

COMMENTS ON THE UNDP DRAFT COUNTRY PROGRAMME DOCUMENT FOR SIERRA LEONE (2025-2030)

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IRELAND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Irish Embassy in Freetown appreciated the opportunity to participate in the consultation processes on the CPD and considers that our input is largely reflected in the draft document. 	Well noted.	N/A
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The draft CPD is well aligned with national priorities and plans and responds well to the context. There is also good alignment with the UNSDCF. 	Well noted.	N/A
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The scope of the CPD is very broad and UNDP will need to strengthen collaboration with other development partners in-country in order to avoid overlap and duplication. 	Indeed, strengthening partnerships with other development partners is an essential aspect of the CPD strategy towards a more integrated approach for effective programming with stronger synergies.	N/A
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The parallel development of the UNSDCF and of other UN agency CPDs provides an opportunity for more joined up UN actions and we welcome the commitment to joint programmes, joint work plans and joint monitoring but think that to CPD could better elaborate how and with whom under the two Pillars. Some areas where we think that might be done is with UNRCO/OHCHR on human rights and UPR; UNICEF on open budget, and UNPBF on elections and security sector capacity. 	This is well noted. UNDP Sierra Leone works closely with the UNRCO for coordination across all programmatic areas. UNDP also has an ongoing partnership with UNICEF, and the CPD states the ambition to strengthen joint programming with this agency. Moreover, UNDP has been a key implementer of the UNPBF in Sierra Leone. UNDP will continue to leverage these partnerships for impactful programming, including in the areas suggested by Ireland.	The UNPBF is now added and explicitly recognized in the CPD.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We value UNDP's comparative advantage on governance but think that this is not adequately reflected in Section I and some governance weaknesses regarding domestic resource mobilisation, budget credibility, corruption, and narrowing civic space are not so well 	This is well-noted. Given the strategic nature of the CPD its context analysis is required to be very brief and cover a broad range of issues. The country office strives to provide a balanced perspective on the context and related development challenges.	The CPD now explicitly mentions governance in the comparative advantage, and emphasizes issues around

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	<p>reflected in the context analysis or response. In particular we think the CPD could be strengthened by more attention to the protection of civic space and of human rights and fundamental freedoms.</p>	<p>The CPD makes mention of the Sierra Leone Corruption Perception Index ranking, and concerns around human rights.</p>	<p>Low domestic resource mobilization, civic space, and human rights in the context and response (sections 1 and 2).</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The strengthening of national institutions and systems is implicit in the draft CPD but could be more explicit under the two Pillars. 	<p>Well-noted. This is primarily captured under Pillar 2 which focuses on inclusive governance but will also be highlighted in Pillar 1.</p>	<p>The CPD now explicitly mentions the strengthening of institutional capacities and systems under Pillar 1 as well.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ireland could be included as a partner under Outcome 3.3 in the results framework. 	<p>Well noted, and UNDP is looking forward to partnering with Ireland under this Output.</p>	<p>Irish Aid included as partner for Output 3.3.</p>