

UNICEF HUMANITARIAN ACTION

Congo-Brazzaville

SUMMARY FOR 2005

Critical Issues for Children and Women

The Republic of Congo is emerging weakened and ruined from ten years of armed conflict. The massive destruction of the health and other social infrastructure especially in the Pool region affects in particular women and children.

So far, 80% of the education infrastructure has been damaged. Only 35% of health centers have reopened and 41% of children are fully immunized. The nutritional situation is precarious and also alarming. Less than 11% of the population has access to clean water, which means a dramatic rise in water-borne diseases. The HIV/AIDS prevalence is estimated at 4.2%. There are, among the most vulnerable population, around 5,000 child soldiers.

Planned Humanitarian Action for 2005

UNICEF closely collaborates with all UN agencies and humanitarian partners. UNICEF's humanitarian assistance programme is part of the 2005 CAP, and will mainly focus on the most vulnerable populations of the Pool region.

Health and Nutrition: UNICEF will support the organization of measles and polio immunization campaigns, and improve the routine vaccination coverage by providing additional equipment and appropriate training. Additionally, UNICEF will support therapeutic and supplementary feeding programme.

Water and Environmental Sanitation: UNICEF will install hand pumps and construct family latrines. UNICEF will also raise awareness on best hygiene practices at household and community levels, as well as on appropriate management of water points.

Education: UNICEF will undertake specific back-to-school campaign, rehabilitate and equip damaged schools, and establish school canteens. UNICEF will also support and improve teacher training.

Child Protection: UNICEF will raise awareness and support birth registration activities, and build capacities of registry offices. UNICEF will provide training and psychosocial support and facilitate social reintegration of traumatized children and young girls.

Shelter and Non Food Items: UNICEF will procure and distribute non food items such as tarpaulins for shelter and emergency family kits to the most vulnerable populations.

Summary of UNICEF Financial Needs for 2005	
Sector	US\$
Health and nutrition	1,159,091
Water and environmental sanitation	511,650
Shelter and non-food items	807,244
Education	1,056,818
Child Protection	710,227
Total¹	4,245,030

¹ 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.