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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 Lebanon, Libya, South Sudan, and Tunisia, as presented in table 1, and may wish to approve the second extension of the country programme for Yemen, the fourth extensions of the country programmes for Burkina Faso and Myanmar, the fifth extension of the country programme for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea as well as the fifth, two-year extension of the country programme for Afghanistan as presented in table 2.

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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>
Lebanon	2023-2025	2026	The current United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) is being extended until 31 December 2026, 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.
Libya	2023-2025	2026	The Government and the UNCT have agreed to extend the current UNSDCF to ensure its full alignment with national development priorities and timelines. The extension is requested to ensure the country programme aligns with the current extended UNSDCF.
South Sudan	2023-2025	2026	The current UNSDCF is being extended, as agreed between the Government and the UNCT. Accordingly, this extension will align the next UNFPA country programme with the new UNSDCF and ensure harmonization with national development planning and priorities.
Tunisia	2021-2025	2026	The current UNSDCF is being extended, as agreed between the Government and the UNCT. Accordingly, this extension will align the next UNFPA country programme 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

Country	Original programme period	Period proposed for extension	Reason for extension		
			In-country development	United Nations harmonization	Implementation or other issues
Afghanistan	2015-2019 2020-2021 (first extension) 2022 (second extension) 2023 (third extension) 2024-2025 (fourth extension)	2026-2027 (fifth extension)	—	The United Nations Strategic Framework for Afghanistan (UNSFA) has been extended till the end of 2027; an extension of the country programme will ensure continuity of services and alignment with the UNSFA.	The extension will ensure continued support to meet the needs of Afghan women and girls. UNFPA will adapt to the operational context on the ground in delivering humanitarian assistance.
Burkina Faso	2018-2020 2021-2022 (first extension) 2023 (second extension) 2024-2025 (third extension)	2026 (fourth extension)	—	The Government and the United Nations system have agreed to extend the Interim Action Plan for Sustainable Development (UNIDAP) for one year to better harmonize it with national development plan processes and timelines. The extension will ensure implementation of the current country programme strategies during 2026 in Burkina Faso.	UNFPA will continue to implement programmes along the humanitarian-development-peace continuum. This includes strengthening its interventions in response to humanitarian crises.
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	2017-2021 2022 (first extension) 2023 (second extension) 2024 (third extension) 2025 (fourth extension)	2026 (fifth 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. The extension of the UNFPA country programme will allow for alignment with the UNSDCF and national development processes.	UNFPA will continue to focus on the priorities and results identified within the current country programme cycle and adapt to the operational conditions on the ground.

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Myanmar	2018-2022 2023 (first extension) 2024 (second extension) 2025 (third extension)	2026 (fourth extension)	—	The UNCT has agreed to extend the Transitional Cooperation Framework (TCF) to allow for continuity of services. The extension of the UNFPA country programme will align it with the extended TCF cycle.	UNFPA will continue to focus on priorities and results identified within the current country programme cycle.
Yemen	2023-2024 2025 (first extension)	2026 (second extension)	—	The Government and the UNCT have agreed to extend the current UNSDCF to harmonize it with the national development planning processes and timelines. The extension will align the country programme with the extended UNSDCF cycle.	UNFPA will continue its work, in line with the needs in the country, and adapt to the operational conditions on the ground.