Draft country programme documents

India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka

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4 (a) Country programme documents

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India, 2023-2027
India made progress in achieving results for children...

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World’s 6th largest economy (1,393 million) of the global population including 460 million children

Huge COVID impacts; massive COVID response by the Government

Challenges

• Maternal deaths among females between 15-24 years are as high as 38%
• 16% of the total under-five deaths in the world
• 7% of adolescents (13–17 years of age) are affected by mental health issues, with less than half seeking help
• 59% of girls between the age of 15–19 years suffer from anaemia; the highest in the world
• Learning outcomes decline in higher grades and many children leave education without appropriate achievement levels and skills
• Only 56% rural households have access to safely managed drinking water
• 18% of women (18–19 years) have ever experienced physical or sexual violence
### CPD Priorities

**Health**
Equitable access to and utilise gender-responsive quality health services at all levels and adopt healthy behaviours

**Nutrition**
Access to and utilise gender-responsive quality high nutrition impact interventions and adopt healthy diets and nutritional care practices

**Education**
Equitable access to and participate in quality gender-responsive learning and skilling opportunities within a safe, inclusive learning environment

**Child Protection**
Empowered and protected from all forms of violence, abuse, exploitation, neglect, and harmful practices

**WASH and Climate Change & Environmental Sustainability**
Access to and use climate-resilient, safe, and affordable WASH services at home and in institutions, and adopt improved hygiene practices

**Social Policy and Social Protection**
Gender-responsive, climate-adaptive, and shock-responsive social and economic policies, instruments, and programmes for social protection

| RR: $212,800,000 | ORR: $255,800,000 |

### Expected results for children

- **Children (12–23 months) fully immunized:** 90% up from 76.4%
- **Children (< 5 years) with severe wasting and SAM admitted for treatment:** 1,200,000 up from 477,000
- **Students achieving at least a minimum proficiency level in mathematics:** 40% up from 30%
- **Women (20–24 years) married before 18:** 18.8% down from 23.3%
- **Population (rural) using safely managed drinking water service at community level:** 88% up from 50%
- **Households and children covered by social protection supported by UNICEF:** 28 million up from 16 million
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Pakistan, 2023–2027
Population below national poverty line declined from 50% in 2005-06 to 22% in 2019-2020

Stepped-up social protection programme – BISP to go scale

Macroeconomic situation remains vulnerable

Significant achievements in fulfilling rights of children and adolescents:
- Improved immunization coverage: 66% of children fully vaccinated up from 53% in 2013; MR campaign reached 93 million children in 14 days in 2021
- Population using basic sanitation increased to 68% from 29% since 2000
- Progress made on polio; no cases in 2021 but recently 10 cases occurred in 2022
- Birth registration increased from 32% to 42% in 4 years
Challenges

• Millions of children are at risk of being left behind

• COVID-19 negatively impacted well-being of children with massive learning losses and widened inequities

• Macroeconomic situation remains vulnerable to shocks, inflationary pressures, unemployment and fiscal deficits; declining expenditure on social sectors

• Significant impact of climate change

• Digital divide means the hard-to-reach fall further behind

• Immunization coverage: 66% improving but not optimal

• 40% children under 5 stunted and 18% wasted

• Sanitation: 16% of the poorest have access to basic sanitation services and 15 million practice ODF

• Education: Primary NER is 84% (78% girls & 89% boys) and 22.8 million out-of-school (53% girls)

• Child marriage: 18% women married before 18
**Health**
Equitable access to, and utilization of quality, gender-responsive and sustainable health services

**Nutrition**
Access and utilize quality services and adopt appropriate nutritional behaviours and care practices to address all forms of malnutrition

**Learning and Skills**
Improved capacities to deliver inclusive, equitable, gender-responsive quality education and skills development, including transferable skills, to children and youth, particularly to girls

**Child Protection**
Children are better protected from violence, abuse, exploitation, neglect and harmful practices

**WASH**
Utilization of safely managed, equitable and climate resilient water, sanitation and hygiene services and are living in safe environment

**Social Policy**
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- **Children (12-23 months) fully immunized:** 80% up from 66%
- **Children (<5 years) who are stunted:** 32% down from 40%
- **Net primary enrolment rate (6-10 years):** 70% up from 64%
- **Women (20–24 years) married before 18:** 12% down from 18%
- **Population using safely managed drinking water services:** 70% up from 36%
- **Number of households reached by cash transfers through UNICEF-supported programmes:** 150,000 mothers up from 36,675

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**CPD Priorities**

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Sri Lanka, 2023–2027
• **Facing acute crisis** with significant debt following the impact of COVID-19 and other compounding factors

• **Country profoundly impacted:** inflation at all-time high (39.1%, May 2022), exchange rate depreciation, supply shortages and significant increases in fuel and food price; poverty rates likely to rise substantially in the medium term

• Estimated child population of 6.2 million and total population of 22.2 million; *country ranks 72nd of 189 countries on the Human Development Index* (2020) and 116th of 156 countries on the Global Gender Gap Index (2021)

• Made *impressive progress against key social indicators* with universal child immunization, low rates of maternal, infant and neonatal mortality, high rates of enrolment in education and a high percentage of the population with access to safe drinking water

• Crisis threatens to reverse this progress; *persisting inequalities are being widened*, disproportionality affecting the poorest, most marginalized and vulnerable children and their families

• Crisis *poised to escalate into a crisis for children* depriving them of the full enjoyment of their rights and impacting their well-being and development
Progress for children in Sri Lanka

- **Universal Child Immunization Status**: Maintained since 1989.

- **Maternal Mortality**: Achieved low rates of maternal mortality (per 100,000 live births) - 29.2.

- **Under 5 Mortality**: Maintained low rates of under 5 mortality (per 1000 live births) - 11.0.

- **Safe Drinking Water**: Sustained a high % of population with access to safe drinking water - 88.5%.

- **Enrollment Rates**: Maintained high enrollment rates in education - 99.1% (Primary) and 91.0% (Secondary).

- **Neonatal Mortality**: Maintained low rates of neonatal mortality (per 1000 live births) - 6.6.

Sources:
- 2019 Annual Health Bulletin, Family Health Bureau
- UNESCO Institute for statistics
- 2019 Household and Income Expenditure Survey (HIES)
Challenges

• **Increasing poverty rates** with 42.2% of children under age five multidimensionally poor

• More than 50% of vulnerable **households with children are excluded from social protection**

• **Less than 5% of GDP** allocated for health, education and key social protection programmes combined

• **17.3% of children under five stunted**, with as high as 32% in the estate sector

• **Significant disparities** exist in learning outcomes and pre-school attendance rates which are being widened in this crisis

• **More than 10,000 children** live in poorly managed institutions (**more than 60% female**) and likely to increase in this crisis

• **Rising reports of violence** against children, with corporal punishment widely accepted and practiced at home and school

• Sri Lanka ranked among the **top 10 vulnerable countries** to the effects of climate change

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CPD Priorities

Essential and lifesaving, quality and gender-responsive health and nutrition services to prevent all forms of malnutrition among children

Continued and improved learning in an inclusive and resilient education system that develops the skills children need for the future

Child friendly services and positive social norms that better protect children from violence and exploitation and prevent family separation

An inclusive, child-sensitive, gender-responsive and shock responsive social protection system and key social services

Expected results for children

Children (<5 years) who are wasted: 5% down from 15.1%

National exam pass rates at the end of compulsory education: 85% up from 75%

Children in family-based care out of the total number in all forms of formal alternative care: 50% up from 31%

Number of children covered by social protection systems: 3.57 million up from 3.5 million

RR: $4,760,000

ORR: $25,000,000
Monitoring and risk management

Monitoring the situation of children to determine vulnerabilities

Comprehensive monitoring framework includes those of UNICEF and its partners, community feedback and accountability to affected populations

Costed Evaluation Plans presented to the Executive Board

Strengthening preparedness and resilience of communities and local systems

Risk management procedures regularly peer reviewed

Mitigation measures combine capacity strengthening with programme monitoring, oversight and corrective actions

Risk mitigation plan implemented through the enterprise risk management system and emergency preparedness platform

PSEA will continue to be strengthened

Environmental and Social Standards and child safeguarding standards and protocols introduced and monitored
Thank you