



Thailand – UNICEF Programme of Cooperation 2017-2021

Work Plan – Education

Department of Health and UNICEF

January – December 2019

In September 2016, the Executive Board of the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) approved a five-year Programme of Partnership with the Royal Thai Government for the period 2017 to 2021. In March 2017, the United Nations System Agencies and the Royal Thai Government agreed in principle on an UNPAF covering the same five-year period. The UNPAF and its Legal Annex outlines the key outcome and strategies to be achieved and operational modalities, including the contribution of Thailand-UNICEF partnership during this period. The overall planning level for the Royal Thai Government-UNICEF partnership amounts to US\$54,975,000 for the five-year period of which US\$4,975,000 is from UNICEF Regular resources and US\$ 50 million is from Other Resources, subject to availability of funds.

Of this amount, the projected planning level on activities in partnership with the Department of Health, Ministry of Public Health in 2019 for the early childhood development amounts for UNICEF to US\$ 158,133, subject to the availability of funds.

Details of main activities to be implemented during January – December 2019 (12 months) to achieve results are reflected in the attached work plan. Some activities are in continuation or building on activities carried out in the previous year. The workplan also briefly mentions relevant related activities that UNICEF will implement directly with other partners, such as NGOs.

The work plan can be modified by mutual consent from the Department of Health, Ministry of Public Health and UNICEF at any time during the work plan period. An annual review of progress in implementation of the agreed plans and adjustments, if needed, will be held together with a mid-year technical review.

In signing the work plan for January – December 2019 (12 months), the Department of Health, Ministry of Public Health confirms its commitment to carry out the described activities, and UNICEF commits to providing the specific financial, technical or material support, in accordance with the modalities set out in the UNDAF Legal Annex. The Department of Health, Ministry of Public Health and UNICEF also agree that responsible partners named against activities in the plan are authorized to request support from UNICEF to carry out activities using established procedures and subject to availability of funds.




The Department of Health, Ministry of Public Health and UNICEF, having committed themselves to all Articles under the UNPAF, hereby declare that the responsibilities outlined in the attached work plan for January – December 2019 (12 months) will be fulfilled, subject to availability of funds and in a spirit of friendly cooperation.

IN WITNESS THEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorized, have signed the work plan for January – December 2019.

For the Department of Health
Ministry of Public Health

For the United Nations Children's Fund

Signed: 
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Director General

Signed: 
Mr. Thomas Davin
Representative

Signed at Bangkok on 23 / 01 / 2019

Signed at Bangkok on 21 / 12 / 18



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Work Plan – Early Childhood Development
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National strategy / priority:	The 20 year National Strategies 2017-2036. 12th National Economic and Social Development Plan (“Promoting the “Competitive enhancement”, “Human Resource Development”, “Social Equality”, and “Rebalancing Public Sector development”).
UNPAF outcome:	By 2021, inclusive systems, structures and processes advance sustainable people-centred, equitable development for all people in Thailand.
Outcome:	By 2021, children age 0-5 are progressively cared for through quality integrated ECD services and in protective and nurturing family environments.
Outputs:	Output 1: By 2021, ECD policy makers and stakeholders have enhanced understanding on holistic child development and capacity to implement the integrated, inclusive ECD programmes Output 2: By 2021, ECD professionals (ECD centre staff and Mother and child health professionals) have strengthened capacity and tools to support the holistic development (physical, social, emotional, cognitive) of young children. Output 3: By 2021, parents and families have enhanced knowledge and skills on nutrition, care, protection and development of young children
Signing Entity	Department of Health, Ministry of Public Health
Government entities to receive transfers under this workplan:	1 January – 31 December 2019
Other partners not receiving transfers under this workplan:	1) Department of Local Administration, Ministry of Interior 2) Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) 3) Raks Thai Foundation
Work plan budget	2019 (US\$)
Contribution from government partner(s)	(145,764 USD)
UNICEF transfers to government partner(s) through this workplan	158,133 USD



Overview

This work-plan is a mutual partnership agreement between UNICEF Thailand and the Department of Health, Ministry of Public Health, which will contribute to the provision of care and development of children aged 0-5 years for through quality integrated ECD services and in protective and nurturing family environments. It has been developed to formally contribute to the draft National Early Childhood Development (ECD) Plan (2016-2021), which is under the direction of the National ECD Committee. Under the draft National ECD Plan, there are three relevant strategies that are in line with the works that UNICEF engage government partners for developing early children to their full potential and cared for in a nurturing family environment, including 1) the development of parenting programme, including early childhood care and family roles; and 2) the development of quality (quality of care and services, and quality of ECD health professional). Moreover, the work plan is subscribed to the universal version of the 20-year National Strategy, which is a framework to ensure that all actions among the public, private, and people's sector at different timeframe will aligned and along the same direction.

The UNICEF Country Programme (2017-2021) contributes to national education strategic objectives: By 2021, children age 0-5 years are progressively cared for through quality integrated ECD services and in protective and nurturing family environments. Within this vision, there are two specific output objectives:

- By 2021, ECD policy makers and stakeholders have enhanced understanding on holistic child development and capacity to implement the integrated, inclusive ECD programmes
- By 2021, parents and families have enhanced knowledge and skills on nutrition, care, protection and development of young children

This work plan will strengthen the partnership between UNICEF and the Department of Health, Ministry of Public Health to strengthen health systems, strengthen capacity of ECD health professions, and enhance knowledge and skills on nutrition, care, protection and development of young children, as well as responding to the needs as illustrated in the draft National ECD Plan.

Expecting results from the implementation in period of 1 years (2019):

1. Evidence on integrated ECD and tools (such as "First 1,000 days" policy-brief and home visit manual and parenting kits) are developed to support and enable the health system strengthening, and support the Parenting programme with focused on the holistic ECD.
2. Approximately **30 ECD policy makers and stakeholders** have enhanced understanding on holistic child development and capacity to implement the integrated, inclusive ECD programmes.
3. Approximately **1,000 ECD professionals** (enforcement officers, key MoPH staff at the central level, health workers, and health volunteers) have strengthened capacity and tools to support the holistic development (physical, social, emotional, cognitive) of young children.
4. Approximately **200,000 parents and families** have enhanced knowledge and skills on nutrition, care, protection and development of young children.

Contribution from MOPH personnel and time in the period of 1 year (2019):

1. Regular budget contributing to the key milestones in the work plan (Certification of lactation consultants).
2. Approximately **60 days** of DOH policy-makers, DOH enforcement officers, key MoPH staff at the central level, health workers, and health volunteers.



3. Approximately **100 days** of DOH officials coordinating the key outputs.

Department of Health, Ministry of Public Health will take responsibility for:

1. Coordinate the implementation of activities and ensure that the key outputs are delivered within the agreed timeframe.
2. Engage the relevant MoPH policy-makers, enforcement officers, key MoPH staff at the central level, health workers, and health volunteers in all agreed activities.
3. Manage budget from UNICEF for the implementation of all agreed activities.
4. Coordinate and follow up on the implementation results in close cooperation with UNICEF.
5. Conduct monitoring and evaluation of the key activities and report the result within the agreed timeframe.
6. Provide technical advices to other ECD networks that promote parenting programme, including early childhood care and family roles and capacity building of ECD professionals.

UNICEF will take responsibility for:

1. Provide financial support for the implementation of the agreed activities.
2. Provide technical support, expertise with focus on the nutrition, breastfeeding, early childhood development and the parenting programme to ensure that all agreed activities are delivered at quality and by the agreed timeframe.

Other partners will take responsibility for:

1. **Ministry of Interior and Bangkok Metropolitan Administration:** Establish the ECD Demonstration centres for children aged 2-5 years and engage parents in the ECD.
2. **Raks Thai Foundation:** Partner in Parenting Programme and provide technical inputs for capacity building for ECD professions.

There is a strong collaborative relationship envisaged between this and other result areas, as described in the UNICEF Country Programme particularly in areas relating to broader-based situational analyses related to women and children, capacity strengthening in monitoring and statistical analyses, and design and implementation of holistic systems benefitting children.

Results/Indicator/Activity	Indicators						
	Baseline 2017	Target 2019	Means of verification Specify who will collect, analyse and report the data and when				
ECD Outcome: By 2021, children age 0-5 are progressively cared for through quality integrated ECD services and in protective and nurturing family environments							
ECD Output 1: By 2021, ECD policy makers and stakeholders have enhanced understanding on holistic child development and capacity to implement the integrated, inclusive ECD programmes							
Output Indicator 1.1.1: Percent of Thai decision makers (national and sub-national level who have knowledge on ECD (services, family etc)	43% (KAP)	TBD (KAP 2021)	UNICEF				
Output Indicator 1.1.2: Number of Advocacy initiatives to disseminate global and Thailand-specific evidence on ECD (as per TCO advocacy strategy) to policy-makers and other stakeholders (Policy briefs, Conferences, South-South learning) between 2017 and 2021	0	2 (Policy Brief - First 1,000 days and Longitudinal study on impact of First 1,000 days interventions)	DoH and UNICEF				
Output Indicator 1.1.3: Number of workplaces that establish the breastfeeding room within the context of the MoU between Ministry of Public Health, Ministry of Labour. Cumulative	0	600 (accumulated from 2017)	Ministry of Labour records				
Output Indicator 1.1.4: Number of active (=actively monitoring BMS code violations) BMS code watchers trained with UNICEF support. Cumulative	0	200 (2019)	DoH records				
Output Indicator 1.1.5: Percent of Provincial Health Offices that reported on BMS code violations at least twice in the previous year	0	N/A	DoH records				
Activities	Timeframe 2019				Funding Source (Unicef or Government)	Activity budget	Entity to receive funds
	Q1 (Jan-Mar)	Q2 (Apr-Jun)	Q3 (Jul-Sept)	Q4 (Oct-Dec)			
Capacity development to DoH for the training and certification of Lactation consultants in public hospitals at 50 pax (Shared vision with DoH who supports 120 pax with government budget) : MoU will be signed between DoH, Mahidol University (Siriraj Hospital), and UNICEF. The lactation consultants will be deployed as the health professionals working to promote breastfeeding and BMS Code.	X	X	X	X	UNICEF	61,538 USD	DoH
					Department of Health	(145,764 USD)	n/a

<p>: DoH to conduct selection process for 50 nurses from public hospitals to participate in the Training and Certification of Lactation consultants</p> <p>: UNICEF supports the DoH for the development plan for the certification of lactation consultants sustainable approach from 2020.</p>							
<p>Capacity development to DoH for the implementation and monitoring of the BMS Code</p> <p>: DoH to conduct training to the DoH Competent officers on the BMS Code and the processes to report the violation of the code and submit summary training report to the National BMS Code committee</p> <p>: DoH to solicit BMS violation quarterly reports from 13 Regional Health Centres and submit to UNICEF</p> <p>: UNICEF support the DoH for the development plan for the health professional capacity development for the implementation and monitoring of BMS Code for its sustainable approach from 2020.</p>	X	X	X	X	UNICEF	36,923 USD	DoH
<p>Evaluation on impact of DoH's implementation of First 1,000 days interventions</p> <p>: DoH to develop conceptual framework and evaluation tools on the impact of First 1,000 days interventions with support on technical inputs from UNICEF.</p>	X	X	X	X	UNICEF	0 USD	DoH
<p>Stakeholders meeting to discuss to prioritize research topics to advocate for policy advocacy on Maternity Leave</p> <p>: DoH to conduct meetings to bring in the key government stakeholders to discuss on the research topics to advocate for policy advocacy on Maternity Leave</p> <p>: DoH to conduct summary minutes of meetings</p>	X	X	X	X	Government	0 USD	DoH
<p>Iodine Supplementary study on pregnant women (Continued from 2017-2018 workplan)</p> <p>: Completion of the urinary analysis and report writing</p>	X	X			UNICEF	14,287 USD	DoH

Policy Brief - First 1,000 days : DoH to conduct policy brief together with UNICEF and produce for distribution to the policy-makers in other line Ministries to promote "First 1,000 days"	X	X	X	X	UNICEF	3,077 USD	DoH
Capacity building for ECD teachers and caregivers on nutrition and hygiene guidelines : DoH to provide lead trainers to train ECD teachers and caregivers on appropriate nutrition and hygiene for ECD	X	X			UNICEF	0 USD	PCA with Raks Thai Foundation
Results/Indicator/Activity	Indicators			Means of verification Specify who will collect, analyse and report the data and when			
	Baseline 2017	Target 2019					
Output 2: By 2021, parents and families have enhanced knowledge and skills on nutrition, care, protection and development of young children							
Output Indicator 1.3.5: Percent of babies born at 500 targeted facilities whose mother received parenting information through 'Early Moments Matter on mobile' (parenting communication platform) in the previous calendar year <i>Numerator:</i> Number of mothers whose baby was born at one of the 500 targeted facilities having received parenting information through 'Early Moments Matter on mobile' (parenting communication platform) in the previous calendar year <i>Denominator:</i> Total number of births at the 500 targeted facilities	0	25%		RapidPro			
Output Indicator 1.3.6: Percent of babies born at 500 targeted facilities whose father received parenting information through 'Early Moments Matter on mobile' (parenting communication platform) in the previous calendar year <i>Numerator:</i> Number of fathers whose baby was born at one of the 500 targeted facilities having received parenting information through 'Early Moments Matter on mobile' (parenting communication platform) in the previous calendar year <i>Denominator:</i> Total number of births at the 500 targeted facilities	0	15%		RapidPro			

Activities	Timeframe 2019				Funding Source (Unicef or Government)	Activity budget	Entity to receive funds
	Q1 (Jan-Mar)	Q2 (Apr-Jun)	Q3 (Jul-Sept)	Q4 (Oct-Dec)			
<p>Roll out of the Early Moment Matters on Mobile (EMMM) Platform and focus on the recruitment of participants to the platform and capacity development to DoH for the implementation of Early Moments Matter on Mobile (include data analysis and informed for decision-making)</p> <p>: DoH to conduct the Official Launch of the EMMM in January 2019. : DoH to organise the Early Moments Matter on Mobile data analysis workshop for DoH officers</p>	X	X	X	X	UNICEF	20,000 USD	DoH
<p>Promote Early Moments Matter on Mobile (EMMM) Platform within health sectors</p> <p>: DoH to work with UNICEF on strategizing and implement communication strategy for EMMM : DoH to conduct the Media Trip to promote EMMM : UNICEF to support the construction of EMMM website : DoH to create and maintain discussion forum (Facebook group) for parents</p>	X	X	X	X	UNICEF	8,000 USD	N/A
<p>Development of home visit manual and Parental kit (for parents 0-6 years)</p> <p>: DoH to work with UNICEF to design home visit manual and organize meeting to finalise the stimulation and play activities in the Parenting kit : DoH to work on the layout and production of the home visit and parenting kit</p>	X	X	X	X	UNICEF	12,308 USD	DoH
<p>Review experiences of Early Moments Matter on Mobile (EMMM) experiences (parents, caregivers and health professionals)</p> <p>: DoH to collect experiences from parents, caregivers and health professionals in order to strengthen the EMMM platform.</p>	X	X	X	X	UNICEF	2,000 USD	DoH