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**Nutrition**

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### **C. Abbreviations and Acronyms**

<b>CO</b>	<b>Country Office</b>
<b>CP</b>	<b>Country Programme</b>
<b>CPD</b>	<b>Country Programme Document</b>
<b>ECD</b>	<b>Early Childhood Development</b>
<b>IDD</b>	<b>Iodine Deficiency Disorders</b>
<b>IYCF</b>	<b>Infant and Young Child Feeding</b>
<b>MOH</b>	<b>Ministry of Health</b>
<b>PHC</b>	<b>Public Health Centre</b>
<b>UNICEF</b>	<b>The United Nations Children’s Fund</b>
<b>USI</b>	<b>Universal Salt Iodization</b>

## **D. Executive summary**

Through the funding received in 2018, UNICEF aimed at strengthening the technical capacity of the Ministry of Health (MoH) to establish a functioning IDD programme through a multi-pronged effort. Particular focus was put to enhance informed decision making through continued advocacy with targeted stakeholders, drafting of relevant legislation which will mandate USI, and a national data collection exercise in the form of a national iodine survey in school-aged children and pregnant women.

## **E. Strategic Context of 2018**

UNICEF Ukraine's current Country Programme Document (CPD) sets the target that by 2022, all children and pregnant women, including during a humanitarian crisis, utilize improved quality and affordable mother and child health services.

The particular focus is on closing gaps in maternal and child health (MCH) and supporting the integrated humanitarian response to ensure access to essential services on both sides of the contact line, including access to quality counselling and information from health workers, especially on Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) practices. As the UNICEF Country Office (CO) moves towards mainstreaming Early Childhood Development (ECD) principles across all sectors, the importance of adequate nutrition in childhood has a renewed focus. Incorporating key ECD principles, including the Nurturing Care Framework<sup>1</sup>, into core health programming will ensure that every child in Ukraine has the opportunity to survive and thrive.

To integrate ECD into the CO's health programming, the need for a national policy strengthened through fresh evidence on Iodine Deficiency Disorders (IDD) and Universal Salt Iodization (USI) has been highlighted as a priority. This is keeping in line with the 2018 – 2022 CPD priorities of ensuring that there are essential packages of integrated services for children and women, and related policy and legislative standards, which will contribute to the improved health of children in Ukraine.

## **F. Results in the Outcome Area**

In 2018, UNICEF Ukraine, in partnership with the Public Health Centre (PHC), held a roundtable advocacy event for major stakeholders, which included the Ministry of Health (MOH), the Ministry of Trade, and the Ministry of Agriculture as well as medical professionals from the Institute of Endocrinology at the Academy of Science, World Health Organisation, and private sector partners. During the meeting, the medical significance and public health risk of IDD was discussed and the importance to work together towards the common goal of mandatory USI was highlighted.

Following the first round table event, an action plan for 2019 was drafted with the PHC. As part of the first steps of the action plan agreed on with the PHC, UNICEF conducted media monitoring to better

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<sup>1</sup>'Nurturing care for Early Childhood development: a Framework to help children survive and thrive to transform health in human potential', WHO, 2018, available at:

<https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/272603/9789241514064-eng.pdf>

understand the position of current Ukrainian media and the perception of the public on the topic of salt iodisation on a national scale.

In parallel to advocacy activities and events, positions for a national consultant on legislation for the revision of the draft law on USI, as well as for an international consultant to carry out the national iodine survey on school-aged children, were advertised and the CO is currently carrying out the selection processes. The planning stage for the iodine survey is ongoing, and is expected to start in Q2/Q3 of 2019.

### **Constraints and lessons learned**

While the CO has received funding from USAID and the Global Nutrition Thematic Fund, the main bulk of these contributions will go towards elimination of IDD and strengthening of the USI policy and legislation in the country in 2019. The issues of IYCF counselling support for pregnant and lactating women, and unknown figures of anaemia and breastfeeding cessation rates, remain issues that will require further funding. As a result, any relevant activities and results for these key MCH priorities remain constrained.

### **G. Financial Analysis**

**Table 1: Planned budget for the thematic sector**

OUTCOME/OUTPUTS (INTERMEDIATE RESULTS)	Funding Type <sup>1</sup>	Planned Budget for 2018
<b>OUTCOME: IMPROVED QUALITY AND AFFORDABLE MOTHER AND CHILD HEALTH-CARE SERVICES</b>	<b>ORR</b>	<b>1,302,000</b>
	<b>RR</b>	<b>160,000</b>
	<b>ORE</b>	<b>3,230,000</b>
QUALITY INTEGRATED MCH INTERVENTIONS, INCLUDING IMMUNIZATION, NUTRITION SERVICES	ORR	900,000
	RR	0
	ORE	2,100,000
PROVISION OF QUALITY HIV/AIDS SERVICES INCLUDING FOR DELIVERY AND ADOLESCENTS	ORR	380,000
	RR	0
	ORE	1,130,000
EVIDENCE-BASED DATA, DEVELOPMENT OF POLICY AND STRATEGY AND DESIGN OF MCH SERVICE	ORR	22,000
	RR	135,000
	ORE	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>4,667,000</b>

**Table 2: Country-level Thematic contributions to thematic pool received in 2018  
(in US Dollars)**

Donors	Grant Number	Contribution Amount	Programmable Amount
Slovak Committee for UNICEF	SC1899030004	43,523.56	41,451.01
<b>Total</b>		<b>43,523.56</b>	<b>41,451.01</b>

**Table 3: Expenditures in the thematic sector by results area: [Survive and Thrive](#)**

**2018 Expenditures by Key-Results Areas (in US Dollars)**

Organizational Targets	Expenditure Amount			
	Other Resources - Emergency	Other Resources - Regular	Regular Resources	All Programme Accounts
21-01 Maternal and newborn health	203,723	9,456	173,075	386,254
21-02 Immunization	432,841	401,726	12,952	847,519
21-03 Child Health	528,113	33,079	720	561,912
21-04 Prevention of stunting and other forms of malnutrition	-	-5,879	-	-5,879
21-06 Treatment and care of children living with HIV	3,087,994	186,564	101,125	3,375,683
21-07 HIV prevention	46,731	-805	155,668	201,594
21-09 Adolescent health and nutrition	25,694	106,897	239,812	372,403
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,325,096</b>	<b>731,037</b>	<b>683,352</b>	<b>5,739,485</b>

*\*All expense amounts are provisional and subject to change.*

**Table 4: Thematic expenses by results area: [Survive and Thrive](#)**

**2018 Expenditures (Thematic) by Key-Results Areas (in US Dollars)**

Fund Category	All Programme Accounts	<input type="button" value="v"/>
Year	2018	<input type="button" value="v"/>
Business Area	Ukraine - 4410	<input type="button" value="v"/>
Prorated Goal Area	21 Survive and Thrive	<input type="button" value="v"/>
Donor Class Level2	Thematic	<input type="button" value="v"/>

Row Labels	Expense
<b>Other Resources - Emergency</b>	<b>201,356</b>
21-01 Maternal and newborn health	10,221
21-02 Immunization	123,403
21-03 Child Health	
21-06 Treatment and care of children living with HIV	21,284
21-07 HIV prevention	46,449
<b>Other Resources - Regular</b>	<b>247,632</b>
21-01 Maternal and newborn health	9,456
21-02 Immunization	13,102
21-03 Child Health	-3
21-04 Prevention of stunting and other forms of malnutrition	-5,879
21-06 Treatment and care of children living with HIV	134,262
21-07 HIV prevention	-10,203
21-09 Adolescent health and nutrition	106,897
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>448,989</b>

*\*All expense amounts are provisional and subject to change.*

**Table 5: Expenses by Specific Intervention Codes: Survive and Thrive**

**2018 Expenditures Specific Intervention Codes (in US Dollars)**

Fund Category	All Programme Account	✓
Year	2018	✓
Business Area	Ukraine - 4410	✓
Prorated Goal Area	21 Survive and Thrive	✓
Fund Sub-Category	(Multiple Items)	✓
<b>Row Labels</b>	<b>Expense</b>	
21-01-02 Facility based maternal and newborn care (including emergency obstetric and newborn care, quality improve	118,838	
21-01-05 Maternal and newborn care policy advocacy, evidence generation, national / subnational capacity developmei	9,031	
21-01-99 Technical assistance - Maternal and newborn health	125,198	
21-02-03 Evidence generation and policy advocacy for immunization	16,230	
21-02-04 Purchase of vaccines and devices	232,787	
21-02-99 Technical assistance - Immunization (excluding Polio technical assistance)	291,432	
21-03-01 IMNCI / Integrated Community Case Management (iCCM) - Community	70	
21-03-11 HSS - Health sector policy, planning and governance at national or sub-national levels	152,502	
21-03-18 Public health emergencies, including disease outbreaks	349,843	
21-04-01 Breastfeeding protection, promotion and support (including work on Code)	-3,657	
21-04-02 Diet diversity in early childhood (children under 5), includes complementary feeding and MNPs	-2,222	
21-06-01 Infant and child HIV diagnosis (PITC)	165,334	
21-06-02 Pediatric ART	824,632	
21-06-05 Procurement and or supply management for HIV diagnostics and medicine	2,074,952	
21-06-99 Technical assistance - Treatment and care of children living with HIV	105,818	
21-07-12 HIV testing including self testing and counselling in adolescents	139,379	
21-09-99 Technical assistance - Adolescent health and nutrition	301,484	
26-01-01 Country programme process (including LUNDAF planning and CCA)	1,551	
26-01-03 Humanitarian planning and review activities (HRP, RRP, UNICEF HAC)	14,727	
26-02-01 Situation Analysis or Update on women and children	7,679	
26-02-02 MICS - General	1,479	
26-02-04 Stimulating demand for and capacity to use data	10,431	
26-02-06 Analysis of data	6,605	
26-02-08 Programme monitoring	74,553	
26-02-09 Field monitoring	807	
26-03-01 Advocacy and partnership-building for social behaviour change	145,792	
26-03-02 Capacity and skills development for social behaviour change	3,993	
26-03-03 Children, adolescent and youth engagement and participation	39,331	
26-03-04 Community engagement, participation and accountability	349,658	
26-06-04 Leading advocate	13,403	
26-06-05 Leading voice	24,333	
26-06-06 Supporter engagement	121	
26-06-08 Emergency preparedness (cross-sectoral)	63	
26-07-01 Operations support to programme delivery	127,338	
27-01-06 HQ and RO technical support to multiple Goal Areas	11,240	
28-07-04 Management and Operations support at CO	4,730	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>5,739,485</b>	

*\*All expense amounts are provisional and subject to change.*

**Table 6: Planned Budget for 2019**

OUTCOME	Funding Type <sup>1</sup>	Planned Budget for 2019	Funded Budget for 2019	Shortfall as of 23.03.2019
<b>IMPROVED QUALITY AND AFFORDABLE MOTHER AND CHILD HEALTH-CARE SERVICES</b>	<b>ORR</b>	<b>1,302,000</b>	<b>1,151,961</b>	<b>150,039</b>
	<b>RR</b>	<b>160,000</b>	<b>248,464</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>ORE</b>	<b>3,230,000</b>	<b>709,948</b>	<b>2,520,052</b>

## **H. Future Work Plan**

In 2019, the Global Nutrition Thematic Fund will continue to support the implementation of activities related to the planned national iodine survey in school-aged children, the revision of the draft law on USI, as well as advocacy efforts in order to pass the law. Access to newly generated data and relevant evidence-based policy decisions will continue to contribute to the overall goal of the CO to realize the right to health for the women and children of Ukraine.

## **I. Expression of Thanks**

*UNICEF Ukraine's interventions in 2018 would not have been possible without the financial support from contributors to Global Nutrition thematic funding, including the Slovak Committee for UNICEF. Thanks to this financial support, UNICEF contributed to support interventions related to the adoption of an universal salt iodization law. UNICEF Ukraine, on behalf of all children of Ukraine, would like to thank donors for their continuous support.*

## **Annex**

Thank you for being a valuable partner of UNICEF. We strive to improve our reporting on results, and are grateful for any feedback you can provide at the following link: [English version](#)