COMMENTS ON THE UNFPA DRAFT COUNTRY PROGRAMME DOCUMENT FOR LIBERIA

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Comments by Germany	UNFPA country/regional office response to comments
Germany welcomes the new draft CPD for Liberia, which is comprehensive and responds to the most pressing SRHR challenges in the country. In Germany, the emphasis is on targeting vulnerable women and girls, including those with disabilities.	UNFPA appreciates and welcomes the positive feedback from Germany on the focus of the country programme, notably in addressing the SRHR challenges in the country.
The proposal identifies persistent high maternal mortality as a main challenge, and Germany appreciates the focus on strengthening midwifery. However, beyond maternal death surveillance (MPDSR) there are no targets relating to maternal health in the results framework. The inclusion of specific targets related to, for example, midwifery, quality of care, maternal and newborn health commodities, or coverage of emergency obstetric and newborn care (EmONC) would strengthen the results framework and contribute to ensuring that maternal health is prioritised in the implementation of the country programme.	The Liberia CO appreciates and notes the commendation regarding the focus on strengthening midwifery and notes the comment on targets relating to maternal health. During the implementation of the country programme, specific milestones that relate to midwifery, quality of care (with a focus on EmONC) and reproductive health commodity security will be reported quarterly and closely monitored. These milestones will measure progress towards intermediate outcomes on improving maternal health and complement the relevant outcome indicators in the UNSDCF that are also reflected in the CPD results and resources framework.