

COMMENTS ON THE UNDP DRAFT COUNTRY PROGRAMME DOCUMENT FOR RWANDA (2025-2029)

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BELGIUM	Welcomes recent change in dealing with development partners and ensuing openness to discuss the CPD's.	We thank Belgium for this acknowledgement and commit to continuing this strong partnership and openness with partners.	N/A
	Regrets that current events (Marburg-virus outbreak) have limited the possible engagement with UNDP at that crucial time due to a lack of capacity on our side and the cancelling of some events. Therefore, the consultations remain superficial despite the good will of UNDP Rwanda.	The Country Office will continue to engage with the Embassy to identify and explore areas of mutual interest and collaboration aligned with the proposed CPD. We are certain that the Marburg-virus outbreak will be a thing of the past.	N/A
	The CPD contains little to no reference to what other partners are doing in various fields despite possible synergies. Belgium and Enabel in Rwanda are for example active on social protection and decent work (page 5 of the CPD), urbanisation and circular economy (page 6) and Public Finance Management (page 8).	We acknowledge the good work done by Belgium with its partners. Complementarities and partnerships are integrated into the broader CPD framework to avoid duplication and leverage synergies.	No revision is proposed, as the CPD adopts a comprehensive approach to addressing gaps in this area rather than focusing on a single specific intervention.
	Also, there are no mentions of complementarities. It is not always useful to duplicate efforts already achieved by others (example. On page 7, the digital preservation of genocide memory is something Aegis Trust has already been working on for a few years – thanks to money from Belgium).	We recognise and commend Belgium for funding Aegis Trust. However, while Aegis Trust has made significant contributions, there remains a pressing need to support numerous memorial sites across Rwanda. UNDP's work will focus on complementing existing efforts, ensuring a more inclusive and holistic approach to digital	

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		<p>preservation, and enhancing accessibility; participation and sustainability.</p> <p>Similarly, in areas like social protection and decent work, the CPD is designed to reinforce existing Belgium-funded initiatives by addressing gaps and scaling successful practices. The intention is not to duplicate efforts but to ensure collaborative action that maximizes collective impact.</p> <p>We are committed to a continued dialogue with partners to refine these synergies and ensure that the CPD delivers added value while avoiding duplication.</p>	
	Nevertheless, a progress with last CPD's implementation which seemed to focus on projects and not enough on programming and policy support.	The CPD has adopted a portfolio approach to scaling impact and driving sustainable, systemic change in a complex development landscape [page 5]. A systematic balance of downstream and upstream programming will enhance policy content and practical programming on the ground.	There is no revision, as the CPD has already addressed the issue.
	The program is coherent with Rwanda's second National Strategy for Transformation (NST2).	No response, as it's a positive comment. We thank Belgium for recognising and acknowledge this important linkage.	N/A