The current country programme between the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran and UNICEF, which is from 2017 to 2022, is focused on several areas of collaboration. Some interventions include:

- Procurement of school equipment including education kits and classroom furniture for schools affected by floods in 2019.
- Procurement of family and baby hygiene kits for promotion of hygiene and sanitation, as well as water pumps and water tanks for safe drinking water for the most vulnerable people affected by the 2019 and 2020 floods.
- Establish Child Friendly Spaces in partnership with the IRCS to reduce stress and as local and integrate a Psychological First Aid (PFA) package for the Iranian Red Crescent Society, Rescue and Relief teams.
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- Support the Vice Presidency for Science and Technology to develop innovative treatments for child health programmes in Iran, such as combating malaria.

In addition to our response to COVID-19 crisis, we support the Government and people of Iran in building their preparedness capacity and maximizing the response to children's needs in emergencies including through continuous provision of basic services and support during the 2019 floods.

Some interventions with the Ministry of Health and Medical Education, the Drug Control Headquarters (DCHQ), and the Ministry of Sport and Youth include:

- Strengthen adolescent and youth serving organization such as NGOs and youth organizations to enhance access to drug prevention and mental health promotion programmes. Roll-out of drug prevention, and mental health promotion programmes for children and adolescents.
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Children in Emergencies

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Children in Alternative Care

• Development of three protocols for provision of comprehensive care and support to foster care settings.
• Support to enhancing the quality of care and support to children without caregivers, including those in nurseries and residential and rehabilitation centres across the country.

Children in Alternative Care

• Provision of infection prevention and control items such as pulse oximeters and sanitizing items to protect vulnerable groups of children i.e. children with disabilities and refugee children. UNICEF supported the Ministry of Health in compiling a list of essential items to be included in hygiene kits for vulnerable groups of children.

Adolescent Health & Wellbeing

Some interventions with the Ministry of Health and Medical Education, the Drug Control Headquarters (DCHQ), and the Ministry of Sport and Youth include:

• Roll-out of drug prevention, and mental health promotion programmes for children and adolescents in schools.

UNICEF's Support to the Islamic Republic of Iran

UNICEF has been supporting the Government in its work for Iran’s children since the early 1950’s. UNICEF today assists in the vaccination of children against tuberculosis and equipped the country’s first pasteurized milk factory, UNICEF later focused on supporting children’s health programmes in Iran, such as controlling malnutrition, fighting against diseases. This collaboration between UNICEF and the Government was later expanded to school nutrition, including strengthening the country’s national school meals, maternal, neonatal and child health programmes, fighting all forms of malnutrition, HIV prevention programs, education, and child protection, as well as social protection to support the welfare of vulnerable children such as children with disabilities, refugee children and children in need situations. UNICEF is working collaboratively with other sister UN agencies within the UN Country Team to achieve its mandate and mission for children.
Support Us

UNICEF is funded entirely by voluntary contributions. You can help make a difference in children’s lives by joining UNICEF in ensuring that children in Iran have access to education and health services, including primary health care and nutrition services, and are protected from violence and abuse.

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Current Country Programme of Cooperation

The current country programme between the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran and UNICEF, which was launched in 2017, is the second of our cooperation in the Islamic Republic of Iran. It aims to ensure that every child has a safe and healthy childhood in our country. The programme is underpinned by the four pillars of the UNICEF’s Strategic Plan 2016-2021: 
- Children in Emergencies
- Support for Child Welfare
- Children with Special Needs
- Adolescents, Youth and Gender

UNICEF’s Support to the Islamic Republic of Iran

UNICEF has been supporting the Government of Iran to work for Iran’s children since the early 1950s. UNICEF is involved in various initiatives, including the provision of cash transfers to vulnerable children and families, and the implementation of programmes aimed at improving children’s health and nutrition, education, and protection.

UNICEF at a Glance

The United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) was established in the first United Nations General Assembly meeting on 11 December 1946 to help the children affected by World War II and to provide them with food, medicines and clothes. Today, UNICEF is the largest international organization that works with children. It is active in more than 190 countries and territories in the field of health and nutrition, education, protection and emergency to support children. UNICEF collaborates with a range of governmental authorities, civil society organizations, religious leaders, academia, and procurement agents. Overall, UNICEF work is supported by voluntary contributions from governments and private donors, trusts and foundations, and every corner of the globe.
Children’s Welfare

We help the Government and people of Iran in promotion of a life cycle approach to social protection including for children with special needs and refugee children.

Some interventions with the Ministry of Cooperatives, Labour and Social Welfare include:

- Enhance efficiency and targeting of national social protection system, programmes and services.
- National adaptation of multi-dimensional child poverty measurement such as supporting the Government for a comprehensive understanding of different dimensions of child poverty to develop the required actions.
- Map the needs of children with disabilities for opportunities of UNICEF support through provision of inclusive health, education and protection services.
- Establish a national real-time monitoring system with a focus on children’s vulnerabilities within the social protection programme.

Some interventions with the Statistical Center of Iran include:

- Support to pilot establishment of specialized referral health centres for prevention of child maltreatment and provision of specialized services.
- Support to development of positive parenting packages for mental health professionals providing counseling to children, adolescents and their families.

COVID-19 response:

- Development of a standard package on parenting during/after COVID-19 in partnership with the Ministry of Health and Medical Education.
- Development and distribution of messages on exclusive breastfeeding for the first 6 months and healthy eating among children under five during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Children’s Health and Nutrition

We support the Government and people of Iran in improving access to quality health care and nutritional services for all children and their mothers including the most vulnerable.

Some recent interventions with the Ministry of Health and Medical Education include:

- Deliver 2 million doses of VACCINE 2019 for children.
- Support provision of specific medicine for children’s specialised disease treatments impacted by the pandemic, e.g. provision of specialized wound dressings for children with burns.
- Train national trainers to help Babies Breath, including procuring simulants for neonatal resuscitation which are models for hands-on training of physicians and midwives.
- Train midwifery staff in delivery by skilled birth attendants, the first step of the Emergency Obstetric and neonatal care (EmONC) care.

COVID-19 response:

- Provision of a total of 63 metric tons of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to 73 hospitals in the forefront of the COVID-19 response in the Ministry of Health.
- Provide medical supplies to 23 hospitals, including 10 hospitals in the provinces of Esfahan, Kermanshah, Khuzestan, North Khorasan, Markazi, and Bushehr.
- Support to the purchase of 95,000 face masks.
- Production and airing of educational videos and animations for public and children on prevention of COVID-19, parenting skills as well as tips on coping with the mental impact of the outbreak.
- Development and distribution of messages on exclusive breastfeeding for the first 6 months and healthy eating among children under five during the COVID-19 outbreak.
Adolescent Health & Wellbeing

We help the Government and people of Iran in promoting adolescent and youth health and wellbeing, their physical and psychological development, prevention of HIV/AIDS as well as the development and roll-out of drug prevention and substance abuse treatment models targeting adolescent girls and boys including refugees.

Some interventions with the Ministry of Health and Medical Education, the Drug Control Headquarters (DCHQ), and the Ministry of Sport and Youth include:

• Establishment of eight Adolescent Well-Being Clubs (AWBC), train for girls and boys in 31 provinces (including Tehran) and support
• Support to enhancing the quality of care and support to children without caregivers through capacity-building of relevant personnel and provision of essential equipment and sanitation items to protect vulnerable groups of children i.e. children with disabilities and children without caregivers. Including those in seminaries and residential rehabilitation centres.

COVID-19 response:

• Facilitate "Remote Support Psychosocial Care and Support (RSAPCY)" initiative through providing telephone counseling for children, adolescents, youth and their parents affected by the outbreak. To do so, UNICEF provides equipment and trains 275 mental health practitioners as well as counselors of Adolescent Wellbeing Clubs, counseling centers, and schools from 31 provinces in coordination with the Ministry of Sport and Youth, and the Ministry of Health and Medical Education, Drug Control Headquarters, and Iranian Red Crescent Society respectively.

Children in Alternative Care

We help the Government and people of Iran in provision of care and support to children without caregivers placed in alternative parental care.

Some interventions with the State Welfare Organization include:

• Development of three protocols for provision of comprehensive care and support to children without caregivers in nurseries (0-3 years), residential centres, and family-based foster care settings.
• Support to enhancing the quality of care and support to children without caregivers through capacity-building of relevant personnel and provision of essential equipment and sanitation items.

COVID-19 response:

• Provision of infection prevention and control kits such as pulse oximeters and standing tents to protect vulnerable groups of children in children with disabilities and children without caregivers, including those in seminaries and residential rehabilitation centres across the country.

Children in Emergencies

In addition to our response to COVID-19 crisis, we support the Government and people of Iran in building their preparedness capacity and maximizing the response to children’s needs in emergencies including through continuous provision of basic services and system strengthening.

Some interventions include:

• Deliver vaccine fridges, cold boxes and carriers, to ensure continuation of vaccination in areas affected by the 2019 floods.
• Procurement of family and baby hygiene kits for promotion of hygiene and sanitation, as well as water pumps and water tanks for safe drinking water for the most vulnerable people affected by the 2019 and 2020 floods.
• Procurement of school equipment including education kits and classroom furniture for schools affected by floods in 2019.
• Establish Child Friendly Spaces in partnership with the IRCS to reduce stress and workload for parents affected by the outbreak. To do so, UNICEF provides equipment and trains 275 mental health practitioners as well as counselors of Adolescent Wellbeing Clubs, counseling centers, and schools from 31 provinces in coordination with the Ministry of Sport and Youth, and the Ministry of Health and Medical Education, Drug Control Headquarters, and Iranian Red Crescent Society respectively.

Partnerships and Resource Mobilization for Children


Some interventions include:

• Support the Ministry of Interior in rolling out the CFCI in Iran with a number of pilot and candidate cities. Iran Child Friendly Cities Initiative: childfriendlycities.org/iran
• Support the Vice Presidency for Science and Technology to develop innovative solutions for children’s challenges.
**Children's Welfare**

- **Provision of pulse oximeters, thermometers, simple masks and latex gloves for children.**
- **COVID-19 response:** child wellbeing.
- **Development of national guidelines for relevant professionals on protection of children and adolescents.**
- **Law on Protection of Children and Adolescents (2020).**
- **Promote inclusive education with a focus on children with disabilities and refugee children.**
- **Inclusion of citizenship education in teachers' training curricula, for increased participation and interaction between students and teachers in learning and teaching with a focus on the most vulnerable children.**
- **Support re-establishment and continuity of education services in flood-affected areas.**
- **Promote inclusive education with a focus on children with disabilities and refugee children.**

**COVID-19 response:**
- **Provision of technical support to Ministry of Education on distance learning and safe school reopenings for informed decision-making across the beginning of this pandemic.**
- **Support implementation of Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) and Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) standards for safe school operations targeting 1,800 schools in five less developed provinces of Kerman, Sistan and Baluchestan, Hormogon, Bushehr and Khouzstan.**
- **Support distance/home-based learning for 280,000 children in less developed provinces.**
- **Psychosocial support interventions for students and teachers affected by the secondary impact of COVID-19.**

**Children's Health and Nutrition**

- **Tackle micronutrient deficiencies by:**
  - Training national trainers to Help Babies Breath, including procuring simulators for training purposes.
  - Providing 1 million megadose of Vitamin A among under five children in selected provinces.
  - Piloting flour fortification with vitamin D in a less advantaged province.
- **Production and airing of educational videos and animations for public and children on prevention of COVID-19, parenting skills as well as tips on coping with the mental and physical impact of COVID-19.**
- **Production of a total of 600 metric tons of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) kits for health personnel in the forefront of the COVID-19 response.**
- **Some interventions with the Ministry of Cooperatives, Labour and Social Welfare include:**
  - Support to development of a national policy on prevention, early detection and response to child maltreatment.
  - Support to joint establishment of specialized referral health centres for prevention of child maltreatment and provision of specialized services.
  - Support to development of positive parenting packages for mental health professionals providing counseling to children, adolescents and their families.
  - Development of a standard package on parenting during COVID-19 in partnership with the Ministry of Health and Medical Education.

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**Children's Education**

- **We help the Government and people of Iran to ensure access of all children, including refugees and children with special needs, to quality educational and learning materials in a participatory environment as well as in emergency situations.**
- **Some interventions with the Ministry of Education include:**
  - Inclusion of citizenship education in teachers' training curricula, for increased participation and interaction between students and teachers in learning and teaching with a focus on the most vulnerable children.
  - Support re-establishment and continuity of education services in flood-affected areas.
  - Promote inclusive education with a focus on children with disabilities and refugee children.

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**Public and Media Advocacy for Children**

- **Promote child and adolescent participation, engagement and empowerment via support to children in conflict with the law, child victims and witnesses of crime, and children in conflict with the law.**
- **Raise awareness among journalists and photojournalists on ethical guidelines of reporting on children and adolescents.**
- **Some interventions with the Ministry of Culture and Islamic Guidance include:**
  - Tackle micronutrient deficiencies by:
    - Providing 1 million megadose of Vitamin A among under five children in eight less advantaged provinces.
    - Piloting flour fortification with vitamin D in a less advantaged province.
    - Synchronization of 1 million megadose of Vitamin A among under five children in eight less advantaged provinces.
  - **Support national programmes on Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV/AIDS (PMTCT) to achieve Elimination of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV/AIDS in Iran (EMCT).**

**COVID-19 response:**
- **Support to development of a national policy on prevention, early detection and response to child maltreatment.**
- **Support to joint establishment of specialized referral health centres for prevention of child maltreatment and provision of specialized services.**
- **Support to development of positive parenting packages for mental health professionals providing counseling to children, adolescents and their families.**
- **Development of a standard package on parenting during COVID-19 in partnership with the Ministry of Health and Medical Education.**

**Children in Judicial Proceedings**

- **We help the Government and people of Iran to protect children in judicial proceedings, including children in conflict with the law, child victims and witnesses of crimes, and refugee children, in line with national and international instruments.**
- **Some joint interventions with the judiciary include:**
  - Train relevant professionals i.e. judges, prosecutors, attorneys, law enforcement forces and social workers on protection of children in judicial proceedings, with a view to promoting application of alternatives to punishment.
  - **Support strengthening of aftercare programme for social reintegration of children in conflict with the law.**
  - **Support capacity-building of relevant professionals on application of the newly adopted Law on Protection of Children and Adolescents (2020).**
  - Development of national guidelines for relevant professionals on protection of children affected by migration and promoting/reviving arrangements.
- **Some joint interventions with the National Body on the Convention on the Rights of the Child (NBCRC) under the Ministry of Justice include:**
  - Support to enhancing capacities of probational bodies of the NBCRC for promoting child wellbeing.
  - Support to establishment of an integrated Child Justice Centre in Tehran for addressing cases of children in conflict with the law in line with the best interest of the child.

**COVID-19 response:**
- **Provision of pulse oximeters, thermometers, simple masks and latex gloves for children in Juvenile Correction and Rehabilitation Centres (JCRCs) and incarcerated mothers.**
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Adolescent Health & Wellbeing
We help the Government and people of Iran in promoting adolescent and youth health and wellbeing, their physical and psychological development, prevention of HIV/AIDS as well as the development and roll-out of drug prevention and substance abuse treatment models targeting adolescent girls and boys, including refugees.

Some interventions with the Ministry of Health and Medical Education, the Drug Control Headquarters (DCHQ), and the Ministry of Sport and Youth include:
• Establishment of eight Adolescent Well-Being Clubs (AWBCs), one for girls and four for boys in Azerbaizan, Tabriz, Lorestan, Khuzestan, Shiraz, Rasht, Tehran and Allarq, providing psychosocial support, counseling, and related health services to the most vulnerable adolescent girls and boys.
• Roll-out of drug prevention, and mental health promotion programmes for children and adolescents in schools.
• Strengthen adolescent and youth-serving organization such as NGOs and Youth Houses, to provide wellbeing and development services to young people.
• COVID-19 response:
  - Establish “Remote Stepped Psychosocial Care and Support (RSPSC)” initiative through providing telephone counseling for children, adolescents, youth, and their parents affected by the outbreak. To do so, UNICEF provides equipment and training to mental health practitioners as well as counselors of Adolescent Wellbeing Clubs, counseling centers, and schools from 21 provinces in coordination with the Ministry of Sport and Youth, and the Ministry of Health and Medical Education, Drug Control Headquarters, and Iranian Red Crescent Society respectively.

Children in Alternative Care
We help the Government and people of Iran in provision of care and support to children without caregivers placed in alternative parental care.

Some interventions with the State Welfare Organization include:
• Development of three protocols for provision of comprehensive care and support to children without caregivers in nurseries (0-3 years), residential centres, and family-based foster care settings.
• Support to enhancing the quality of care and support to children without caregivers through capacity-building of relevant personnel and provision of essential equipment.
• COVID-19 response:
  - Provision of infection prevention and control kits such as pulse oximeters and sterilizing items to protect vulnerable groups of children, children with disabilities, children without caregivers, including those in nurseries and residential and rehabilitation centers across the country.

Children in Emergencies
In addition to our response to COVID-19 crisis, we support the Government and people of Iran in building their preparedness capacity and maximizing the response to children’s needs in emergencies including through continuous provision of basic services and system strengthening.

Some interventions include:
• Deliver vaccines, cold boxes, and carriers, to ensure continuation of vaccination in areas affected by the 2019 floods.
• Procurement of family and baby hygiene kits for promotion of hygiene and sanitation, as well as water pumps and water tanks for safe drinking water for the most vulnerable people affected by the 2019 and 2020 floods.
• Procurement of school equipment including education kits and classroom furniture for schools affected by floods in 2019.
• Develops and integrates a Psychological First Aid (PFA) package for the Iranian Red Crescent Society, Rescue and Relief teams.
• Establish Child Friendly Spaces in partnership with the IRCS to reduce stress and promote healthy behavior among children, as a response to the 2019 floods.

Partnerships and Resource Mobilization for Children

Some interventions include:
• Support the Ministry of Interior in rolling out the CFCI in Iran with a number of pilot and candidate cities. Iran Child Friendly Cities Initiative: childfriendlycities.org/iran
• Support the Vice Presidency for Science and Technology to develop innovative solutions for children’s challenges.
**Children in Judicial Proceedings**

We help the Government and people of Iran to promote children's rights and enable them to have a voice in the judicial system, ensuring that they are protected and respected.

Some interventions with the Judiciary include:
- Support to establishment of an integrated Child Justice Centre in Tehran for addressing the needs of children in conflict with the law.
- Development of a standard package on parental guidance in JCRCs.
- Provision of a column on JCRCs in the Children's Protection column of the newspaper for information on the JCRCs and services provided.
- Support to pilot establishment of specialized referral health centres for prevention of child maltreatment and provision of specialized services.
- Support to development of positive parenting packages for health professionals providing counseling to children, adolescents and their families.
- Development of a standard package on parenting during/after COVID-19 in partnership with the Ministry of Health and Medical Education.

**Public and Media Advocacy for Children**

We help the Government and people of Iran to improve awareness among public and media on UNICEF's response to children's needs and priorities in Iran, and to promote the idea of a life cycle approach to social protection including for children with special needs and refugee children.

Some interventions with the Ministry of Cooperatives, Labour and Social Welfare include:
- Support to development of a national policy on prevention, early detection and response to child maltreatment.
- Support to pilot establishment of specialized referral health centres for prevention of child maltreatment and provision of specialized services.
- Support to development of positive parenting packages for mental health professionals providing counseling to children, adolescents and their families.
- Support to establishment of an Integrated Child Justice Centre in Tehran for addressing the needs of children in conflict with the law.

**Children's Education**

We help the Government and people of Iran to ensure access to all children, including refugees and children with special needs, to quality educational and learning materials in a participatory environment as well as in emergency situations.

Some interventions with the Ministry of Education include:
- Support to establishment of child-friendly learning spaces, for increased participation and interaction between students and teachers in learning and teaching with a focus on the most vulnerable children.
- Support for implementation of Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) in schools.
- Support to re-establishment and continuity of education services in flood-affected areas.
- Support for implementation of infection prevention and control (IPC) in schools.
- Support for distance/home-based learning for 200,000 children in less developed provinces.
- Support to pilot establishment of specialized referral health centres for prevention of child maltreatment and provision of specialized services.

**Children's Welfare**

We help the Government and people of Iran in promoting a life cycle approach to social protection including for children with special needs and refugee children.

Some interventions with the National Body on the Convention on the Rights of the Child (NCBRC) include:
- Support to development of a national policy on prevention, early detection and response to child maltreatment.
- Support to pilot establishment of specialized referral health centres for prevention of child maltreatment and provision of specialized services.
- Support to development of positive parenting packages for mental health professionals providing counseling to children, adolescents and their families.

**Children's Health and Nutrition**

We help the Government and people of Iran to improve access to quality health care and nutritional services for all children and their mothers including the most vulnerable. Special attention is given to the first 1,000 days of life when a child's brain begins to grow and develop when the foundations for lifelong health are built.

Some interventions with Ministry of Health and Medical Education include:
- Procurement of a total of 63 metric tons of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for the frontline of the COVID-19 response.
- Support to development of a standard package on parenting during/after COVID-19 in partnership with the Ministry of Health and Medical Education.
- Support to pilot establishment of specialized referral health centres for prevention of child maltreatment and provision of specialized services.
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Children in Judicial Proceedings

We help the Government and people of Iran to protect children in judicial proceedings, including children in conflict with the law, child victims and witnesses of crimes, and refugee children, in line with national and international instruments.

Some joint interventions with the Judiciary include:
• Train relevant professionals in Juvenile Courts, prosecutors, attorneys, law enforcement forces and social workers on protection of children in judicial proceedings, with a view to promoting application of alternatives to punishment.
• Support strengthening of capacity-building of relevant professionals on protection of children in judicial proceedings, with a view to promoting application of alternatives to punishment.

Some joint interventions with the National Body on the Convention on the Rights of the Child (NBCRC) under the Ministry of Justice include:
• Development of national guidelines for relevant professionals on protection of children from maltreatment.
• Support to establishment of specialized national referral centers for prevention of child maltreatment and provision of specialized services.
• Support to development of positive parenting packages for mental health professionals providing counseling to children, adolescents and their families.

COVID-19 responses:
• Development of a standard package on parenting during after COVID-19 in partnership with the Ministry of Health and Medical Education.

Public and Media Advocacy for Children

We help the Government and people of Iran to promote awareness among public and media on UNICEF’s response to children’s needs and priorities in line as well as ethically and responsibly.

Some interventions with the Ministry of Cooperatives, Labour and Social Welfare include:
• Promotion of inclusive education with a focus on the most vulnerable children.
• Inclusion of citizenship education in teachers’ training curricula, for increased understanding of children’s rights.
• National adaptation of multidimensional child poverty measurement such as supporting the Government for a comprehensive understanding of different dimensions of child poverty to develop the required actions.
• Map the needs of children with disabilities for opportunities of UNICEF support through provision of inclusive health, education and social protection services.
• Establish a national real-time monitoring system with a focus on children’s vulnerabilities within the social protection programmes.

Some interventions with the Statistical Center of Iran include:
• Evidence generated on child related data for informed decision-making for through ongoing socioeconomic impact analyses of COVID-19.

COVID-19 responses:
• Roll out conditional cash transfer and in-kind support in selected pilot provinces to reach the most vulnerable families and children as a complementary model to national social protection coverage offered by the Ministry of Cooperatives, Labour and Social Welfare, and support to develop the required actions.

Children’s Welfare

We help the Government and people of Iran to promote a life cycle approach to social protection including for children with special needs and refugee children.

Some interventions with the Ministry of Cooperatives, Labour and Social Welfare include:
• Enhancement efficiency and targeting of national social protection system, programmes and services.
• National adaptation of multidimensional child poverty measurement such as supporting the Government for a comprehensive understanding of different dimensions of child poverty to develop the required actions.
• Map the needs of children with disabilities for opportunities of UNICEF support through provision of inclusive health, education and protection services.
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Some interventions with the Statistical Center of Iran include:
• Evidence generated on child related data for informed decision-making for through ongoing socioeconomic impact analyses of COVID-19.

COVID-19 responses:
• Development and distribution of messages on exclusive breastfeeding for the first 6 months and healthy eating among children under five during the COVID-19 outbreak.

COVID-19: Highest impact
• UNICEF leads the social protection pillar of the UN Iran Socio-Economic Recovery Programme on the Impact of COVID-19 which focuses on strengthening the national health system, improving social protection and creating jobs in the wake of COVID-19 outbreak and its impact.

Children’s Health and Nutrition

We support the Government and people of Iran in improving access to quality health care and nutritional services for all children and their mothers including the most vulnerable. Special attention is given to the first 1,000 days of life when a child’s brain begins to grow and develop and where the foundations for lifelong health are built.

Some recent interventions with the Ministry of Health and Medical Education include:
• Deliver 2 million doses of Vitamin A to 650,000 infants under five children.
• Support provision of specific medicine for children’s specialized disease treatments imposed by screws, e.g. provision of specialized wound dressages for children with burn injuries.
• Train national trainers to Help Babies Breath, including procuring simulators for neonatal resuscitation, which are models for hands-on training of physicians and midwives.
• Train midwifery dentists by:
• Piloting four fortification with vitamin D in a less advantaged province with a high number of Afghan refugees.
• Supplementation of 1 million megadoses of Vitamin A among under five children in eight least advantaged provinces.
• Support national programmes on Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV/AIDS (MTCT) to achieve Elimination of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV/AIDS in Iran (EMTCT).

COVID-19 responses:
• Procurement of a total of 63 metric tons of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) sets for health personnel in the frontlines of the COVID-19 response.
• The PPE sets were procured and distributed to health facilities in eight less advantaged provinces including Gilan, Isfahan, Khuzestan, North Khorasan, Sistan and Baluchestan, East Azerbaijan, West Azerbaijan, Zanjan, Hormozgan and Ahvaz.
• Production and airing of educational videos and animations for public and children on prevention of COVID-19, parenting skills as well as tips on coping with the mental impact of the outbreak.
• Development and distribution of messages on exclusive breastfeeding for the first 6 months and healthy eating among children under five during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Children’s Education

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Some interventions with the Ministry of Education include:
• Inclusion of citizenship education in teacher training curricula, for increased participation and interaction between students and teachers in learning and teaching with a focus on the most vulnerable children.
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COVID-19 responses:
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• Support distance/home-based learning for 200,000 children in less developed provinces.
• Psychosocial support interventions for students and teachers affected by the secondary impact of COVID-19.

Protecting Children against Maltreatment

We help the Government and people of Iran in prevention, early detection and response to maltreatment of children, including refugees.

Some interventions with the Ministry of Health and Medical Education include:
• Support to development of a national policy on prevention, early detection and response to child maltreatment.
• Support to joint establishment of specialized national referral centers for prevention of child maltreatment and provision of specialized services.
• Support to development of positive parenting packages for mental health professionals providing counseling to children, adolescents and their families.

COVID-19 responses:
• Development of a standard package on parenting during after COVID-19 in partnership with the Ministry of Health and Medical Education.
Adolescent Health & Wellbeing

We help the Government and people of Iran in promoting adolescent and young health and well-being, their physical and psychological development, prevention of HIV/AIDS, as well as the development and roll-out of drug prevention and substance abuse treatment models targeting adolescent girls and boys including refugees.

Some interventions with the Ministry of Health and Medical Education, the Drug Control Headquarters (DOCZ), and the Ministry of Sport and Youth include:

• Establishment of eight Adolescent Well-being Clubs (AWBCC), two for girls and four for boys in Kerman, Tehran, Lorestan, Khuzestan, Shiraz, Raper, Tehran, and Allar provinces providing psychosocial support, counseling and related health services to the most vulnerable adolescent girls and boys.

• Roll-out of drug prevention, and mental health promotion programmes for children and adolescents in schools.

• Strengthen adolescent and youth-serving organization such as NGOs and Youth Houses, to provide wellbeing and development services to young people.

COVID-19 response:

• Facilitates “Remote, Stepped Psychosocial Care and Support (remPSCS)” initiative through providing telephone counseling for children, adolescent, youth and their parents affected by the outbreak. To do so, UNICEF provides equipment and trains 315 mental health practitioners as well as counsellors of Adolescent Wellbeing Clubs, counseling centres, and schools from 31 provinces in coordination with the Ministry of Sport and Youth, and the Ministry of Health and Medical Education, Drug Control Headquarters, and Iranian Red Crescent Society respectively.

• Procurement of family and baby hygiene kits for promotion of hygiene and sanitation, especially in areas affected by the 2019 floods.

• Procurement of school equipment including education kits and classroom furniture for schools affected by floods in 2019.

• Localize and integrate a Psychological First Aid (PFA) package for the Iranian Red Crescent Society, Rescue and Relief teams.

• Establish Child Friendly Spaces in partnership with the IRCS to reduce stress and support the prevention of mental and physical harm for children affected by floods in 2019.

• Support child development and integrate this into the national Child-Friendly Cities Initiative (CFCI) nationally.

• Strengthened existing Child-Friendly Cities Initiative (CFCI), 9 pilot candidate cities, to promote child development and wellbeing across the country.

• Support the Vice Presidency for Science and Technology to develop innovative solutions to the most vulnerable adolescent girls and boys and provide a tailored approach to improve the wellbeing of children affected by floods in 2019.

• Support the Ministry of Interior in rolling out the CFCI in Iran with a number of pilot and candidate cities. Iran Child Friendly Cities Initiative: childfriendlycities.org/iran

• Support the Vice Presidency for Science and Technology to develop innovative solutions for children’s challenges.

Children in Alternative Care

We help the Government and people of Iran in providing care and support to children without caregivers placed in alternative parental care.

Some interventions with the State Welfare Organization include:

• Development of three protocols for provision of comprehensive care and support to children without caregivers in nurseries (0-3 years), residential centres, and family-based foster care settings.

• Support to enhancing the quality of care and support to children without caregivers through capacity-building of relevant personnel and provision of essential equipment.

COVID-19 response:

• Provision of infection prevention and control items such as pulse oximeters and sanitizing items to protect vulnerable groups of children i.e. children with disabilities and children without caregivers, including those in nurseries and residential and rehabilitation centres across the country.

• Procurement and distribution of personal protective equipment (PPE) for social workers and other health workers in major women and child health sectors, especially in nurseries.

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Children in Emergencies

In addition to our response to COVID-19 crisis, we support the Government and people of Iran in building their preparedness capacity and maximizing the response to children’s needs in emergencies including through continuous provision of basic services and system strengthening.

Some interventions include:

• Deliver vaccine fridges, cold boxes and carriers, to ensure continuation of vaccination in areas affected by the 2019 floods.

• Procurement of baby and hygienic kits for promotion of hygiene and sanitation, especially in areas affected by the 2019 and 2020 floods.

• Procurement of school equipment including education kits and classroom furniture for schools affected by floods in 2019.

• Establish Child Friendly Spaces in partnership with the IRCS to reduce stress and promote healthy behavior among children, as a response to the 2019 floods.

Partnerships and Resource Mobilization for Children


Some interventions include:

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**Children’s Welfare**
We help the Government and people of Iran in promotion of a life cycle approach to social protection including for children with special needs and refugee children.

**Some interventions with the Ministry of Cooperatives, Labour and Social Welfare include:**
- Enhance efficiency and targeting of national social protection system, programmes and services.
- National adaptation of multilateral child poverty measurement such as supporting the Government for a comprehensive understanding of different dimensions of child poverty to develop the required actions.
- Map the needs of children with disabilities for opportunities of UNICEF support through provision of inclusive health, education and protection services.
- Customize child sensitive single registry social protection systems in partnership with the International Policy Centre for Inclusive Growth (IPCIG) Brazil, as the world’s renowned centre of excellence.
- Establish a national real-time monitoring system with a focus on children’s vulnerabilities within the social protection programmes.

**Some interventions with the Statistical Center of Iran include:**
- Evidence generated on child related data for informed decision-making e.g. through ongoing socioeconomic impact analyses of COVID-19.

**COVID-19 response:**
- Roll-out conditional cash transfer and in-kind support in selected pilot provinces to reach the most vulnerable families and children as a complementary model to national social protection coverage offered by the Ministry of Cooperatives, Labour and Social Welfare.
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**Children in Judicial Proceedings**
We help the Government and people of Iran to protect children in judicial proceedings, including children in conflict with the law, child victims and witnesses of crimes, and refugee children, in line with national and international instruments.

**Some joint interventions with the Judiciary include:**
- Train relevant professionals i.e. judges, prosecutors, attorneys, law enforcement forces and social workers on protection of children in judicial proceedings, with a view to promoting application of alternatives to punishment.
- Support strengthening of aftercare programmes for social reintegration of children in conflict with the law.

**Some joint interventions with the National Body on the Convention on the Rights of the Child (NBCRC) under the Ministry of Justice include:**
- Support to enhancing capacities of provincial bodies of the NBCRC for promoting child wellbeing.
- Support to establishment of an integrated Child Justice Centre in Tehran for addressing cause of children in conflict with the law in line with the best interest of the child.

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We help the Government and people of Iran in improving access to quality health care and nutritional services for all children and their mothers including the most vulnerable. Special attention is given to the first 1,000 days of life when a child’s brain begins to grow and develop and where the foundations for lifelong health are built. We support the Government and people of Iran in raising awareness among public and media on UNICEF’s response to children’s needs and priorities in Iran as well as enhancing capacities on ethical principles of representing children in media.

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- Support to joint establishment of specialized national helplines for prevention of child maltreatment and provision of specialized services.
- Support to development of positive parenting packages for mental health professionals providing counseling to children, adolescents and their families.

**COVID-19 response:**
- Development of a standard package on parenting during and after COVID-19 in partnership with the Ministry of Health and Medical Education.

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**Some interventions with the Ministry of Culture and Islamic Guidance include:**
- Deliver 2 million doses of Dexamethasone for children.
- Support provision of specific medicine for children’s specialized disease treatments imposed by operations, e.g. provision of specialized wound dressings for children who have had trauma.
- Train national trainers to help Babies Breath, including procuring simulators for neonatal resuscitation, which are models for hand-on training of physicians and nurses.
- Toile trial facility services by:
- Providing four fortification with Vitamin A in a less advantaged province with a high number of Afghan refugees.
- Supplementation of 1 million megadose of Vitamin A among under five children in eight less advantaged provinces.
- Support national programmes on Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV/AIDS (PMTCT) to achieve Elimination of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV/AIDS in Iran (EMCT).

**COVID-19 response:**
- Procurement of a total of 63 metric tons of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) items for health personnel in the forefront of the COVID-19 response. The PPE items were procured to cover the needs of health personnel in nine provinces in Iran including urban as well as remote areas.
- Provision of technical support to Ministry of Education on distance learning and safe school reopening for informed decision-making across the beginning of this pandemic.
- Support implementation of Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) and Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) standards for safe school operation targeting 1,360 schools in five less developed provinces of Kerman, Sistan and Baluchestan, Hormogon, Bushehr and Khuzestan.
- Support distance/home-based learning for 262,000 children in less developed provinces.
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- Inclusion of citizenship education in teachers training curricula, for increased participation and interaction between students and teachers in learning and teaching with a focus on the most vulnerable children.
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- Support capacity-building of relevant professionals on application of the newly adopted Law on Protection of Children and Adolescents (2020).
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- Raise awareness among journalists and photojournalists on ethical guidelines of media on UNICEF’s response to children’s needs and priorities in Iran as well as how media should represent children in the media specially for vulnerable children.
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Children’s Welfare

We help the Government and people of Iran in promotion of a life cycle approach to social protection including for children with special needs and refugee children.

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- Promotion of a life cycle approach to social protection and an inclusive, child-sensitive single registry social protection systems).
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- Support to enhancing capacities of provincial bodies of the NBCRC for promoting child wellbeing.
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Some interventions with the Ministry of Culture and Islamic Guidance include:
- Training media professionals on ethical guidelines of representing children in the media specially for vulnerable children.
- Training judges and social workers on representation of children in the media.

COVID-19 response:
- Raise awareness among general public and reach out to millions of people through UNICEF Iran website and social media platforms, with the latest standard information on prevention of COVID-19 and what families and children need to know.
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- Train national trainers to Help Babies Breath, including procuring simulators for neonatal resuscitation, which are models for hands-on training of physicians and midwives.
- Train midwives and caregivers to screen for and manage vitamin D deficiency.
- Roll-out conditional cash transfer and in-kind support in selected pilot provinces to reach the most vulnerable families and children as a complementary model to national social protection programmes.
- Support to development of a comprehensive package for maltreatment of children, including refugees.
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Current Country Programme of Cooperation

The current country programme between the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran and UNICEF, which commenced in 2017, is focused on several areas of collaboration, including children's rights, their physical and psychological development, prevention of HIV/AIDS, access to equal opportunities for all children, and support for vulnerable children.

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