemen	2012-2015 2016 (first extension) 2017 (second) 2018-2019 (third) 2020 (fourth) 2021 (fifth)	2022 (sixth extension)	–	Given the security and political environment, the UNCT has agreed to extend the current United Nations Strategic Framework. Accordingly, the United Nations agencies are extending their current programmes to allow their new CPDs to align with the new strategic framework being developed.	Due to the ongoing conflict, UNFPA is facing programme implementation challenges and relying heavily on NGOs that have access to different parts of the country for the provision of reproductive health and gender-based violence services.