

COMMENTS ON THE UNDP DRAFT COUNTRY PROGRAMME DOCUMENT FOR GUINEA (2024-2028)

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Name of the delegation/ Member State	Comments by Member State on the UNDP draft CPD for Guinea	Country office response	Action/revision made in the draft CPD
Belgium	<p>In general, many different intervention domains are touched upon in the CPD, without clearly explaining how actions will be operationalized, with which kind of partnership and which budget. Neither is the document an intervention strategy which would explain the underlying choices of interventions.</p>	<p>UNDP Guinea acknowledges and appreciates the comments from the Government of Belgium on its draft country programme for 2024-2028 and welcomes the opportunity to provide additional information that could not be adequately covered in a 6000 words document. The Country Office would also like to highlight the active participation of Belgium and its development agency ENABEL Guinea during the consultation with development partners held jointly with sister agencies and where the CPD was presented and received comments for improvements.</p> <p>The CPD aims to set out the broad lines of the office's interventions for the next 5 years. On this basis, as per the Organization's policies and procedures for Programmes and Projects Management (PPM), the country programme will be implemented through various delivery instruments such as portfolios and development projects documents which include among others detailed implementation strategies and partnerships, results</p>	<p>No revision needed in the draft CPD</p>

		frameworks, multi-year work plans with budgets.	
	Paragraph 14, pg 4: we suggest to add bilateral development cooperation agencies to the list of partners.	The Country Office agrees on the importance of including key partnerships and confirms that the comment has been integrated.	Bilateral development cooperation agencies included in paragraph 14
	Paragraph 15, pg 4: with regard to the promotion of innovative digital solutions enabling an improved provision of public services: this must also be budgeted in the government budget, it must be gradual and accompanied by regular training in order to ensure its effectiveness and sustainability.	The Country Office takes note of the recommendations and appreciates the support of the Government of Belgium to strengthening the promotion of innovative digital solutions to enable improved provision of public services in Guinea. The office further confirms that in line with UNDP Strategic Plan 2025-2025, the country programme interventions will leverage the three enablers – strategic innovation, digitalization and development finance – to further accelerate and scale results across all sectors.	No revision needed in the draft CPD
	The development of free or low-cost legal aid mechanisms must also be integrated into state policies and budgets in order to ensure availability to the most vulnerable populations and sustainability.	The Country Office acknowledges the comment on integrating the free or low-cost legal aid mechanisms in states policies and budgets and is committed to deploy enhanced advocacy in this regard. The issue will be addressed under the CPD output 1.1. “Republican, judicial and security institutions, and central, deconcentrated and decentralized entities, have more technical, technological and operational capacities to provide quality, accessible and equitable services”.	No revision needed in the draft CPD.
	Paragraph 19, pg 5 : “economic transformation in sustainable mining and agriculture” should rather be a separate paragraph	The Country Office acknowledges the importance of developing the strategy in the	No revision needed in the draft CPD

	<p>that merits more explanation. How will UNDP intervene in the mining sector?</p>	<p>sector. As stated in the paragraph 19, line 6, the support will focus on “economic transformation in sustainable mining and agriculture through a value chain approach”. This will encompass capacity building of state structures involved in the promotion of agricultural and mining value chains. Given the word limit, it is not possible to further elaborate the strategy in the CPD. Specific interventions will be developed in projects documents.</p>	
	<p>Paragraph 21 et 23 : what is the role of WFP in these actions (green and blue economic transition and economic growth), which are domains where WFP as a humanitarian actor does not seem to have a clear comparative advantage?</p>	<p>The Country Office notes the comments and is pleased to provide some clarification. UNDP intends to promote sustainable development for local communities by strengthening the link between humanitarian aid and development through the human security approach. This integrated approach strengthens the synergies of intervention at community level and amplifies the impact of UNDP projects and programmes. In this regard, UNDP will seek for synergies its actions with all UN agencies that support local communities, including the WFP, with which UNDP already has experience of implementing this approach in nine communities.</p>	<p>No revision needed in the draft CPD</p>
	<p>Paragraph 29, pg 6: direct execution will replace national execution in the event of force majeure. However, the latter concept is not defined. How will be decided to invoke “force majeure”?</p>	<p>The Country Office appreciates the comments and would like to indicate that the force majeure is defined in UNDP policies and procedures which will guide the Country Office decision-making if applicable.</p>	<p>Paragraph 29 has been revised to include reference to UNDP policies and procedures.</p>

<p>Paragraph 31 (pg 6 et 7): risks linked to climate change, natural disasters and pandemics: the actions described appear to be the same as those already included in the program.</p>	<p>The office acknowledges that some of the mitigation measures will correspond to the programmatic interventions as the response to strengthen the resilience of the country and communities. Furthermore, as articulated in the CPD, the office will “ensure uninterrupted programme delivery. It will provide reprogramming options when needed”. UNDP has a business continuity policy and procedures that will be applied for its interventions, but also support the government if applicable as this was the case during the response to covid-19.</p>	<p>No revision needed in the draft CPD</p>
<p>Risks linked to gender inequalities and the empowerment of women: the measures which are proposed in this paragraph are quite minimal and should already be present in all gender agendas of development actors.</p>	<p>The Country Office is grateful for this comment and has revised the CPD accordingly.</p>	<p>The following sentence has been added to the measures identified: “In addition, in partnership with UN Woman, HeForShe initiative will be promoted”.</p>
<p>Paragraph 35, pg 8: this paragraph deals with the collection of data in areas with restricted access. Is this currently an issue in Guinea, or is it a measure that is not currently applied?</p>	<p>The Country Office is grateful for this comment and has revised the CPD accordingly.</p>	<p>Replaced by “isolated”</p>
<p>Results and resources framework (pg 9): what is the link between outcome indicators, targets and baselines (first column) and output indicators, targets and baselines (third column)?</p> <p>The output indicators are quantitative indicators (no information on the quality of the results obtained) and often too complex (target several different pieces of information) and containing undefined notions that do not make it possible to clearly understand what they mean.</p>	<p>The Country Office appreciates the comments on the results framework. The results framework has been developed according to the guidelines of the CPD template.</p> <p>UNDP is committed through its country programme to complete and contribute toward the UN common goals in Guinea as stated in the UN Cooperation Framework. The CPD outputs indicators represent UNDP’s</p>	<p>The mistake on the numbering of the indicator 1.1.3 has been corrected.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > indicator 1.1.1: what is the definition of operational capacity? > indicator 1.1.2: what exactly is the expected capacity building aimed at? > indicator 1.1.3 (should be 1.1.3 instead of 1.1.2): indicator too complex, to be split. > indicator 1.2.1: indicator too complex. > indicator 1.3: what is the definition of security risks and vulnerability? > indicator 1.3.1: refers to disaster preparedness (disaster risk reduction). This area of intervention is, however, not clearly included in the program's areas of intervention. > indicator 1.3.2: refers to the implementation of peacebuilding plans, national reconciliation, etc. benefiting border localities. What about the central level? > indicator 2.1.4: quantitative indicator on the disaggregated data available. A qualitative indicator verifying the accuracy of this data would be useful. > indicator 2.2.1: what is the definition of decent work? > indicator 2.2.2: what is the definition of decent work? > indicator 2.2.4: the baseline and the target seem unrealistic. How are these numbers established? > output 2.4 again refers to disaster preparedness without this being included in the program. 	<p>contribution to the UNSDCF, while the other UN agencies and partners will also contribute to the same outcome.</p> <p>More work will be done during the CPD rollout to clarify the indicators as necessary further develop the indicators during the CPD rollout to specify definitions, components and annual milestones.</p> <p>The definition of indicators and their targets, reference was made both to the UNDP strategic plan and to the country's national development plan.</p>	
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