

# PROCUREMENT SERVICES



For every child  
Health, Education, Equality, Protection  
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# UNICEF – THE LEADING AGENCY FOR CHILDREN’S SUPPLIES

UNICEF is dedicated to protecting children’s rights through helping them to meet their basic needs and expanding their opportunities, so that they reach their full potential. Making suitable supplies available, accessible and affordable is fundamental to this. Supplies enable children to achieve their right to good health, a basic education and protection from harm.

UNICEF Supply Division oversees UNICEF’s global supply and logistics operation. We are one of the most experienced, technically advanced and respected procurement agencies in the UN system.

- Annually, UNICEF procures and delivers some \$700 million worth of supplies, assisting over two billion children.
- We are the world’s largest buyer of mosquito nets.
- We procure 40 per cent of vaccines for children in developing countries.
- We bought and distributed educational equipment to send 4.5 million Iraqi children back to school.

Through Procurement Services, UNICEF leverages additional resources for children. We work with governments and other partners to help them in their own efforts to procure supplies for children and their communities and to become self-sufficient.

## PROCUREMENT SERVICES

We provide supply services that benefit children on your behalf. We place at your disposal UNICEF’s global knowledge, purchasing capacity and logistics expertise.

**Our assets are: integrity, price performance, quality, capacity-building.**

The Procurement Services Centre, an integral part of UNICEF Supply Division, is an effective team of multi-disciplinary professionals. We offer you 50 years of UNICEF experience and a network of offices in 158 countries and territories. Our global expertise combined with our local knowledge allows us to assess country-specific needs better and build local capacity. Our primary focus is in the areas of supplies for health, nutrition, education, recreation, water and sanitation.

In recent years, more and more governments and partners have been using UNICEF Procurement Services, benefiting millions of children.



**Our key advantage is offering our partners a full supply package, customized to their requirements. This can include assistance with product specifications, procurement use, end-user monitoring, including in-country operational support, and training in procurement and supply management.**

We offer Procurement Services to governments, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), United Nations agencies, International Financial Institutions, philanthropic organizations and universities. We do not procure on behalf of individuals or profit-making entities. In addition, UNICEF only provides Procurement Services that contribute to its mandate, *A World Fit for Children* and the *Millennium Development Goals*. UNICEF does not make any profit from Procurement Services, however we are required to cover our costs by charging a minimal handling fee. Procurement Services partnerships are governed through Memoranda of Understanding.

## WHY CHOOSE US?

**CAPACITY-BUILDING OF PARTNERS** We respect our partners as equal stakeholders. We encourage knowledge-sharing and capacity building to enable you to become

increasingly self-sufficient, whilst being supported by the safety net of our considerable procurement experience. We arrange training in procurement and supply management upon request.

**GLOBAL NETWORK, LOCAL KNOWLEDGE** UNICEF is active in 158 countries and territories around the world. In addition to our main warehouse in Copenhagen, we have established regional emergency hubs around the world. This puts us in a unique position to work locally with global standards.

**INTEGRITY** We apply the most rigorous and fair standards to our procurement processes, and follow the most stringent ethical principles.

**EXPERIENCE** The organization has over 50 years of experience in supporting children. UNICEF Supply Division is recognized as the UN agency leader in vaccine procurement and in the purchase of HIV medicines. We cooperate with other UN agencies and leading development organizations, finding better supply solutions by pooling our knowledge.



**PRICE PERFORMANCE** Our position as market leader in the procurement of basic child vaccines, mosquito nets, etc. gives us unparalleled leverage in negotiating the lowest prices with suppliers. We have long-term arrangements in place with suppliers for over 800 products, guaranteeing you quality items at highly-competitive prices.

**QUALITY** Whilst price is always an issue, we do not compromise on the quality of the items we procure. The Division's inspectors randomly inspect all supplies coming to the UNICEF warehouse and evaluate all samples submitted with bids. Pharmaceuticals and vaccines must comply with Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) guidelines and WHO standards and requirements. We can also arrange for independent quality control, if requested.

**TECHNICAL EXPERTISE** We can assist at the very beginning of a project to ensure proper planning, procurement and delivery. We can help in the selection of products and forecasting quantities. Once procured and delivered, we can also facilitate with the rational use and monitoring of supplies. Our supply catalogue lists the specifications of some 1,700 items. We have specialized teams of technical experts in key commodity areas including vaccines and cold chain, pharmaceuticals, nutrition, education, water and sanitation.

**RELIABLE DELIVERY** Our Copenhagen warehouse stocks over 750 standard items that can be packed and sent within a short time. Global freight-forwarding arrangements ensure quality service at competitive rates.

**IN-COUNTRY LOGISTICS** To ensure an efficient, effective storage and flow of supplies from the port of entry to the household level, UNICEF can provide a range of services. These include in-country receipt, pre-clearance inspection, customs clearance, warehousing, local distribution, transport and delivery, as well as consulting services for the existing supply chain process and logistics system.

## CONTACT US

Further information on Procurement Services, including on-line registration and a cost estimate, is available on our website at: [www.unicef.org/supply](http://www.unicef.org/supply)

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We look forward to working together.

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