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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 extension of the country programme for Guatemala as presented in table 1 and may wish to approve the second one-year extensions of the country programmes for Mali and Syrian Arab Republic as well as the first, two-year extension of the country programme for the State of Palestine 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>
Guatemala	2022-2025	2026	The current United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) covers the period 2020-2025. 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.

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>United Nations harmonization</i>	<i>Implementation or other issues</i>
Mali	<i>2020-2024</i> <i>2025</i> <i>(first extension)</i>	<i>2026</i> <i>(second extension)</i>	The Government of Mali has requested for one year extension to allow the UNFPA country programme to align with the new UNSDCF being developed.	UNFPA will continue to focus on priorities and results identified within the current country programme cycle.
State of Palestine	<i>2023-2025</i>	<i>2026-2027</i> <i>(first extension)</i>	The Government of the State of Palestine and the United Nations country team (UNCT) agreed to extend the UNSDCF for two years to align with the national planning cycle. Accordingly, 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.
Syria Arab Republic	<i>2022-2024</i> <i>2025</i> <i>(first extension)</i>	<i>2026</i> <i>(second extension)</i>	The current United Nations Strategic Framework (UNSF) has been extended until the end of 2025, and the United Nations is developing a new Transitional Action Plan to replace the existing UNSF. The UNFPA country programme will allow for alignment with these 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.