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Malaysia, Thailand, Viet Nam

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Reference documents: E/ICEF/2022/P/L.1, E/ICEF/2022/P/L.2 and E/ICEF/2022/P/L.3
Country context

Diversity of:

- Middle-income country status
- High human development
- Economic, demographic and social change

Malaysia

Thailand

Viet Nam
Progress for children

- UNIVERSAL PRIMARY ENROLMENT
- CHILD SURVIVAL and CHILD HEALTH OUTCOMES
- INCREASE IN PRESCHOOL ENROLMENT
- DECREASE IN POVERTY

… but setbacks and reversal of gains due to COVID-19
Challenges

- CLIMATE CHANGE
- GENDER INEQUALITY
- COVID-19
- INEQUALITY
- VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN
- MENTAL HEALTH
- LEARNING CRISIS
- TRIPLE BURDEN OF MALNUTRITION
Opportunities

Disruption brought by COVID-19 pandemic providing an opportunity to address structural weaknesses and root causes of inequality and inequity

COP 26 bringing momentum and commitments to drive climate change agenda for children

Civic engagement of children and adolescents to participate in decisions that affect their lives

Technology and digitization bringing opportunities for better connectivity and innovation

Partnerships with United Nations, Government, development partners and private sector to leverage resources and results for children.
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Malaysia

March 2022–December 2025
Key and emerging areas in the CPD

Violence against children – corporal punishment, bullying in schools and online

Vulnerable children at risk of being left behind, discrimination against children and persons with disabilities

The impact of climate change & environmental degradation on children

Students not adequately equipped with twenty-first century skills

Rising rate of mental health issues
MALAYSIA

12th Malaysia Plan

UNSDCF

Outcome 1
Equity-focused and high quality social services

Outcome 2
Environmental sustainability and resilience

Outcome 4
Cohesive society, strengthened governance and participation

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Child well-being, equity and inclusion

Ending violence against children

Regular resources
$3.4 million

Other resources
$26 million

Other resources

Regular resources

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Key and emerging areas in the CPD

Addressing learning loss & reimagining an inclusive education

Integrated social protection

Expanding services for young people for employability, mental health and social dialogue

A cohesive protection system
UNSDCF

Outcome 2
Human capital for social and inclusive development

Outcome 3
People participate in and benefit from development free from all forms of discrimination

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Early childhood development
Education
Young people’s resilience, connectedness & empowerment
Child protection
Social policy

National Strategy 2018–2037
Thirteenth National Economic and Social Development Plan

Regular resources
$4.25 million

Other resources
$66 million

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Viet Nam
March 2022–December 2026
Key and emerging areas in the CPD

- COVID-19 health & social economic impacts & vaccination roll-out
- Growing disparities (e.g., nutrition, water, sanitation and hygiene, education, child protection), with vulnerable children (with disabilities; from ethnic minorities; girls) at-risk of being left further behind
- Climate change & environmental pollution
- Digital learning and transferable skills, with a specific focus on girls
- Adolescent development, mental health & participation
Viet Nam

**National Socioeconomic Development Plan 2021–2025**

- **Inclusive social development**
- **Climate change response, disaster resilience and environmental sustainability**
- **Shared prosperity through economic transformation**
- **Governance and access to justice**

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- Survive, thrive and live in a safe and green environment
- Learning & acquiring skills
- Protection from violence, exploitation & abuse
- Child sensitive policies & budgets

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- Regular resources: $17.4 million
- Other resources: $52.7 million

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Partnerships

- United Nations development system
- Donors
- ASEAN
- Government
- Civil society
- International financial institutions
- Private sector
- Children and adolescents
- Academia
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