

# PLANNING, MONITORING AND EVALUATION

## ISSUE

Programme Planning and Advocacy must be based on a strong understanding of the current situation and subsequent planning processes systematically applied across all programmes to ensure coordination and facilitate effective management of UNICEF resources. These processes also need to ensure that cross-cutting issues such as emergency preparedness and response, gender and an area-based focus are addressed.

Somalia is a country of extreme data scarcity. This is particularly the case for socio-economic quantitative and qualitative data and information. Where data is available, it is often incomplete.

In addition to the general lack of data, what is available is often outdated. This is principally because the situation in Somalia changes frequently and substantially, and that difficulties are encountered in the regular collection of new data due to insecurity and inaccessibility.

In spite of recent efforts to strengthen programme monitoring, there is still a need to ensure regular and systematic monitoring of changes in the well being of children and women in Somalia. Regular reporting on the basis of the indicators selected as part of the monitoring and evaluation plan and systematic internal and external reviews of progress have yet to become a reality.

## ACTION

This programme is responsible for the accuracy and updating of all data coming into and being disseminated from the UNICEF Somalia office. UNICEF will also work with other agencies and partners to coordinate and improve the systems for collection of data on Somalia.

The Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Programme ensures that UNICEF programmes and projects are based on improved assessment and analysis of the situation, including lessons

The Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation programme also includes supervision of the Crisis Preparedness and Response and Gender projects within the UNICEF Somalia office. These projects will be systematically integrated into all other programme sectors.

learned, and to establish a reliable and credible knowledge centre within the programme. In addition to overall guidance and oversight of UNICEF planning processes, from assessment and analysis to implementation and monitoring, this programme will fully integrate elements of emergency preparedness to ensure appropriate planning and rapid response by the sectoral programmes. This programme will also develop indicators and closely monitor the mainstreaming of gender into all UNICEF supported programmes and processes.

## IMPACT

The Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation programme will ensure that:

- Reliable gender disaggregated data are available across all UNICEF programme sectors.
- Sectoral programmes are based on the best possible understanding of the situation of children and women in Somalia.
- Efforts are made to fill critical information gaps.
- Our understanding of the situation is used to advocate for partners to address the situation of children and women.
- Emergency response activities are fully integrated within sectoral programmes, with a focus on early warning, preparedness and early action as an integral part of the country programme process.
- Stocks of essential relief supplies are replenished, maintained and pre-positioned on an ongoing basis.