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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 Bangladesh, Togo and Venezuela, as presented in table 1, and may wish to approve the second extensions of the country programmes for Libya and South Sudan, the fifth extension of the country programme for Myanmar and the sixth extension of the country programme for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea 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>
Bangladesh	2022-2026	2027	The current United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) is being extended until 31 December 2027, as agreed between the Government and the United Nations country team (UNCT). Accordingly, this extension will allow the next UNFPA country programme to align with the new UNSDCF.
Togo	2024-2026	2027	The current UNSDCF is being extended, as agreed between the Government and the UNCT. Accordingly, this extension will align the next UNFPA country programme with the new UNSDCF and ensure harmonization with national development plans and priorities.
Venezuela	2022-2026	2027	The Government and the UNCT have agreed to extend the current UNSDCF for one year to ensure its full alignment with national development priorities and timelines. The extension is requested to ensure the country programme aligns with the extended UNSDCF.

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
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	2017-2021	2027	—	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, due to the continued impact of travel restrictions. The extension of the UNFPA country programme will allow for alignment with the UNSDCF and national development processes.	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.
	2022 (first extension)	(sixth extension)			
	2023 (second extension)				
	2024 (third extension)				
	2025 (fourth extension)				
Libya	2026 (first extension)	2027 (second extension)		The Government and the UNCT have agreed to extend the current UNSDCF to harmonize it with the national development planning processes and timelines. The extension will align the country programme with the extended UNSDCF cycle	UNFPA will continue its work, in line with the needs in the country, and adapt to the operational conditions on the ground.
Myanmar	2018-2022	2027	—	The UNCT has agreed to extend the Transitional Cooperation Framework (TCF) to allow for continuity of services. The extension of the UNFPA country programme will align it with the extended TCF cycle.	UNFPA will continue to focus on priorities and results identified within the current country programme cycle.
	2023 (first extension)	(fifth extension)			
	2024 (second extension)				
	2025 (third extension)				
	2026 (fourth extension)				

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			<i>In-country development</i>	<i>United Nations harmonization</i>	<i>Implementation or other issues</i>
South Sudan	2023-2025 2026 (first extension)	2027 (second extension)	—	The Government and the UNCT have agreed to extend the current UNSDCF for an additional year, to align the next UNFPA country programme with the new UNSDCF and ensure harmonization with national development plans and priorities.	UNFPA will continue its work, in line with the needs in the country, and adapt to the operational conditions on the ground.