

# UNICEF HUMANITARIAN ACTION

## Guinea

### SUMMARY FOR 2005

#### Critical Issues for Children and Women

The humanitarian situation of women and children in Guinea, particularly in the Forest Region, remains dire and fragile. Contributing factors include regional insecurity, low-scale armed conflicts, human rights violations, and lack of basic social services for host, refugee, returnee and internally displaced populations.

Consequently, high malnutrition rates and malaria and cholera outbreaks have been reported. It is also worth noting that the HIV/AIDS prevalence is on the rise. Due to the deteriorating situation, women and children are definitely at risk of being trafficked, exploited and abused, and suffer from forced recruitments into armed groups.

#### Planned Humanitarian Action for 2005

In 2005, UNICEF will address the emergency needs of refugee, IDPs, returnees and host communities, principally in the Forest Region. As part of the CAP framework, it will work with the government, UN agencies, NGO partners in providing assistance in the following sectors:

Health and Nutrition: UNICEF will strengthen its overall support to primary health care services, and routine and emergency immunization activities, including conducting National Immunization Days. In this context, essential drugs, vaccines, kits, supplies, technical support and management services will be provided. UNICEF also seeks to increase activities on reducing HIV transmission and providing voluntary, counselling and testing services to pregnant women and youth.

Water and Environmental Sanitation: UNICEF will support the construction/rehabilitation of safe water points within local communities and latrines in schools and health centres. Soaps and additional hygiene equipment will be delivered. Social mobilisation on care and maintenance as well as local awareness campaigns on best hygiene practises will be promoted.

Education: UNICEF aims at establishing safe education environments targeting primarily refugee and returnee children, through the rehabilitation of classrooms and provision of "school-in-a-box" kits. Additional supplies, intensive teacher training and appropriate psychosocial care and support to traumatized children will be included in the emergency education package.

Protection: UNICEF will facilitate the development and implementation of a national plan of action against trafficking and exploitation of children and women. Assessments, training and sensitization campaigns will be implemented on child protection issues. In the most affected areas, specific surveys on children caught in armed conflicts will be conducted to help identify additional areas of interventions.

<b>Summary of UNICEF Financial Needs for 2005</b>	
<b>Sector</b>	<b>US\$</b>
Health and nutrition	4,827,841
Water and environmental sanitation	1,273,295
Education	864,773
Child protection	1,345,227
<b>Total<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>8,311,136</b>

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