

UNICEF Georgia

Annual Work Plan for Quality Child Protection Systems Output 2015

Georgia Policy and Strategy Framework / Priorities:	Juvenile Justice System Reform Strategy and Action Plan 2014-2018; Child Action Plan 2012-2015; Action Plan for Social Integration of Persons with Disabilities
UNDAF Outcome(s):	Vulnerable groups enjoy improved access to quality health, education, legal aid, justice and other essential social services. Enhanced protection and promotion of human rights, access to justice and gender equality with particular focus on the rights of minorities, marginalized and vulnerable groups.
Expected Outcome (Programme Component Result):	1. By end 2015, more children and mothers benefit from quality basic and alternative social services (including integrated and decentralized services) that address targeted disparities
Expected Output (Intermediate Result):	1.3 By 2015, government strengthens prevention of institutionalisation and social work response mechanisms to protect vulnerable children from abuse, violence, exploitation and loss of family care.
Responsible Government Partner:	Ministry of Labour Health and Social Affairs (MoLHSA), Social Service Agency (SSA), State Fund for Protection and Assistance of (Statutory) Victims of Human Trafficking, Ministry of Education and Science (MoES), Ministry of Internal Affairs (MoIA), Ministry of Justice (MoJ), Ministry of Corrections (MoC), Chief Prosecutor's Office, Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs (MOSY), Supreme Court, High School of Justice, Health and Social Affairs Committee, Human Rights and Civil Integration Committee
Other Partner(s):	Public Defender Office (PDO), Save the Children (SC), Children of Georgia (CoG), First Step Georgia (FSG), Georgian Association of Social Workers (GASW), Partnership for Children, NGO "SOS Children's Villages", NGO "Public Health Foundation of Georgia" (PHF), NGO "Caritas Georgia", NGO "World Vision International in Georgia", NGO "Child and Environment", other NGO's and Academia

Work Plan Narrative

The child welfare and justice for children component supports the Government of Georgia in meeting its obligations as stipulated under the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

In the justice sector, the guiding framework for UNICEF engagement with government is national strategy on reforming the justice system for children in Georgia and its action plan. In 2015, UNICEF will be providing support to legislative review, further support the specialisation of professionals in the justice system, external and internal monitoring and quality insurance mechanism, support to the conceptualisation of a child friendly environment in the justice system, targeted support to strengthening alternatives to deprivation of liberty. A strong emphasis is also placed on the establishment of pre-sentence reporting mechanisms and on linking the justice sector with prevention mechanisms and social work.

In the child welfare sector, the guiding framework for UNICEF's engagement with government over the coming two years is the national Child Action Plan for 2012-2015, developed and led by the Ministry of Labour Health and Social Affairs and its implementing arm the Social Service Agency. The major elements of the reform in 2015 include strengthening social work and social work oversight; strengthening government capacity to provide oversight to service providers; expanding prevention services; enhancing the effectiveness of the mandatory referral procedures for violence against children; support the legal review as regards disabilities and children living and working in the streets, and assisting with the advancement of the de-institutionalization process with a particular focus on children with disabilities. A notable focus of UNICEF's efforts will be to support the government in the establishment of new services for highly vulnerable children, including those living and working on the street. The work of the child welfare and justice components of the country office will make a concerted effort to harmonize work to increase efficiency and outcomes for children in Georgia.

Work Plan period: 1 January – 31 December 2015
 WP code (WP No): 0227-Y-I-001-003.

Estimated Budget:

699,579

Allocated Resources:

○ Government:	0
○ UNICEF Regular Resources:	45,000
○ Other Resources:	495,080
➤ Global Thematic Fund (GTF) Child Protection:	13,501
➤ EUD (Street Kids):	48,028
➤ EUD (JJ):	48,551
➤ EUD (C4):	225,000
➤ EUD (HR):	160,000
○ Unfunded budget:	159,499

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Note: all figures shown in USD

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Output # & description: By 2015, government strengthens prevention of institutionalisation and social work response mechanisms to protect vulnerable children from abuse, violence, exploitation and loss of family care

Indicators (CPAP, 2011-2015):

Indicator: Ratio of children-at-risk-of-institutionalization in institutional care to those receiving alternative services.

Baseline: Current ratio is 70% in institutions to 30% receiving alternative services

Indicator: % of juvenile offenders diverted to non-punitive care and prevention services

Baseline: 0%

Gender Equality Marker: Significant

Humanitarian Marker: None

Organizational Target: 401 – Strengthening National Child Protection Systems

Planned Activities	Timeframe (in months)				Recipient Partner(s)	Budget in USD		
	1-3	4-6	7-9	10-12		Funded (RR/GS)	Funded (ORR/ORE)	Un-funded
1. Overall Child Rights								
Activity 1.1.: Advocate for the ratification of the third Optional Protocol to the CRC through the organisation of roundtable(s) and individual consultations	X	X	X	X	MOLSA, Parliaments, NGOs	5,000		
Activity 1.2.: Further develop PDO capacities as regards to the monitoring of alternative care services	X	X	X	X	Public Defender Office/Child Rights Centre		5,501	24,499
Activity 1.3.: Strengthen/establish child rights coordination mechanisms through the provision of technical support to the Child Rights Working Group (under the Human Right Inter-ministerial Council – PM Office)	X	X	X	X	Prime Minister Office		5,000	

2. Child Care Reform – RKLA 1

Activity 2.1.: Support the development of a new Child Action Plan (2016/2020) through technical assistance (national consultancy) and round table discussions		X	X	X		MolHSA		20,000	
Activity 2.2.: Facilitate and provide technical assistance as regards to the review and finalisation of the law on adoption and foster care, and for the approval and implementation of the foster care standards	X	X	X	X	X	MolHSA, Health & Social Affairs Committee		15,000	
Activity 2.3.: Support the development of a legislative package in order to align the current laws on children with disabilities with international standards and support their implementation	X	X	X	X	X	MolHSA, Health & Social Affairs Committee, Legal Committee			5,000
Activity 2.4.: Support the development of alternative services/alternative care system to provide quality care of children with severe disabilities		X	X	X	X	MolHSA, NGOs			100,000
Activity 2.5.: Support the development and the implementation of a functional/social model for disability assessment		X	X	X	X	MolHSA		20,000	
Activity 2.6.: Support to the development & enforcement of the legislation on "highly vulnerable children" such as children living/working in the streets	X	X	X	X	X	MolHSA, Mol, MoIA		10,000	
Activity 2.7.: Support the Government of Georgia (MolHSA/PM) to adopt the amended Child Protection Referral mechanisms	X	X	X			MolHSA, Prime Minister Office			
Activity 2.8.: Provide technical support to the Social Service Agency (SSA) to adopt and implement child assessment/referral forms for social agents through training	X	X	X			SSA		10,000	
Activity 2.9.: Reinforce the capacities of professionals (SW, teachers, etc.) as regards to the identification, referral and protection of children victims of violence through the development of training			X	X	X	MolHSA, SSA, MoES		15,000	
Activity 2.10.: Support the development and the implementation of mobile registration centres for the identification and registration of highly vulnerable children including children living and working on the streets (development of a conceptual framework & operational guidance			X	X	X	MolHSA, Mol, NGOs		15,000	

Activity 2.11.: Develop services for children living and/or working on the streets (day care and crisis centres in Tbilisi & Kutaisi)	X					MolHSA, World Vision		36,028	
Activity 2.12.: Further improve social work professional supervision and social service monitoring systems through training of SSA Social Workers	X	X				MolHSA, SSA		12,000	
Activity 2.13.: Support MolHSA for the setting-up of an improved Social Information Management System (SIMS) through technical support and capacity development of social workers as regards to the utilization of SIMS tools		X	X	X		MolHSA		50,000	
Activity 2.14.: Conduct a survey on the remaining unregulated Child Care Institutions in Georgia to strengthen an evidence-based approach in introducing changes to policy and legislation			X	X		MolHSA, MoES, National Consultants	30,000		30,000
3. Justice for Children – RKLA 2									
Activity 3.1.: Support the legal review process concerning the national primary and secondary civil, administrative violations and criminal legislation concerning children in line with the JJ code through technical assistance and facilitation of round tables	X	X	X	X	X	Mol		20,000	
Activity 3.2.: Support the adoption and the implementation of juvenile justice service standards				X	X	Prime Minister's Office, Mol, MoC, MoES, MoSY		5,000	
Activity 3.3.: Support a comprehensive specialization of the justice system, including specialization and capacity building of child justice and child protection professionals through trainings (development modules, etc.) and adoption relevant internal regulations (ToR, Guidelines, etc.)	X	X	X	X	X	Mol, MoIA, Chief Prosecutor's Office, Legal Aid Service, judiciary, GBA, MoC		100,000	
Activity 3.4.: Facilitate the establishment of a working group in order to develop concepts (infrastructures, equipment and methodologies) related to a child-friendly environment in the justice system	X	X	X	X	X	Mol		30,000	
Activity 3.5.: Strengthen the diversion and mediation programmes through the introduction of the electronic case management system and further capacity building of diversion professionals (training including SW, prosecutor, mediator, probation officer)	X	X	X	X	X	Mol, Chief prosecutor's Office, MoC		20,000	
								12,000	

Activity 3.6.: Establish & introduce individual assessment mechanisms at court level - (finalisation of concept, methodologies, guidelines, instrument and training)	X	X			MoJ, MoC, judiciary		15,102	
Activity 3.7.: Support the adoption of revised internal regulations, parole board procedures, revised instruments for individual sentence planning for juvenile rehabilitative establishment and individual approaches in pre-trial detentions facilities through capacity building, technical assistance and round tables	X	X			MoC		21,449	
Activity 3.8.: Support the creation of a comprehensive data system on children in the criminal justice system	X	X	X	X	MoJ, Chief Prosecutor's Office, MoLA, MoC, MoES, MoHLSA, LAS		20,000	
Activity 3.9.: Reinforce the internal monitoring system as regards to the quality of services & to child rights violations through the development of coherent approaches (child rights component strengthened and cooperation improved between different internal monitoring bodies) and initiate the development of instruments and procedures	X	X	X	X	MoJ, MoLA, MoC		30,000	
Activity 3.10.: Support the adoption of the crime prevention action plan and strengthen the inter-sectorial coordination mechanism for the prevention of juvenile delinquency and the establishment of cross-cutting prevention mechanisms through technical assistance	X	X			MoJ, MoHLSA, MoES, MoSY, MoLA, Chief Prosecutor's Office	10,000		