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Funding for operational activities

- UNICEF income increased by 1 per cent in 2011.
- Regular resources income increased by 12 per cent; its share of total income remains low at 29 per cent.
- Total income for other resources decreased by 3 per cent.
- MTSP focus area thematic funds decreased by 23 per cent.

Strategic partnerships, including cooperation with the World Bank and other IFIs

- Engagement with World Bank by UNICEF country offices continues to grow (84 country offices had programme collaboration in 2011). Growing focus on social protection/equity
- Global collaboration includes high-level meetings and collaboration on specific issues.
- World Bank partnership has leveraged significant resources (e.g. US\$192 million channeled through procurement services).
- Collaboration with the IMF rose significantly in 2011, facilitated by the 2010 UNICEF-IMF agreement on economic adjustment policies.
- Growing strategic engagement – WB President participating in 2013 Executive Board meeting

Contribution to national capacity development and development effectiveness (1)

- $\frac{3}{4}$ of Country Offices are fully or mostly meeting the capacity development benchmarks introduced in 2010.
- Review indicates that UNICEF has focused on all 3 levels of capacity development (as per UNDG guidance)
- Progress has been made in systematic capacity needs assessments, in developing & implementing capacity development strategies
- Several countries are supporting capacity development on data collection and use.

Contribution to national capacity development and development effectiveness (2)

- In 2011 UNICEF support for South-South cooperation mostly focused on technical cooperation & research.
- South-South exchanges have proven very effective for sharing Southern innovations.
- UNICEF support for transition from relief to development and DRR included national capacity building programmes, issuance of global guidance, participation in global Working Groups, and preparation of country-specific and global analyses.

Contribution to national capacity development and development effectiveness (3)

- UNICEF continues to implement its three-year Strategic Priority Action Plan for Gender Equality, 2010-2012.
- 2011 was the first full year of implementation of the UNICEF gender equality marker in regional and country offices.
- UNICEF has further integrated gender into humanitarian guidance and tools.
- UNICEF has taken part in joint programmes and system-wide initiatives with other agencies to address gender-based violence.

Coherence, effectiveness and relevance of operational activities (1)

- UNICEF implemented its commitments to the TCPR through its Action Plan - all completed or underway. Major achievements are illustrated throughout the report.
- UNICEF provided technical inputs to the TCPR progress report and QCPR process.
- UNICEF provided support for the RC system: leading and participating in inter-agency groups at all levels; provided financial support \$13.8million to RC and common systems; and dedicated of staff time (660 staff more than 20% of their time at country level).

Coherence, effectiveness and relevance of operational activities (2)

- UNICEF continued working to ensure that Delivering as One focuses on results, improved accountability and outcomes, and contributed to lessons learned during the pilot evaluation.
- In programming processes, UNICEF brought an evidence based approach focused on equity and helped develop the streamlined format for the common country programme document.
- Humanitarian coherence was supported through internal systems improvements, participation in the cluster approach, strengthened monitoring and advocacy for improved strategic planning.

Coherence, effectiveness and relevance of operational activities (3)

- UNICEF contributed to *UN system-wide* simplification and harmonization of business practices through collaborative procurement; human resources reform; IPSAS, harmonization of cost classification, reporting and performance-based guidance on common premises.
- Concurrently, UNICEF is realization its *internal* efficiencies in business processes e.g. VISION ‘papersmart’ Board session and green offices.
- UNICEF uses a collection of tools and knowledge management to support UN coherence.

Evaluation of operational activities (1)

- Evaluation remains key to ensuring accountability and generating evidence.
- A Biennium Report on UNICEF Global Evaluations has now been prepared.
- A new Integrated Monitoring and Evaluation Framework for 2012-2013 has been approved
- In 2012, two global thematic evaluations were completed; 90 per cent of UNICEF evaluations are conducted at regional and country levels.

Evaluation of operational activities (2)

- For all evaluations at UNICEF, a comprehensive annual assessment of quality is completed against stringent criteria.
- UNICEF has played an important role in inter-agency evaluations on the work of the UN system.
- In 2012, UNICEF was substantially involved in the work of UNEG in several areas.
- UNICEF continued to support development of national evaluation capacity, and further consolidated its position as a knowledge centre on country-led M&E systems.

Follow-up to international conferences

- Major conferences with extensive follow-up included the June 2012 'Child Survival: Call to Action' event and the XIX International AIDS Conference.
- UNICEF established a unit to coordinate activities on the post-2015 development agenda.
- At Rio+20, UNICEF advocated for putting children's rights and well-being at the centre of sustainable development.
- A 10th anniversary report was issued for the 2002 Special Session on Children.

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