

# UNICEF HUMANITARIAN ACTION

## Tajikistan

### SUMMARY FOR 2005

#### Critical Issues for Children and Women

As Tajikistan is moving from a humanitarian to development phase, more than half of the country's population is still living below poverty line, and increased risks and vulnerabilities continue for many children. Survey and estimates show that high infant and under-5 mortality rate remains one of the critical issues to address. Water and sanitation facilities remain limited in many parts of the country, particularly in schools. Weakening capacities of families to look after their children have resulted in increasing numbers of children in conflict with law, and increased violence at home. The humanitarian situation is further worsened by the country's vulnerability to natural disasters.

#### Planned Humanitarian Action for 2005

UNICEF will continue to lead the water and sanitation and education sectors in the inter-agency coordination committees. UNICEF will also contribute to the Government's capacity to respond to emergencies and disasters particularly in the area of health, nutrition, water and sanitation.

Health and Nutrition: UNICEF will ensure the provision of medicine and equipment to paediatric departments and education on appropriate feeding practises, including nutrition activities. Immunization campaigns will be implemented, with staff training and adequate provision of vaccines, supplies and cold chain equipment.

Water and Environmental Sanitation: UNICEF will rehabilitate and construct safe water systems and sanitation facilities essentially in schools. UNICEF will support the training of teachers and also mobilize school children and communities on hygiene promotion.

Education: UNICEF will support the development of a national plan of action for achieving realistically the goals of "Education for All". UNICEF will mobilize teachers and communities to participate in education activity planning and infuse existing curriculum with concepts of peace, tolerance, child rights and gender.

Protection: UNICEF will support the development of social welfare policies and legislation with a focus on children with disabilities, those abused, neglected and street children. Psychosocial and legal counselling for affected children will be implemented. Training on HIV/AIDS and STI prevention will also be conducted.

<b>Summary of UNICEF Financial Needs for 2005</b>	
<b>Sector</b>	<b>US\$</b>
Health/Nutrition	1,600,000
Water and Environmental Sanitation	831,122
Education	368,878
Child Protection	1,200,000
<b>Total<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>4,000,000</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.