

Media Release

**The UNICEF Deputy Executive Director
Dr. Rima Salah
Paid a Visit to Saudi Arabia**

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

The Assistant Secretary General and UNICEF Deputy Executive Director, Dr. Rima Salah, visited Riyadh on 23-24 November 2005. Her visit was hosted by the Royal Protocol. A full programme of events was prepared to her by the Saudi National Commission for Childhood in the Ministry of Education. She visited high ranking Saudi officials who are considered to be the leaders for issues related to women and children in Saudi Arabia, in the Gulf and in the world.

Some of these officials are:

- HRH Princess Hessa Al Shalan, Wife of Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques
- HRH Prince Talal bin Abdul Aziz, President of AGFUND
- HRH the Minister of Foreign Affairs Prince Saud Al Faisal
- HRH Prince Turki bin Mohammed Al Kabir, Head of International Organizations Department in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- HH Prince Khaled bin Abdullah, Deputy Minister for Girls' Education
- HE Dr. Ibrahim Al Musnad, Assistant Undersecretary for External Relations in the Ministry of Education

She also visited some prominent schools such as Al Riyadh Schools for Boys and Girls who were celebrating the UNICEF Day.

Dr. Rima's visit is considered a very successful as she discussed proposed programmes of cooperation between UNICEF Gulf Area Office and the Government of Saudi Arabia for the benefit of Saudi children.