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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 Syrian Arab Republic, as presented in table 1, and may wish to approve the second, six-month extension for Rwanda, 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>
Syrian Arab Republic	2022-2024	2025	The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic and the United Nations country team (UNCT) agreed to extend the current Strategic Framework for Cooperation between the Government and the United Nations through December 2025. This extension will allow the UNFPA country programme to align with the extension of the Strategic 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>
Rwanda	2018-2023 July 2023- June 2024 (first extension)	July - December 2024 (second extension)	—	The Government of Rwanda and the UNCT have agreed to extend the current United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) for six months to align the development process of the new UNSDCF with the National Strategy for Transformation II. This extension will ensure that the UNFPA country programme is aligned with the new UNSDCF, and national priorities.	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.