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Highlights of the Greece CPD development process

Evidence-based

- **Situation analysis** of children and youth in Greece
- Refugee and migrant **response evaluation**
- **National data** from the Hellenic Statistical Authority and multiple administrative sources

Participatory

- Consultations with:
- National and local level government
 - Civil society
 - United Nations agencies
 - Children and youth

Lessons learned

- **Refugee and migrant response** experiences
- **Existing partnerships** and alliances (UNHCR, IOM, state and independent authorities, local NGO partners)

The situation of children in Greece

30.5% of children are at risk of poverty or social exclusion

17.7% of children and young people (aged 15-29) are neither in employment, nor in education and training (NEET)

4.5 children under 5 years old are dying each year (per 1,000 live births)

37.5% of children (aged 2–14 years) are overweight or obese

19.9% of 15-year-olds are underachieving in all three domains (reading, science, mathematics)

75.2% of children are participating in two years of preschool

Vision and alignment to national, regional and global goals



Key change strategies

Accelerated resource mobilization

Risk-informed humanitarian and development nexus programming

Systems strengthening to leave no child behind

Programming at scale

Data, research, evaluation and knowledge management

Partnerships (public & private) and alliance building

Results for children

Social policy & child rights monitoring

UNICEF STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL AREA 5

Reducing child
poverty

Access to inclusive
social protection

Children at risk of poverty or social exclusion lowered from **30.5%** to **17%**

Full integration of measurable **commitments on child rights** in national planning documents

A **national child rights coordinating mechanism** is **established**

A **child-rights approach to budgeting and budgetary allocations** for children is **functional**

UNICEF STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL AREA 1

Nutrition

Prevalence of obesity or overweightness (children aged 2 to 14 years old) is reduced from **37.5%** to **24.5%**

Quality inclusive education

UNICEF STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL AREA 2

Access to quality
learning
opportunities

National PISA scores for 15-year-olds are increased from **453.3** to **525.6**

The percentage of **economically, socially and culturally disadvantaged students** in Greece who perform in the top quarter of students among all countries in PISA is increased from **19.53%** to **46.6%**

All Roma and refugee and migrant children are **enrolled in formal education**

Results for children

Child protection

UNICEF STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL AREA 3

Protection from violence, abuse and exploitation

Promotion of care, mental health, and psychosocial well-being and justice

Prevention of harmful practices

Zero children living in residential care

A national de-institutionalization strategy and transition mechanism are **fully adopted and implemented**

Supported Independent Living (SIL) is **fully integrated** as a standard alternative care modality

All state professionals in the justice system are in contact with children applying child-friendly approaches and practices

Past-year **prevalence of children's exposure to psychological violence** is reduced from **69% to 35%** and exposure to **physical violence** is reduced from **46% to 23%**

Under-reporting of cases of violence against children reduced with cases reported increased from **10% to 50%**

Youth empowerment

UNICEF STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL AREA 2

Learning, skills, participation and engagement

Percentage of **NEET** (aged 15–29) is reduced from **17.7% to 10%**

Fully functional system for **youth participation in decision-making** at local, regional and national level in place

CPD planned budget March 2022 – December 2026

Social policy and child rights monitoring	\$8.4 million
Inclusive quality education	\$39.4 million
Child protection	\$32.3 million
Youth empowerment	\$35.1 million
Programme effectiveness	\$11.6 million

**Five-year total:
\$126.8 million**

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