

2008/15. Report on implementation of the ‘modified system for allocation of regular resources for programmes’ approved by the Executive Board in 1997

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* of the report on implementation of the ‘modified system for allocation of regular resources for programmes’, as contained in document E/ICEF/2008/20, and endorses it;
2. *Reaffirms* its determination to continue to give highest priority to the needs of children in the low-income countries, in particular the Least Developed Countries and those in Sub-Saharan Africa in line with the relevant United Nations General Assembly resolutions;
3. *Recalls* its decision 1997/18 and *decides* to maintain the system for allocation of regular resources for programmes of cooperation as endorsed by the Executive Board in that decision, with the following modifications:
 - (a) Allocations of UNICEF regular resources for country programme cooperation, except for countries included in multi-country programmes, will continue until a country achieves ‘high income’ status (based on World Bank current data and definitions) and maintains such status for two consecutive years after achieving it;
 - (b) UNICEF will *increase* regular resource allocations from a minimum annual level of \$600,000 established in decision 1997/18 to \$750,000 for all programme countries, including those in the ‘upper middle-income’ country category (based on World Bank current data and definitions), except in those countries otherwise included in the multi-country programmes;
4. *Requests* that a summary computation of regular resources planning levels be provided from 2009;
5. *Recalls* UNICEF’s normative promotion and policy responsibilities related to the rights and welfare of the child and *stresses* that the purpose of this revised regular resource allocation is, inter alia, to enable, taking into account document E/ICEF/2008/20, a more strategic dialogue with programme countries on the nature of UNICEF’s engagement with those countries in order to enhance the cooperation frameworks reflected in relevant country programme documents presented to the Executive Board for approval;
6. *Requests* that progress and developments in the implementation of the regular resource allocation system and its implications for UNICEF’s cooperation with programme countries continue to be monitored and reviewed, and *looks forward* to a report on implementation thereof at its second regular session of 2012.