

REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF MODIFIED SYSTEM FOR ALLOCATION OF REGULAR RESOURCES FOR PROGRAMMES



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Purpose of Paper

Review progress and lessons learned on the implementation of the allocation system of regular resources for programmes.

Objectives of the RR allocation system

- Enable UNICEF **fulfill its mandate** of maintaining:
 - Lead role for children
 - Advocate & protect children's rights
 - Ensure high quality policy & guidance
- Ensure sufficient RR for **effective implementation**
- Accommodate **evolving needs** and special circumstances of children flexibly
- Higher priority to children in low-income countries
 - At least : 60% to **LDCs** & 50% to **SSA**
- Maintain a stable level of RR allocations to country programmes

RR allocation system from 1997 to 2008

- All approved country programmes receive a **minimum allocation** of \$600,000
- Threshold for country programmes receiving RR was GNP per capita > \$2,895 and U5MR of < 30/1,000
- A **formula** was applied to available RR using 3 criteria
 - U5MR, GNI per capita & Child population
- **Multi-country programmes** receive fixed allocations
- **7% Set Aside** is allocated flexibly to evolving needs

Executive Board Decision 2008/15

- Maintained 1997 System for allocation of RR with the following modifications:
 - Increased minimum income threshold per country programme from \$600,000 to \$750,000
 - Changed the threshold for country programmes receiving RR, from GNP per capita of \$2,895 to the achievement of 'high income' status (based on WB's definition)

As a reminder, the 2008 revisions were intended to:

Encourage UNICEF to enter into a more strategic dialogue with all programme countries and to play a normative role and responsibilities to:

- Enhance **national capacities** to monitor the rights of children;
- Promote **international standards** affecting children;
- Provide **impartial advisory support**, based on international experience, technical expertise and good practice;
- Support countries of different per capita income levels in **addressing disparities** and other issues affecting children, such as violence and marginalization

Summary of current RR Allocation process

- All approved country programmes receive a **minimum allocation** of \$750,000
- A **formula** is applied to available RR using 3 criteria
 - U5MR, GNI per capita & Child population
- **Multi-country programmes** receive fixed allocations
- **7% Set Aside** is allocated flexibly to evolving needs
- Gradual shift in level of allocation to country programmes to **maintain stability in RR** funding

	2009		2012	
	(\$million)	(%)	(\$million)	(%)
Share allocated directly to country level	688	68	692	69
<i>Of which:</i>				
LDCs	442.14	66	445.83	65
SSA	432.06	64	436.21	63
Low-income	545.96	80	432.12	62
Lower-middle-income	123.76	18	219.76	32
Upper-middle-income	17.86	3	39.09	6
	2009		2012	
# of countries receiving \$750,000	40		48	
Share allocated to countries receiving only \$750,000	4%		5%	

Implications

- UNICEF's continued substantive engagement in middle income countries
- LDCs and countries in sub-Saharan Africa continue to be prioritized in allocation of resources

Draft Recommendation

- Takes note of the report on the implementation of the modified system for allocation of regular resources for programmes
- Requests the Executive Director to propose any revisions as required to the modified system in the context of the next MTSP