



UNICEF

and the Islamic Republic of

IRAN

country programme of cooperation

2 0 2 3 - 2 0 2 7

unicef  | for every child



Country Programme of Cooperation at a glance

UNICEF has been supporting children in Iran since the early 1950s. It initially supported vaccination of children against tuberculosis and equipped the country's first pasteurized milk factory and later expanded its activities to child health programmes, such as promoting breastfeeding, vaccination and preventing diarrhea. Further expansion of UNICEF's activities included protecting children against violence and promoting equitable access to education for all children.

UNICEF's current five-year country programme of cooperation in Iran (2023-2027) is aimed at ensuring that all children and adolescents, especially the most vulnerable, benefit from an integrated social protection system, which meets their needs for health, nutrition, education, water, sanitation and overall protection and well-being of children in both development and humanitarian settings. The programme also aims to ensure that children's participation and inclusion in their communities are fully realised, allowing them to reach their full potential.

The main components of UNICEF's country programme of cooperation (2023-2027) and some key interventions are as follows:



Health and Nutrition

- Reduce neonatal and child mortality and morbidity rates at the national and district levels.
- Enhance nutritional status and alleviate malnutrition among pregnant and lactating women and children.
- Prevent outbreaks of vaccine-preventable and vector borne diseases like dengue and malaria.
- Support the Primary Health Care (PHC) systems in underserved areas.



Education, Learning and Adolescent Well-being

- Enhance access to education for all children, including children with disabilities, and empower communities to help these children achieve their full potential without discrimination.
- Expand the education system's capacity to include refugee children and adolescent boys and girls.
- Increase the education system's capacity to provide quality education and promote children's participation.
- Ensure that vulnerable adolescents and youth are empowered with the necessary skills in social harms prevention and enable them to live a healthy lifestyle and find decent employment after school.



Emergency, WASH and Climate Change

- Strengthen local disaster coping capacities to enhance the resilience of children and vulnerable groups in disasters.
- Promote child-centered approaches on disaster risk reduction and management through offering technical expertise in the development of policies and guidelines.
- Strengthen coordination and response capabilities for delivering humanitarian assistance to Afghan refugees and their host communities.
- Strengthen the capacity of the national Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) sector to provide improved services and enhance emergency preparedness and response capacity in this sector.
- Protect the lives, health and well-being of children and the resilience of their communities by adapting essential social services to a changing climate and a degrading



Child Protection

- Contribute to implementing comprehensive national strategies to prevent children from living and working on the streets.
- Ensure children in alternative care can live in a supportive and caring environment that promotes the realisation of their full potential.

- Contribute to implementing comprehensive national strategies to prevent children from living and working on the streets.
- Ensure children in alternative care can live in a supportive and caring environment that promotes the realisation of their full potential.



Social Policy

- Ensure that all children have the equitable chance to live the life they deserve through removing the obstacles related to poverty. This includes identifying and targeting the most vulnerable children and their families such as refugee children and providing them with the required support to improve their living conditions, such as cash assistance towards improving access to social services.
- Support government to prioritise child poverty as a national policy and design smart, responsive and resilient poverty-alleviation strategies.



Monitoring and Accountability

UNICEF will monitor and evaluate implementation of country programme activities to help improve the efficiency and efficiency in achieving results for children. Progress towards planned results for children will be assessed using indicators in the results framework and through mid-year and annual reviews with key stakeholders. Enhanced in-house capacity and a result-based management culture will support UNICEF's programmatic approach.

Cover picture: A child playing under a water reservoir in Sistan and Baluchestan Province. The reservoir is part of a new water network, a collaboration between the Ministry of Energy and UNICEF, that provides safe, clean drinking water to an estimated 2,250 people, including children and their families.

Inside picture: Children in a village in the earthquake-hit Khoy county, West Azerbaijan. UNICEF's support in Khoy County covered a wide range of vital relief aid to the affected population, including psychosocial support through child-friendly spaces, distribution of hygiene kits, provision of prefabricated latrines and showers, cash assistance for rebuilding damaged homes, rehabilitation of schools and provision of prefabricated health clinics and classrooms.



unicefiran



unicef_iran



unicef-iran

www.unicef.org/iran