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UNFPA – Country programmes and related matters**United Nations Population Fund****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 Cuba, Liberia, Mexico and Yemen, as presented in table 1, and may wish to approve the first, two-year extension of the country programme for the Republic of the Congo; the third one-year extension of the country programme for Myanmar; and the fourth one-year 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>
Cuba	2022-2024	2025	The current United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) is being extended, as agreed between the Government and the United Nations country team. 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.
Liberia	2020-2024	2025	The Government and United Nations country team (UNCT) have agreed to extend the current UNSDCF to ensure full alignment of the new UNSDCF with national development planning cycles. The extension is requested to ensure the country programme aligns with the current extended UNSDCF.
Mexico	2020-2024	2025	The current UNSDCF covers the period between 2020 to 2025, accordingly, this extension will allow the UNFPA country programme to align with the current and new UNSDCF, and national development planning and priorities while ensuring harmonization with the planning cycles of other United Nations agencies..
Yemen	2023-2024	2025	The current UNDSCF is being extended to align it with national plans and priorities. This extension will align the UNFPA country programme with the extended UNDSCF cycle.

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>Reason for extension</i>		
			<i>In-country development</i>	<i>United Nations harmonization</i>	<i>Implementation or other issues</i>
Congo (the)	2020-2024	2025-2026 <i>(first extension)</i>	—	The Government and the UNCT have agreed to extend the current United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) to harmonize it with the national development planning process. The extension will align the country programme with the UNDAF/ cooperation framework extension.	UNFPA work will continue to focus on the priorities and results identified within the current country programme cycle.

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Democratic People's Republic of Korea	2017-2021 2022 (first extension) 2023 (second extension) 2024 (third extension)	2025 (fourth extension)	—	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, given the impact of COVID-19, and to allow for finalization of the upcoming UNSDCF. The extension of the UNFPA country programme will therefore allow for alignment with the UNSDCF and national development planning processes	With this extension, UNFPA will continue to focus on the priorities and results identified within the current country programme cycle, and will adapt to the operational conditions on the ground.
Myanmar	2018-2022 2023 (first extension) 2024 (second extension)	2025 (third extension)	—	The UNCT has agreed to adopt and implement a Transitional Cooperation Framework (TCF) to allow for continuity of services. The extension of the UNFPA country programme will allow alignment with the TCF.	UNFPA will continue to focus on priorities and results identified within the current country programme cycle.