

## COMMENTS ON THE UNFPA DRAFT COUNTRY PROGRAMME DOCUMENT FOR ESWATINI

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Comments by Germany	UNFPA country/regional office response to comments
<p>Germany welcomes and fully supports UNFPA's draft CPD for Eswatini and aligns itself with the programme rationale. We recognize the pressing need to address the persistently high maternal mortality and adolescent birth rate as well as the alarming prevalence of gender-based violence in the country.</p> <p>In this context, we particularly commend the project's strong focus on strengthening adolescents and young people's access to comprehensive sexual and reproductive health information and services. Empowering young people with accurate information, life skills, and access to youth-friendly services is essential not only for protecting their rights and bodily autonomy, but also for challenging and transforming harmful gender stereotypes that contribute to inequality and gender-based violence.</p>	<p>UNFPA thanks Germany for its valuable assessment and observations. We deeply appreciate this positive recognition, which reaffirms the importance of our collaborative partnership.</p> <p>UNFPA remains committed to accelerating efforts in Eswatini towards achieving the three transformative results: ending preventable maternal deaths; ending unmet need for family planning; and ending gender-based violence and harmful practices. Our focus on the health and well-being of adolescents and young people, and their access to comprehensive sexual and reproductive health information and services, remains a key part of this effort.</p>