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BACKGROUND AND MISSION

UNICEF was established by the UN General Assembly in 1946 as the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund and became a permanent part of the United Nations system in 1953. Guided by the Convention on the Rights of the Child, UNICEF is mandated to advocate for the protection of children's rights, to help meet their basic needs and to expand their opportunities to reach their full potential. UNICEF works with partners in 190 countries and territories to overcome the obstacles placed on children's lives by poverty, violence, disease and discrimination, focusing special effort on reaching the most disadvantaged children. Four UNICEF divisions and offices are based in Geneva: the Division of Private Fundraising and Partnerships (PFP), the Regional Office for Central and Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States (CEE/CIS RO), the Geneva Office of Emergency Programmes (EMOPS) and the UNICEF Geneva Liaison Office (GLO).

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Health
- HIV/AIDS
- Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
- Nutrition
- Education
- Child Protection
- Social Inclusion
- Gender Equality
- Humanitarian Action

HEALTH-RELATED ACTIVITIES

Child survival, health and nutrition lie at the core of UNICEF's work. Since its inception in 1946, UNICEF has delivered high-impact, low-cost interventions proven

to save the lives of women and children worldwide. Before and throughout the MDGs, UNICEF concentrated heavily on the survival and health of children under the age of five, helping countries around the globe to achieve MDGs 4 and 5. While they continue to finish the remaining mortality burden from the MDG era, the new SDG agenda represents an opportunity to expand collective thinking about child health and to focus on the first two decades of life, taking into account the multiple and complex variables that impact the health and well-being of newborns, children and adolescents. UNICEF is poised to shape and operationalise this new agenda for child health, working closely with activists and actors across the spectrum of RMNCAH, with a view to building resilient national health systems designed to reach the women and children most in need. In so doing, UNICEF leverages its multisectoral mandate to integrate programmatically the many different sectors that contribute to the health and well-being of women, children and adolescents.

GOVERNANCE AND STAFF

UNICEF's Executive Director is Ms. Henrietta H. Fore. The organisation is governed by an Executive Board, consisting of representatives of 36 Member States, elected by ECOSOC for a 3-year term. The Bureau is constituted of a President and four Vice-Presidents elected annually. In 2018, the President is Mr Tore Hattrem of Norway.

FUNDING SOURCES AND BUDGET

UNICEF is funded entirely by voluntary contributions from governments, intergovernmental organisations, inter-organisational arrangements, private sector and non-governmental organisations. UNICEF National Committees established in 34 countries also contribute to UNICEF's funding. The projected available resources for 2018-2021 are USD 24.5 billion. UNICEF's income is divided into Regular Resources, which are unrestricted and are projected to comprise USD 6.8 billion (28%) of the total in this period, and Other Resources, which are limited to specific programmes and themes.

PUBLICATIONS

See: www.unicef.org/publications

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