

2006/3. Support strategy for the MTSP on health and nutrition

The Executive Board,

1. *Reaffirms* the medium-term strategic plan for 2006-2009 (MTSP) as the guiding framework for all areas of UNICEF programming;
2. *Welcomes* the UNICEF joint health and nutrition strategy for 2006-2015 as a support strategy for the MTSP and as guidance to UNICEF staff on working with programme countries to improve sustainable outcomes at the nexus of health and nutrition, taking into account the particular situation in each programme country, as well as respective national priorities and strategies;
3. *Requests* the Executive Director to ensure that UNICEF increases its efforts to further develop national capacities to improve sustainable outcomes as outlined in this support strategy for the MTSP;
4. *Requests* the Executive Director to ensure that comments on the UNICEF joint health and nutrition strategy for 2006-2015 by members of the Executive Board at its first regular session of 2006 are taken into consideration when implementing programmes of support in the area of health and nutrition;
5. *Requests* the Executive Director to monitor the impact of the MTSP support strategy on health and nutrition by the assessment process elaborated in the MTSP;
6. *Requests* the Executive Director to ensure that the process of reviewing the MTSP analyzes scientific developments and programming experience in the area of health and nutrition and ensure that its findings are taken into consideration when implementing programmes of support in the area of health and nutrition;
7. *Requests* the Executive Director to include in the support strategy for the MTSP on health and nutrition an annex outlining how the support strategy will contribute to the achievement of the MTSP focus areas and key performance indicators, and to update this annex as necessary following the agreement of subsequent MTSPs.

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