**COMMENTS ON THE UNDP DRAFT COUNTRY PROGRAMME DOCUMENT FOR BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA (2021-2025)**

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| **Comments by the Czech Republic** | **Response by the UNDP Country Office** | |
| * According to the evaluation of the previous UNDP CPD for Bosnia and Herzegovina, further expansion in the environment and energy sector should be a major focus of the office during the next planning cycle, including maintaining UNDPs strong position in climate and energy efficiency. However, there is no explicit mention of the energy sector in the proposed programme priorities. | * The draft Country Programme Document envisages further expansion of the support in the area of energy efficiency and clean energy within the “inclusive and sustainable growth” CPD development priority. Specifically, UNDP will further raise the level of ambition for a gender-sensitive climate policy and expand the climate change adaptation and mitigation portfolio, with energy as one of the main poles of growth within the new programme (para 15 of the draft CPD). | |
| * We are of the view that that the new CPD should focus more on strengthening the ownership and sustainability of development results. | * The CPD priorities and outcomes are a clear, validated response to priorities in Bosnia and Herzegovina. As also specifically addressed within the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework for Bosnia and Herzegovina 2021-2025, this is a first, essential element of sustainability. Additionally, cooperation results will be addressed through capacity development and enhanced cross-sector collaboration. In response to strong stakeholder demands, the UN system, including UNDP, will place greater emphasis on its normative, convening, and facilitating roles. Policy, legal, and technical advice, in line with the international commitments of Bosnia and Herzegovina and international standards, will be at the fore of cooperation efforts. Service delivery and the use of parallel implementation arrangements will only be considered in the absence of alternative capacity in Bosnia and Herzegovina and civil society organisations. | |
| * We greatly value the focus on strengthening partnerships, particularly with the private sector, in supporting the implementation of the SDG Framework, including by deploying innovative solutions. | * This is noted with appreciation. Further efforts in this direction are fundamental to the accelerated and inclusive implementation of the SDG Framework in Bosnia and Herzegovina and catalysing wider engagement and partnership by the private sector. | |
| **Comments by Sweden** | | **Response by the UNDP Country Office** | |
| * Project activities by the “SDG and Agenda 2030 in BiH” project such as the SDG framework and the development of the BiH Voluntary Review, is mentioned throughout the Final Working Draft. As this is a project financed by Sweden, we would recommend that Sweden should be mentioned as donor somewhere, or at least to include reference to this project in the footnotes. | | * Reference was added as footnote in the draft CPD. | |
| * The project “STRENGTHENING THE ROLE OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES (MJESNE ZAJEDNICE/MZs)” is mentioned in the evaluation document point 72 + 73 as Swiss funded project. However, this project is co-financed by Sweden and Swiss, so these two paras should be amended/corrected. | | * Reflected in the Evaluation Plan | |
| * We kindly recommend changing “SIDA”, “Sida” and “Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency” to “Sweden” at all places in the Evaluation plan and Evaluation document (point 53, 76, 119, 121). | | * These will be reflected in the Final ICPE for Bosnia and Herzegovina. | |

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| **Comments by the U.S.A.** | **Response by the UNDP Country Office** |
| * UNDP has included development partners, including USAID in consultations that informed this document. There was also regular consultation on the new UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework for BiH. USAID has also used these consultations to inform the drafting of the new Country Development Cooperation Strategy (CDCS) for BiH. | Noted with appreciation. |
| * This draft country program is also useful for showing areas prioritized by other international donors to UNDP. Many international donors here program significant parts of their assistance through UNDP. | Noted with appreciation. |
| * An observation: footnote 1 of the country development program stating that the 2013 census results have not been published is technically not correct. They have not been officially approved or officially published. The data is available. | Noted and reflected in the latest version of the CPD for Bosnia and Herzegovina. |

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