

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNICEF PROJECTS

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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether United Nations International Children Education Fund (UNICEF) projects are being implemented in India through the master plan of operations;
- (b) if so, the aim and objectives of the master plan of operations;
- (c) the details of funds allocated by UNICEF to India under the said plan during the Eleventh Five Year Plan;
- (d) the names of States in which the said programme is being implemented and the funds allocated to each such State during each year of the said plan period; and
- (e) the extent to which the programme has been able to achieve its objectives in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH)

(a) to (e): Currently the Government of India collaborate with UNICEF based on an agreed five-year Country Programme Action Plan (CPAP) during 2008-12. The overall goal of the CPAP is to advance the fulfillment of the rights of all children and women in India to survival, development, participation and protection by reducing social inequalities based on gender, caste, ethnicity or region. The CPAP 2008-12 ends on 31 December 2012. Total funds allocated by UNICEF under the CPAP 2008-12 is US\$ 513 million.

Besides supporting the concerned Central Ministries of Government of India, UNICEF programmes are also implemented in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Odisha, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Tamil Nadu. State-wise expenditures during the period 2008 to 2011 is annexed.

Most of the programme activities under the GoI-UNICEF Programme Cooperation are inter-twined or catalytic to the existing Government policies and programmes and hence it is difficult to assess the exact extent to which UNICEF Programme has been able to achieve its objectives. However, recent assessment and interactions undertaken for the purpose of preparing the next plan of programme cooperation highlights that the UNICEF programme has contributed both directly and indirectly to GoI's flagship schemes e.g. ICDS, NRHM, SSA, TSC etc., and have complemented capabilities of the State Governments in achieving some of the programme goals through providing technical support wherever required, building partnerships with the community, and advocacy efforts with various stakeholders.