

# UNICEF HUMANITARIAN ACTION

## Zambia

### SUMMARY FOR 2005

#### Critical Issues for Children and Women

The “Triple Threat” in Zambia, a malignant interaction of poverty, HIV/AIDS and challenges to governance is threatening human rights of millions of Zambians especially women and children. HIV/AIDS is now the leading killer in the country, and has reached a point of national emergency.

It is estimated that over 1.1 million children have lost one or both parents. Each year, 32,000 children are estimated to be born HIV positive. 42% of children are chronically malnourished. The Government is facing major challenges to maintain adequate number of teachers, doctors, nurses, and other civil servants. As a result, the provision of social services is declining.

#### Planned Humanitarian Action for 2005

UNICEF cooperates with Line Ministries, UN agencies and NGOS to ensure effective coordination and strategic partnerships in all sectors of interventions.

Health and Nutrition: UNICEF will procure and distribute vaccines, medical supplies including post-rape care kits. UNICEF will prevent and control malaria and will assist health committees to enhance community dialogue and learning on HIV/AIDS.

Water and Environmental Sanitation: UNICEF will expand school feeding programme with MOE and WFP. UNICEF will construct and rehabilitate water schemes, latrines and hand washing facilities in schools. Additionally, UNICEF will procure and distribute jerry cans, chlorine and support school gardening activities.

Education: UNICEF will provide morning meals as an incentive for sending children to schools and boosting cognitive and learning development. UNICEF will also supply educational materials including school-in-a-box and recreational kits. Teacher training will be conducted in relation to HIV/AIDS and prevention of child abuse.

Child Protection: UNICEF will support consultations for drafting a bill on gender violence, and train law enforcement officers and community welfare assistance committees on adequate management of sexual abuse cases and gender violence.

Summary of UNICEF Financial Needs for 2005	
Sector	US\$
Health and Nutrition	1,630,000
Water and Environmental Sanitation	900,000
Education	1,000,000
Child Protection	575,000
<b>Total<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>US\$4,105,000</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.