

MEDIA ADVISORY

UNICEF Weekly Events Calendar 1– 8 November 2009

UNICEF supported events are an opportunity for the media to develop broader stories on child rights issues such as juvenile justice reform, quality education, early childhood development, mother and child health, social inclusion and poverty, child rights monitoring and more.

Day	Title	Place	Description
3-5 Nov	Implementation of Early Learning and Development Standards (ELDS) in five pilot kindergartens	Mavrovo	The Ministry of Labour and Social Policy with UNICEF support will organize workshop for the Early Learning and Development Standards (ELDS) teams in five pilot kindergartens in five municipalities: Cair, Bitola, Stip, Radovis and Tetovo. The workshop will provide training opportunity for participants on how to apply the instruments for monitoring and implementation of the ELDS.
5-6 Nov	Improving access to Early Childhood Development (ECD) at local level	Mavrovo	The Ministry of Labour and Social Policy with UNICEF support will organize workshop for the members of the Child Rights Commissions in five municipalities (Cair, Bitola, Stip, Radovis and Tetovo) to present different models of financing Early Childhood Development (ECD) services by the municipalities and review of ECD local action plans.
5 Nov	Comparative review of the national legislation and the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC)	Skopje	With UNICEF's support, the Law Faculty "Justinijan Prvi" is organizing an expert discussion on the draft report " <i>Comparative review of the national legislation and the Convention on the Rights of the Child</i> ". This is the first comprehensive review of the domestic legislation and the CRC. The purpose of the report is to identify if the national legislation is in line with the CRC and provide recommendation how to improve it. The report was prepared by a national team of experts. The final report will be available in December.

All media interested in developing a story around a UNICEF supported event are invited to contact Suzie Pappas Capovska, Communications Officer, UNICEF Skopje (02) 3231-150 (ext :127), 072 236 725 or spappas@unicef.org to make necessary arrangements.

Statements by the UNICEF Representative, Mr. Sheldon Yett are also available on request.