**COMMENTS ON THE UNDP DRAFT COUNTRY PROGRAMME DOCUMENT FOR COLOMBIA (2021-2024)**

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|  **Comments by Sweden/Sida** | **UNDP response** |
| * In the ‘Stabilization: Peace with Legality’ pillar, grassroots peace-building and resilience strategies in conflict-affected areas could be strengthened in view of recent violence escalation and systematic attacks on civic populations and Human Rights defenders.
 | * Noted with thanks. UNDP will address this issue with the Government of Colombia.
* UNDP would like to highlight that proposed adjustments have been already included in Outcome 1 and Outcome 3 under technical assistance to state entities such as the Ombudsman's Office (Defensoria del Pueblo), the Procurator's Office, the Ministry of Justice, among others.
* Although the topic is not specifically included in the CPD at Government suggestion and UNSDCF negotiation, the CPD states that *“Colombia will strengthen its institutional presence in those municipalities; attend populations affected by conflict, considering their differentiated needs;…”* therefore, the Sweden proposal is already considered.
* UNDP supports most of the implementation of the peace agreement; for example, work on local justice, which contributes directly to reduce the conflict in the territory. We will also continue to support the strengthening of the Ombudsman's Office and the Early Warning System. UNDP is also supporting collective protection issues with the Indigenous, among others.
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| * Although the promotion of democratic governance, transparency and participation in territorially focused development programs is mentioned in the ‘Stabilization: Peace with Legality’ pillar, the Program would benefit from including far-reaching and comprehensive strategies to improve the quality of democracy at country level by, for example, supporting the political and electoral reforms stablished in the second chapter of the Peace Agreement.
 | * Noted with thanks. UNDP will address this issue with the Government of Colombia.
* UNDP would like to highlight that proposed adjustments have been already included in Outcome 1 and Outcome 3.
* Although the topic is not specifically included in the CPD at Government suggestion and UNSDCF negotiation, the CPD states that *“…assisting in the implementation of open-government strategies to increase transparency, citizen participation, and accountability; bringing technical assistance to strengthen local and national capacities”* therefore, the Sweden proposal is already considered.
* UNDP will continue to support multi-stakeholder dialogue such as the development platform with *La Guajira*. A line of work that will strengthen civil society through the MPTF civil society window and special groups such as the Indigenous Population and their participation in collective instances of the Peace Process.
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| * The document should carefully consider risks and mitigating measures related to armed conflict intensification and attacks on civilians, particularly in municipalities where territorially focused development programs are being implemented. The conflict-sensitivity approach could be reinforced throughout the document.
 | * Noted with thanks. UNDP will address this issue with the Government of Colombia.
* UNDP would like to highlight that proposed adjustments have been already included in Outcome 1 and Outcome 3.
* In addition to the explanations made in the previous comments, UNDP also contributes directly to strengthen the state capacity to address and prevent violence and attacks on the civilian population. It also contributes to strengthen democracy and democratic institutions.
* UNDP reiterates its commitment to support the implementation of the existing Peace Agreement and will support the UN Verification Mission and the Government as requested.
* Although the topic is not specifically included in the CPD at Government suggestion and UNSDCF negotiation, the CPD states that *“The main programme risks are related to political polarization, the presence of illegal armed groups, illegal economies,…”* therefore, the Sweden proposal is already considered.
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| * In the Results and resources framework, civil society and community-based organizations are notably absent from the “Major partners / partnerships and frameworks” column, despite being key stakeholders for peace-building and sustainable development.
 | * Noted with thanks. UNDP will address this issue with the Government of Colombia.
* Civil society and Community-based organizations will be key partners under CPD implementation.
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