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Summary

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2009/11, this note informs the Executive Board of the first two-month extensions of the country programmes for Argentina and Uruguay; and the first one-year extensions of the country programmes for Colombia, Lebanon, Tajikistan and Zimbabwe, all of which were approved by the Executive Director.

This note further presents the reasons for the proposed three-month extension of the country programme for South Africa, following a previous 15-month extension and a one-year extension. The Executive Board is requested to approve this programme extension.

Draft decision

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* of the first two-month extensions of the country programmes for Argentina and Uruguay; and the first one-year extensions of the country programmes for Colombia, Lebanon, Tajikistan and Zimbabwe, all of which were approved by the Executive Director and are presented in table 1;

2. *Approves* the three-month extension of the country programme for South Africa, following a previous 15-month extension and a one-year extension, as presented in table 2.

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Note: The present document was processed in its entirety by UNICEF.



Table 1
First extensions of one year (or less) of ongoing country programmes approved by the Executive Director

<i>UNICEF-supported country programme</i>	<i>Original programme period</i>	<i>Year/period approved for extension</i>	<i>Reasons for the extension</i>
Argentina	March 2016–2020	February 2021 <i>(two-month extension)</i>	– A two-month extension of the country programme will enable UNICEF to develop the new country programme document (CPD) in full alignment with the new United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) and the priorities established by the Government of Argentina.
Colombia	October 2015–2019	December 2020 <i>(one-year extension)</i>	– A one-year extension will enable UNICEF to develop the new CPD in full alignment with the new UNSDCF and the priorities established by the Government of Colombia.
Lebanon	2017–2020	December 2021 <i>(one-year extension)</i>	<p>– The United Nations Strategic Framework (UNSF), 2017–2020 has been extended by one year, to end in 2021.</p> <p>– A one-year extension of the country programme will enable UNICEF to develop the new CPD to align with the new UNSDCF and with the 2030 national vision for Lebanon, which is based on the Sustainable Development Goals.</p> <p>– Current programme priorities and strategies continue to be relevant to the country context for the duration of the extension.</p>
Tajikistan	2016–2020	December 2021 <i>(one-year extension)</i>	<p>– The current United Nations Development Assistance Framework, 2016–2020 has been extended by one year to end in 2021.</p> <p>– A one-year extension will enable UNICEF to develop the new CPD to align with the new UNSDCF and with the next Tajikistan mid-term development programme, 2021–2025.</p>
Uruguay	March 2016–2020	February 2021 <i>(two-month extension)</i>	– A two-month extension of the country programme will enable UNICEF to design a relevant, fit-for-context CPD and to make a deliberate and meaningful transition to align with the logic and contents of the new UNSDCF, thus contributing to overall aid effectiveness of United Nations development cooperation in an evolving country context.

<i>UNICEF-supported country programme</i>	<i>Original programme period</i>	<i>Year/period approved for extension</i>	<i>Reasons for the extension</i>
Zimbabwe	2016–2020	December 2021 <i>(one-year extension)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The 2016–2020 Zimbabwe United Nations Development Assistance Framework has been extended by one year, to end in 2021. – A one-year extension of the country programme will enable UNICEF to align the new CPD with the new UNSDCF as well as with the country’s next national development plan, 2021–2025. – The priorities, strategies and assumptions that underpin the current country programme remain valid.

Table 2

Extensions of ongoing country programmes for which the approval of the Executive Board is requested

<i>UNICEF-supported country programme</i>	<i>Original programme period, including previous extensions</i>	<i>Year/period proposed for extension</i>	<i>Reasons for the extension</i>
South Africa	2013–March 2020 <i>(including a 15-month extension, and a one-year extension)</i>	June 2020 <i>(three-month extension)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – A three-month extension will enable UNICEF to align the development of the CPD with the UNSDCF, and consequently to ensure alignment between the next UNICEF country programme cycle and the Government’s next medium-term strategic framework, 2020–2025. – The priorities, assumptions and strategies that underpin the current country programme remain valid.