

# COUNTRY PROGRAMME 2007-2009

**T**he Country Programme 2007-2009 was developed in consultation with children, civil society, donors and other development partners. The programme contributes directly to the priorities related to children which are outlined in the country's second national poverty reduction strategy, and is fully in line with the new United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) and the 2006-2009 UNICEF Medium Term Strategic Plan.

The current Country Programme (CP) builds upon the strengths of the previous cycle. It places emphasis on supporting national efforts in the priority areas of Young Child Survival and Development, Basic Education and Gender Equality, Child Protection from Violence, Exploitation and Abuse and Policy Advocacy and Partnerships for Children's Rights. The CP also aims at accelerating activities to support children living with HIV or made vulnerable by AIDS, and at piloting integrated initiatives such as the Child-Friendly School initiative to provide sustainable models for national scale-up.

The CP is being implemented under the leadership of the Government at the national and sub-national levels, in partnership with UN agencies, other multi-lateral and bi-lateral partners, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and communities in order to reduce existing disparities and ensure that the most vulnerable and marginalised children are reached.

## Goal

- Reduce disparities in the well-being of children by ensuring that vulnerable children in the most disadvantaged families and communities progressively realise their rights to survival, development, protection and participation.

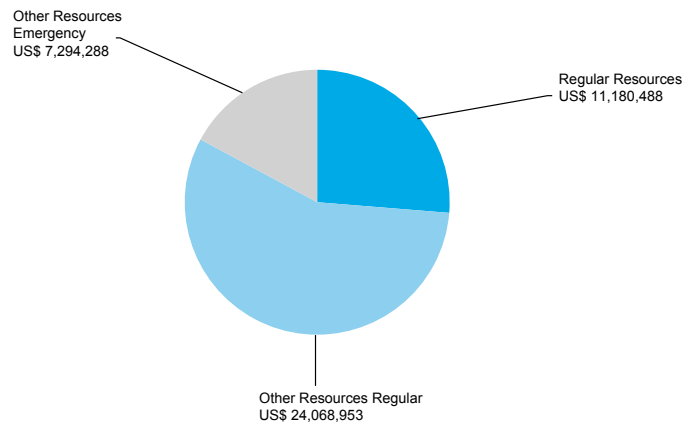
## Strategies

- Focus on the most vulnerable and marginalised children, particularly orphaned children and those in remote rural areas, to reduce disparity.
- Develop the institutional capacity of government and non-governmental partners to ensure high-quality service delivery, particularly at sub-national level, complemented at the local level by community capacity development.
- Promote child rights through evidence-based advocacy to leverage knowledge and resources for children and encourage policy dialogue, development and analysis to ensure that children are placed at the centre of the development agenda.
- Mainstream HIV and AIDS and gender in each programme component.

# Funding in 2007

## Programme funds utilised by source

US\$ 42,543,729



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