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Summary

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1. UNICEF activities in Kosovo are being planned and implemented in accordance with United Nations Security Council resolution 1244 (1999). The activities focus on two key elements: (a) quality social services, and (b) community mobilization. UNICEF will also be engaged in policy advocacy and partnerships for children's rights, focusing on Roma and social inclusion, child poverty and budgeting for children. UNICEF will aim at strengthening partnerships with key partners in Kosovo to jointly establish sound evidence on child poverty.

2. **Quality social services.** The overall objective is to establish a child- and youth-friendly policy and normative framework based on international human rights standards, and to strengthen systems for the provision of quality social services for children, young people and women.

3. In the area of safe motherhood and early childhood development, UNICEF will aim at ensuring increased access to improved maternal and child health services by most vulnerable groups, especially minority communities, by enhancing the capacity of service providers. UNICEF will also support maintaining high immunization coverage and reducing micronutrient deficiencies through food fortification and other nutrition interventions.

4. In the area of education, UNICEF will centre its activities on inclusive and quality education and will provide technical and programmatic guidance to partners to finalize and validate early learning and development standards. Child-friendly school standards will be completed and implemented as part of the revised education curriculum framework. A comprehensive assessment will be conducted on the situation of early child education in Kosovo to establish sex-disaggregated baseline data and indicators and to help to inform evidence-based policies.

5. In the area of young people's health, development and participation, UNICEF will support the implementation of agreed action plans, including an HIV/AIDS strategy, and provide technical assistance, especially for monitoring and evaluation. A "young voices" opinion poll will help to galvanize the attention of key stakeholders for investment in youth.

6. Juvenile justice reforms will be a major focus of UNICEF child protection activities, including capacity-building of juvenile justice professionals, development of a data management strategy for improved monitoring of juvenile justice reforms, as well as development of juvenile justice indicators. UNICEF will support an assessment of the child protection system and will strengthen the capacity of the Ombudsperson to monitor child rights, in collaboration with other duty-bearers.

7. **Community mobilization.** The overall objective of community mobilization is to enable families, communities, children, young people and women to increase their skills and knowledge so that they can demand better-quality services, have their voices heard, and contribute to efforts to respect and monitor human rights.

8. UNICEF activities will aim at ensuring increased demand for services by the most vulnerable beneficiaries, especially minority communities. This will be accomplished through social mobilization activities related to better parenting, safe motherhood, elimination of lead poisoning, and other public health issues relevant for Kosovo. In such initiatives, implementing partners will explore ways to strengthen the role of men and boys in ensuring gender equality and will use gender- and culture-sensitive communication messages.

9. UNICEF will continue to support the strengthening of student councils in secondary schools so that the councils become a leading voice for students. Support will also be provided to young peer educators and their outreach activities, which promote gender equality and behaviours that are not based on gender stereotypes.

10. Other resources requirements for UNICEF activities in Kosovo for the period 2011-2015 total \$27,000,000, consisting of \$13,300,000 for quality social services, \$8,950,000 for community mobilization and \$4,750,000 for cross-sectoral activities.
