

2008/19. UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre: Progress report on the 2006–2008 programme of work and proposal for a one-year extension

The Executive Board,

Recalling its decision 2005/14, authorizing the extension of the programme of the UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre for three years (2006–2008),

Further recalling its decision 2008/2, approving the UNICEF biennial support budget for 2008–2009 and enhancing support to the research function in UNICEF,

Having welcomed and reviewed the progress report on the UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre and the proposed focus of its activities for 2009 (E/ICEF/2008/23),

1. *Reiterates* that the Innocenti Research Centre remains a vital and central part of UNICEF's research function and *welcomes* the framework for further work for 2009, as contained in E/ICEF/2008/23;
2. *Authorizes* the extension of the Centre's programme until the end of 2009 to ensure its alignment with the UNICEF strategic planning process, with the programme of work for the Office of Research 2010-2011, which will include the activities of the Centre, and with the UNICEF biennial support budget for 2010–2011;
3. *Further authorizes* an increase in the other resources ceiling of \$7 million, for a total other resources ceiling of \$24 million for the period 2006–2009;
4. *Invites* all donors to contribute to the Centre's programme activities in order to meet the full cost of expenditures foreseen for the implementation of its programme for 2009;
5. *Requests* the Executive Director of UNICEF to inform the Executive Board, through informal consultations in the first half of 2009, on the future direction, focus and details of the organizational arrangements for the research function, in view of the discussions on this function for the preparation of the biennial support budget 2010-2011.

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