

COMMENTS ON THE UNDP DRAFT COUNTRY PROGRAMME DOCUMENT (CPD) FOR CAMEROON

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CANADA	The programme is well aligned with key development priorities in Cameroon, including inclusive governance, decentralization, social cohesion, and economic inclusion.	Indeed, the Cameroon CPD is well aligned with the country's key development priorities, demonstrating strong coherence across its core pillars. It shows solid alignment with inclusive governance through its focus on institutional strengthening, accountability, and service delivery, while decentralization is meaningfully addressed through support to local authorities, albeit with scope for more explicit systemic reform. The programme is particularly strong on social cohesion, integrating conflict prevention, resilience, and nexus approaches across interventions. Economic inclusion stands out as a central pillar, with a robust focus on private sector development, job creation, and support to women, youth, and vulnerable groups.	No revisions required to the draft CPD.
	During the February 3 All-UN meeting in Yaoundé, the MINEPAT (Ministry of Planning and Territorial Administration) representative strongly emphasized:	Considering the critical importance of employment, the CPD Cameroon places strong emphasis on job creation, skills development, and entrepreneurship, with a consistent focus on youth as a primary beneficiary	No revisions required to the draft CPD.

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	○ youth employment as a central priority, ○ support to youth entrepreneurship, ○ promotion of “Made in Cameroon”, ○ focus on digital, agriculture and mining sectors. ● These elements are reflected in the suggested UNDP programme (notably under economic transformation components). However, they could be more explicitly highlighted, particularly elevating youth employment as a central strategic priority rather than mainly a technical outcome.	group. This is reflected in targeted interventions to expand MSME development, improve access to finance, and align skills with labor market demand, all explicitly aimed at generating decent employment opportunities for youth. The results framework further reinforces this centrality, with specific indicators and targets on youth-led enterprises, employment generation, and access to finance for youth and other vulnerable groups. ● In addition, youth employment is not treated in isolation but is integrated across other pillars, including social cohesion (e.g., livelihoods in crisis-affected areas) and governance (e.g., youth participation and inclusion), confirming that it is a cross-cutting and strategic priority of the CPD.	
	● During the same February meeting, it was noted that: ○ the UN system budget target for 2025 was approximately 1.152 billion FCFA, ○ around 60% was mobilized, implying a significant funding gap (40%). ● In this context:	● Paragraph 38 outlines the prioritization, including the important role of the Country Programme Board, chaired by the Government, to assess and decide on opportunities for scaling up interventions as additional resources become available. ● Stronger emphasis on IFI loan implementation has been made,	● Added language to paragraph 38.

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	○ the programme's ambition is strong, ○ but it may be useful to further reflect resource constraints and delivery risks. ● Possible areas to strengthen: ○ clearer articulation of prioritization under constrained funding, ○ additional detail on resource mobilization approaches (e.g. private sector, IFIs).	underscoring the success of such implementation in the previous CPD.	
	● The programme includes components on: ○ decentralization and local governance, ○ conflict prevention and social cohesion, ○ access to justice and inclusion. ● These are particularly important given: ○ ongoing crises in some regions, ○ displacement and institutional capacity constraints. ● This is a notable strength of the programme.	● We agree with this observation, and will ensure implementation further strengthens these components.	● No changes made to the CPD.