

# UNICEF HUMANITARIAN ACTION

## DPR Korea

### SUMMARY FOR 2005

#### Critical Issues for Children and Women

Since the 1990s, a rapid decline in human development standards has been observed in DPR Korea. Food insecurity has led to malnutrition, and lack of access to education, health care, water and sanitation, especially in rural areas.

Tuberculosis and malaria have reappeared. With little investment in social sectors, women and children are particular at risk especially in times such as pregnancy and lactation. The overwhelming humanitarian assistance is vital and has to continue, while a seamless transition from humanitarian to development assistance has to be managed over the next years.

#### Planned Humanitarian Action for 2005

UNICEF is part of the inter-agency theme groups comprising of UN agencies and NGO partners. More than 80% of UNICEF's country programme is dedicated to humanitarian assistance.

Health: UNICEF will procure and distribute vaccines, essential drugs and equipment to nearly 70% of health centres in addition to blended fortified food to feeding centres throughout the country. Micronutrients, vitamin A will also be provided. Specific training will be conducted to upgrade health care practises, and baseline public health surveys implemented in selected counties. The entire under-18 population will benefit from UNICEF's health and nutrition programme.

Water and Sanitation: UNICEF will rehabilitate and upgrade one city water system to serve 450,000 people. UNICEF will also construct or rehabilitate water and sanitation systems in nurseries, kindergartens and primary schools, drill boreholes and new wells in children's institution, train water management teams and promote hygiene education in schools and local communities. Some 1.5 million people will benefit from UNICEF's programme.

Education: UNICEF will rehabilitate schools and kindergartens and supply basic school materials and furniture. UNICEF will also introduce life-skills education programme in selected counties and pilot learning assessment in selected primary schools. Some 650,000 children and teachers will benefit from UNICEF's assistance.

Summary of UNICEF Financial Needs for 2005	
Sector	US\$
Health and Nutrition	10,450,500
Water and Environmental Sanitation	5,554,500
Education	900,000
<b>Total<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>16,905,000</b>

<sup>1</sup> The total includes a maximum recovery rate of 12%. The actual recovery rate on individual contributions will be calculated in accordance with the Executive Board Decision 2003/9 of 5 June 2003.