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**UNFPA – Country programmes and related matters**

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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 one-year extension of the country programme for Mali and may wish to approve the fourth one-year extension of the country programme for Sudan, 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>
<b>Mali</b>	2020-2024	2025	The current United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) is being extended, as agreed between the Government and the United Nations country team (UNCT). Accordingly, this extension will allow the next UNFPA country programme to align with the new UNSDCF and ensure harmonization with national development plans 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>Reason for extension</i>		
			<i>In-country development</i>	<i>United Nations harmonization</i>	<i>Implementation or other issues</i>
<b>Sudan</b>	2018-2021  2022 (first extension) 2023 (second extension) 2024 (third extension)	2025 (fourth extension)	—	The UNCT has agreed to extend the current United Nations Development Cooperation Assistance Framework (UNDAF) for one additional year. This extension will allow United Nations agencies to harmonize interventions, including on humanitarian response.	With this extension, UNFPA will strengthen its presence, and continue to deliver humanitarian response interventions, in coordination with the other United Nations agencies. This includes the establishment of hub offices and continuing to adapt to the operational conditions and needs on the ground.