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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 one-year extension of the country programme for Sierra Leone, as presented in table 1, and may wish to approve the second one-year extension for Myanmar, the third one-year extension for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the third, two-year extension for Burkina Faso, and the fourth, two-year extension for Afghanistan, 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>Sierra Leone</b>	2020-2023	2024	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.

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)	2024-2025 (fourth extension)	—	The preparation of a new UNSDCF has been delayed. The extension is needed to ensure continuity of services and 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>Burkina Faso</b>	2018-2020 2021-2022 (first extension) 2023 (second extension)	2024-2025 (third extension)	—	Owing to political developments in Burkina Faso, the current 2023 UNFPA Country Programme has been adapted to the national context and aligned to the United Nations Interim Action Plan for Sustainable Development.	UNFPA will continue to implement programmes along the humanitarian-development-peace continuum. This includes strengthening its interventions in response to humanitarian crises.

<b>Democratic People's Republic of Korea</b>	2017-2021 2022 2023 (first extension) (second extension)	2024 (third 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 the COVID-19 pandemic, to allow for the finalization of the UNSDCF. The extension of the UNFPA country programme will 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.
<b>Myanmar</b>	2018-2022 2023 (first extension)	2024 (second extension)	—	The preparation of a new UNSDCF has been delayed. The UNCT has agreed to further extend the ongoing programme for one year and to develop a Transitional Cooperation Framework to allow for continuity of services.	UNFPA will continue to focus on priorities and results identified within the current country programme cycle.