

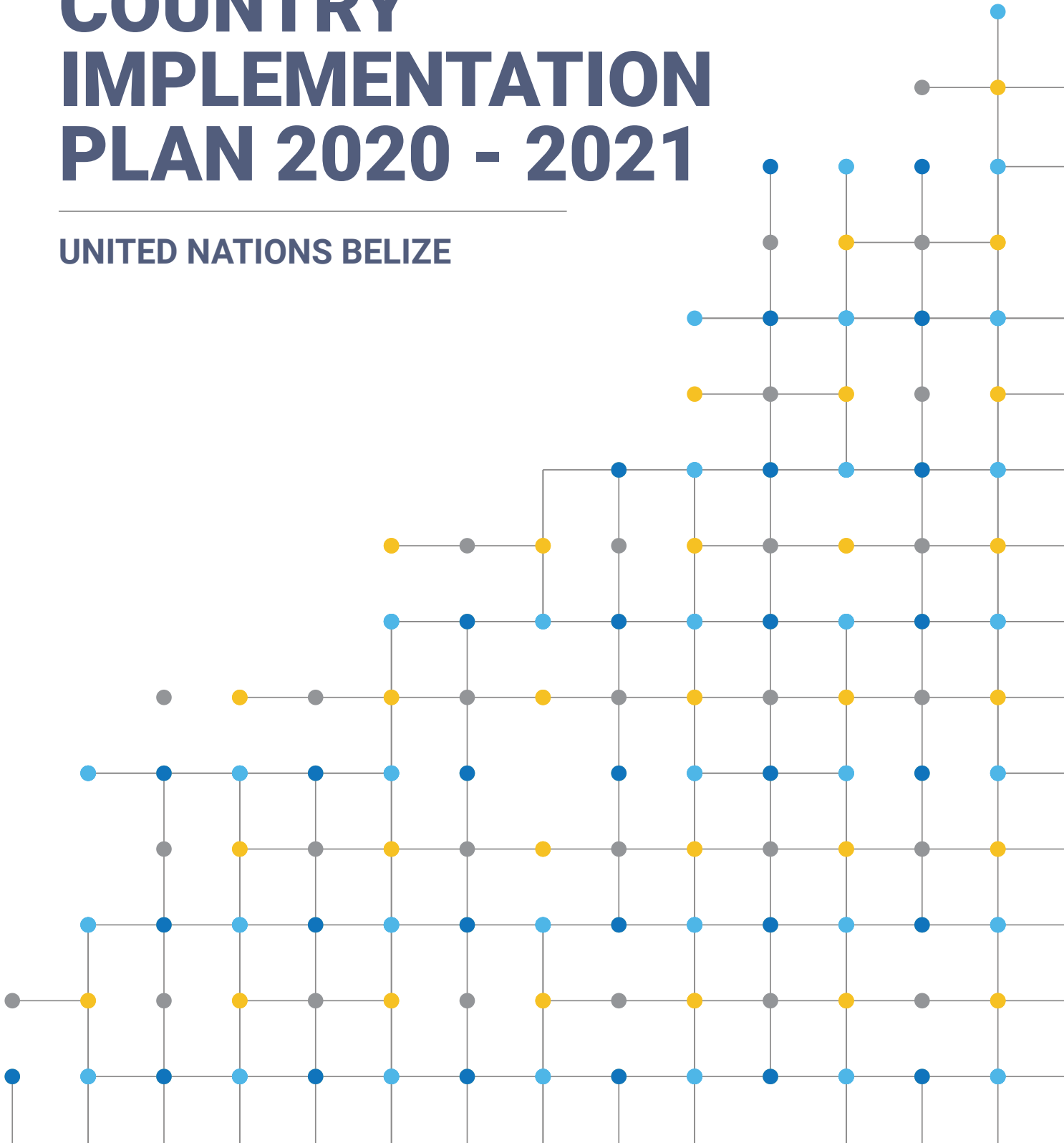


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COUNTRY IMPLEMENTATION PLAN 2020 - 2021

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Introduction

The 2017-2021 United Nations Multi-Country Sustainable Development Framework (UN MSDF) articulates the partnership and support which Caribbean countries have requested the UN to provide in the English and Dutch-speaking Caribbean for the stated period. The commitments outlined in the UNMSDF are based on a shared analysis by the UN development System with governments, their regional mechanisms, and civil society on the common development priorities in the Caribbean. The outcomes established in the UN MSDF are directly linked to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and contribute to the S.A.M.O.A. Pathway.

The United Nations Country Teams (UNCTs) of Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica, Suriname, Guyana, Belize, and Barbados and the OECS are jointly responsible for achieving these outcomes. The Country Implementation Plan operationalizes the UNMSDF by translating the regional outcomes into concrete, measurable and time-bound outputs and activities to be implemented at the country level jointly with national counterparts.

The CIP is reviewed and updated on an annual basis to ensure interventions remain on track to achieve the intended outputs/outcomes. The outputs included in the CIP capture all contributions to Belize by the UN Development System, maximizing and promoting synergies among agencies and across UNMSDF signatory countries.

This CIP also captures the UN agencies, funds and programmes, planned programmatic actions

in direct response to and in consequence of the COVID-19 global pandemic that has impacted Belize. Through the UN COVID-19 Socio-economic Response Plan (SERP) for Belize, the UN continues to work with the Government of Belize (GOB) and other partners to respond to the immediate and medium-term impact of the pandemic on people the health system and the economy.

The 2020 CIP and COVID-19 SERP activities were programmatically developed to respond to the pillars of the MSDF and global socio-economic response framework, respectively. In 2020, some CIP activities were re-programmed to respond to COVID-19 and therefore added to the SERP portfolio that has been included in the CIP for the for the development of a comprehensive Country Implementation Plan for 2020 and 2021.

In Belize, a Joint National Steering Committee¹ (JNSC) is responsible for providing strategic guidance and oversight of the CIP implementation. Further to this, the GOB previously established five (5) Technical Committees aligned to national priority outcomes² as defined in Belize's Growth and Sustainable Development Strategy (GSDS) 2016-2020 led by designated line ministries. This structure provided a framework for the implementation of the CIP in accordance with the GSDS. To strengthen internal coordination among participating UN agencies in the CIP, the UNCT in Belize established four (4) Results Groups aligned to the UNMSDF priority areas with designated lead UN agencies. It is envisaged that the UN Results Groups would interface with the institutional structure in place for implementing

¹ Inaugurated on 7 December 2016, the JNSC members are – Ministry of Foreign Affairs (co-chair), UN Resident Coordinator (co-chair), key government ministries, UN Country Team members, and national stakeholders (workers' and employers' organizations; CSO and NGOs umbrella entities)

² GSDS outcomes/critical success factors: 1) Optimal and National Income and Investment 2) Social cohesion and resilience 3) natural, environmental, historical and culture assets 4) governance and 5) Citizen Security

the national plan.

To promote consistency between the national level outputs and activities and the regional level outcomes and to safeguard the relationship to the Sustainable Development Goals and the 2030 Agenda, a United Nations Regional Steering Committee (UNRSC) has also been established to guide the overall implementation of the UN MSDF through the provision of strategic guidance and resource mobilization.

The UNCT in Belize reports progress of the CIPs outputs to the JNSC in the Annual Country Results Report (See 2020 Country Results Report) as a key accountability tool to the Government of

Belize. Additionally, with guidance from the UNRCS, the results are part of the annual regional review process and presented to signatory Governments in the annual stakeholder meeting. The UNCT will report biennially to the UNRSC through the UN MSDF Results Report. This report will be based on the progress of the CIP of each UNCT during the reporting period.

An independent evaluation of the UN MSDF has been commissioned in the penultimate year of implementation (2020) in close collaboration with national and regional stakeholders and is expected to inform the preparations of the next Cooperation Framework.

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Country: Belize

Joint National Steering Committee Members: Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Ministry of Economic Development; Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and Enterprise; Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management; Ministry of Education, Culture, Science and Technology; Ministry of Finance; Ministry of Natural Resources; Ministry of Human Development, Families and Indigenous Peoples' Affairs; Ministry of Public Utilities and Logistics; Ministry of Home Affairs; Attorney General's Ministry; Ministry of Health and Wellness; Ministry of Rural Transformation, Community Development, Labour and Local Government; Ministry of Public Service, Constitutional and Political Reform; UN Resident Coordinator, UNDP, UNICEF, UNHCR, UNFPA, PAHO/WHO, IOM, ILO, UNESCO, UN Women, UNEP, UN-Habitat, IAEA; Belize Chamber of Commerce and Industry; RESTORE Belize, National Trade Union Congress of Belize; National AIDS Commission, National Committee for Families and Children, National Council for Ageing, National Association of Protected Areas Management and Human Rights Commission of Belize.

Executive Summary

The Government of Belize identified in the GSDD its overarching goal to improve the quality of life for all Belizeans, living now and in the future. The achievement of this goal by 2020 was dependent

on national efforts focused on Critical Success Factors (CSFs) and necessary conditions as actions contributing to Belize's sustainable development. These are underpinned by Belize's

commitment to the principles of Agenda 2030 and the SDGs, its regional commitments within the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and core international human rights commitments alongside the SAMOA Pathway and necessary measures to strengthen adaptive capacities to ameliorate the vulnerabilities to climate change and disaster risk for more resilient ecosystems and communities.

The 2020 - 2021 Country Implementation Plan (CIP) for Belize will contribute through strengthening institutional capacities, supporting policies, and legislations to achieve the noted results.

PRIORITY PILLAR 1 - AN INCLUSIVE, EQUITABLE, AND PROSPEROUS BELIZE:

- Adequate access to education and lifelong learning for all
- Improved articulation between the education and vocational training system and the industry to mitigate future youth skills mismatch in the labour market
- Strengthened national and sub-national human and institutional capacities to develop and deliver inclusive and equitable social protection systems
- Improved national capacities to regularly collect, analyze and use data to define, monitor, and report on child poverty in all of its dimensions, and the effects of relevant policies and programmes
- Strengthen capacities to generate, analyze and utilize data for national policies and programmes for sustainable development

PRIORITY PILLAR 2 - A HEALTHY BELIZE:

- Adequate access to health to all population paying special attention to vulnerable groups
- Capacity building in diagnostic imaging for improved diagnosis of NCDs (special focus on cancer) strengthened.
- Support resource tracking and use of financial information to inform health policy decision making
- Increase the economic sustainability of health interventions, mainly to treat TB and HIV affected persons.
- Increase capacity to provide integrated sexual and reproductive health services as well as upgrade its regulatory framework
- National NCD Strategies supported, to include food and nutrition security and school feeding policies, strategies, plans and legislation harmonized and integrated
- National education campaign on food nutrition expanded

PRIORITY PILLAR 3 – A COHESIVE, SAFE, AND JUST BELIZE:

- Improved national capacities to regularly collect, analyze and use data to define, monitor, report, and inform relevant policies and national programming on citizen security and child protection
- Strengthened legal and protection systems for the implementation of legislation, policies, and programmes to prevent all forms of violence, abuse, and exploitation, including in humanitarian settings

- Strengthen the capacities of key stakeholders to improve compliance with human rights obligations and standards
- Increased country capacity to promote and ensure justice systems that enables the prevention and treatment of violence, abuse, exploitation, and neglect
- Access to justice for vulnerable population strengthened
- Increased capacity of right-holders and duty bearers to foster positive practices and norms to protect children and vulnerable populations

PRIORITY PILLAR 4 - A SUSTAINABLE AND RESILIENT BELIZE:

- National and community planning and investments integrate climate change adaptation and mitigation
- Strategically prioritize sectors for development
- Enhanced national capacities for climate change planning, management, and monitoring
- Local livelihood opportunities expanded through the sustainable use of common natural resources
- National priority actions promoting the effective and sustainable management of Belize's natural resources are supported

COUNTRY IMPLEMENTATION PLAN DURATION: 2 years

ANTICIPATED START and END DATES: 1 January 2020 – 31 December 2021

TOTAL BUDGET (IN USD) *:

	2020	2021
Total Estimated Budget	\$18,588,761	\$13,211,868
Total Funded Budget	\$11,192,920	\$10,356,543
Total Funding Gap	\$7,395,841	\$2,855,325

* Total estimated budget includes both direct Programme costs and indirect support costs.

Breakdown of contributions by UN agency, funds and programmes

	2020		2021	
	Total Required	Total Available	Total Required	Total Available
FAO	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$340,000	\$340,000
IAEA	\$584,723	\$584,723	\$305,038	\$305,038
ILO	\$116,139	\$105,639	\$27,300	\$15,300
IOM	\$284,763	\$284,763	\$743,583	\$743,583
OHCHR	\$45,000	\$28,000	\$0.00	\$0.00
PAHO/WHO	\$2,125,500	\$787,500	\$3,612,000	\$2,573,000
UNDP	\$4,619,823	\$4,115,615	\$3,290,140	\$3,290,140
UNEP	\$1,164,555	\$424,555	\$460,000	\$60,000
UNFPA	\$1,227,237	\$604,676	\$476,561	\$401,561
UNHCR	\$1,346,600	\$964,530	\$1,795,000	\$1,259,675
UNICEF	\$6,944,421	\$3,162,919	\$2,162,246	\$1,368,246
TOTAL	\$18,588,761	\$11,192,920	\$13,211,868	\$10,356,543

Context and Situational Analysis, including lessons learnt

The UN agencies with programmatic interventions in Belize along with the GOB and other stakeholders engaged in consultations in 2015 around the UN Common Multi-country Assessment (CMCA) for the Caribbean, which elaborated a situational analysis of the region, Belize included. Key national priority areas for UN interventions were identified through consultations on the CMCA and subsequently prioritized in the formulation of the UNMSDF outcomes. This was also complemented by a consultative and participatory process of developing specific agencies' country programme documents for the period 2017-2021. On 7 December 2016, the GOB and the UN officially launched the UNMSDF and the CIP preparation commenced with agencies direct engagement with national counterparts.

Since 2017 the UNCT has prepared annual CIPs to reflect the activities and initiatives of the UN in Belize along with national implementing partners. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and other emergency response actions in 2020, the UNCT adapted its draft 2020 CIP to include targeted actions to respond to COVID-19 in Belize. Thus, the 2020 - 2021 CIP represents the fourth iteration of the joint work plan prepared by UN entities in close consultation with national partners.

Key lessons learned and opportunities for improvements were identified in the evaluation of the Multi-country Sustainable Development Framework (MSDF 2017 – 2021) which is set to be completed by April 2021. The report is expected to produce a detailed assessment of the

achievements, challenges and lessons learned, in order to inform the UN, key stakeholders and the new cooperation framework for the Caribbean. Preliminary findings show that, overall, the work of the UN remains relevant as it continues to address the national priorities in the respective countries and territories in the Caribbean, including Belize.

Some emerging challenges highlighted in the report and to be addressed in the upcoming programming cycle include: Knowledge and Awareness of the UNMSDF and CIP among government and civil society organizations; improved coordination structures and cooperation; improved monitoring and reporting results using good data and targeted resource mobilization to ensure financial sustainability.

With the onset of the global COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020, UN programmatic activities were interrupted and necessitated adjustments to include only those activities deemed critical for delivery in 2020. During the initial stages of the COVID-19 emergency, the United Nations System in Belize accompanied the government's mitigation and recovery efforts through the development and implementation of a Socio-economic Response and Recovery Plan to COVID-19 (SERP). The 2020 CIP and COVID-19 SERP activities were programmatically developed to respond to the pillars of the MSDF and global socioeconomic response framework, respectively. Some activities in 2020 were re-programmed to respond to COVID-19 and therefore included in the SERP programme

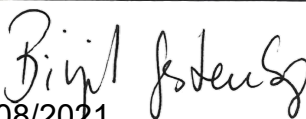
portfolio, clearly distinguishing SERP specific activities and along with its related budget. Therefore, this two-year CIP represents a comprehensive Country Implementation Plan for 2020 - 2021 inclusive of the SERP programme portfolio.


The outputs and activities contained in this two-year CIP directly contributes and are aligned to the current national plan. All estimated budgets are as submitted by the respective UN agencies, funds, and programme. Therefore, this joint work plan represents the United Nations package of support to the government and people of Belize.

Country Implementation Plan including Common Budgetary Framework

(annexed)

Signatures³

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Chief Executive Officer Ministry of Economic Development and Investment Government of Belize	 Date: 28/7/21
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³ When CSOs and non-governmental organizations are designated as implementing partners, they are not required to sign CIP/SIP. Each participating UN entity will follow its own procedures in signing work plans with these partners.

ANNEX

1. 500 indicator 3.1.1 (Prevention) Number of countries that have achieved targets in reducing Prevalence of Hypertension rates
 2. 500 indicator 3.1.1 (Prevention) Number of countries that have achieved their targets in reduction of Diabetes prevalence
 3. Number of countries that are implementing the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control

Output/Activities	LEAD AGENCY	National Partner	Improve nutrition period												BUDGETARY FRAMEWORK (2021) (\$'000)				Innovative Modality	COVID-19 Socio-economic Programs				
			2020						2021						Total Available Resources	Total Available Resources	Total Funding Gap							
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total Available Resources	Total Available Resources	Total Funding Gap											
Key Activity 4.1.1 Support development of a Social Communication Strategy to promote behavioral change for the prevention of NCDs	PAHO/WHO, UNICEF	MDH	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	210,000	210,000	\$ -	-	-	MD	
Key Activity 4.1.2 Support development of a Social Communication Strategy to promote behavioral change for the prevention of NCDs	PAHO/WHO, UNICEF	MDH, INCAP	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	45,000.00	40,000.00	\$ 5,000	-	-	Agency-Specific	
Key Activity 4.1.3 Support for research and evidence the biomedical uses at school (ACTIVITY COMPLETED)	UNICEF	MDH	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	140,000.00	140,000.00	\$ -	-	-	Agency-Specific	
Key Activity 4.1.4 National engagement with young people on health eating, mental health and exercise	PAHO/WHO, UNICEF	MDH, INCAP, MHL, MHL	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	80,000.00	80,000.00	\$ -	-	-	Agency-Specific	
Key Activity 4.1.5 Support for research and evidence the biomedical uses at school (ACTIVITY COMPLETED)	UNICEF	MDH	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	65,000.00	65,000.00	\$ -	-	-	Agency-Specific	
Key Activity 4.1.6 Support for the development of an online training of teachers to promote incorporation of nutrition into their curriculum, and providing of healthy meals, safe play and drinks water	UNICEF	MDH	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	29,400.00	-	\$ 29,400	-	-	Agency-Specific	
Key Activity 4.1.7 Support for research and evidence the biomedical uses at school (ACTIVITY COMPLETED)	UNICEF	MDH	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	150,000.00	150,000.00	\$ -	-	-	Agency-Specific	
Key Activity 4.1.8 Support for the development of an online training of teachers to promote incorporation of nutrition into their curriculum, and providing of healthy meals, safe play and drinks water	UNICEF	MDH	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	25,000.00	25,000.00	\$ -	-	-	Agency-Specific	
Key Activity 4.1.9 Support for research and evidence the biomedical uses at school (ACTIVITY COMPLETED)	UNICEF	MDH	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	60,000.00	60,000.00	\$ -	-	-	Agency-Specific	
Key Activity 4.1.10 Concluding of a rapid needs assessment of young people across the Caribbean during the COVID-19 housing on SHR, including GBV.	UNICEF	MDH	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	20,000.00	20,000.00	\$ -	-	-	Agency-Specific	
Key Activity 4.1.11 Support for the strengthening of the sustainable school feeding programme	UNICEF	MDH	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	60,000.00	60,000.00	\$ -	-	-	Agency-Specific	
Output 4.2 National education campaign on food nutrition expanded			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	63,331	20,000	\$ 18,000	2,000	-	Agency-Specific
Key Activity 4.2.1 Nutrition intervention for preventing overweight, obesity and stunting (systems strengthening, enabling environment and advocacy) - UNICEF's portion is included under activity 4.1.11	UNICEF, PAHO/WHO	INCAP, MHL, MHL, MHL	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	55,331.00	55,331.00	\$ -	-	-	Agency-Specific
Key Activity 4.2.2 Support the conduct of a situational analysis in preparation for the development of a National Nutrition Policy	PAHO/WHO	MDH	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	5,000	3,000	\$ 2,000	2,000	-	Agency-Specific
Key Activity 4.2.3 Support the implementation of the International Code of Marketing of Breast Milk Substitutes	PAHO/WHO, UNICEF	MDH	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	20,000.00	20,000.00	\$ -	-	-	Agency-Specific

TOTAL PLANNED BUDGET: OUTCOME 4 (including both direct programme cost and indirect support cost)	CFP 2020												CFP 2021				SRIP 2020																
	UNDP	UNICEF	UNEP	WHO	WFP	WFP	WFP	WFP	WFP	WFP	WFP	WFP	UNDP	UNICEF	UNEP	WHO	WFP	WFP	WFP	WFP	WFP	WFP	UNDP	UNICEF	UNEP	WHO	WFP	WFP	WFP	WFP			
	\$ 2,295,673	\$ 2,457,167	\$ 3,841,124	\$ 3,980,000	\$ 1,463,815.00	\$ 1,463,815.00	\$ 1,463,815.00	\$ 1,463,815.00	\$ 1,463,815.00	\$ 1,463,815.00	\$ 1,463,815.00	\$ 1,463,815.00	\$ 2,189,248	\$ 1,217,240	\$ 972,000	\$ 2,246,120.00	\$ 1,894,330.00	\$ 413,000.00	\$ 413,000.00	\$ 662,000.00	\$ 662,000.00	\$ 32,100.00	\$ 32,100.00	\$ 661,604.00	\$ 661,604.00	\$ 74,900.00	\$ 74,900.00	\$ 44,635.00	\$ 44,635.00	\$ 179,600.00	\$ 179,600.00	\$ 47,083.00	\$ 47,083.00

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Breakdown of contributions by funding sources Contributions (USD)

	CIP 2020			
	Total Required	Total Available	Funding Gap	Total Required
FAO	\$130,000.00	\$130,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
IAEA	\$584,723.00	\$584,723.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
ILO	\$84,039.00	\$73,539.00	\$10,500.00	\$32,100.00
IOM	\$284,763.24	\$284,763.24	\$0.00	\$0.00
OHCHR	\$45,000.00	\$28,000.00	\$17,000.00	\$0.00
PAHO/WHO	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,085,500.00
UNDP	\$2,535,823.00	\$2,031,615.00	\$504,208.00	\$2,084,000.00
UNEP	\$664,555.00	\$424,555.00	\$240,000.00	\$500,000.00
UNFPA	\$745,602.00	\$378,041.00	\$367,561.00	\$481,635.00
UNHCR	\$787,200.00	\$424,100.00	\$363,100.00	\$559,400.00
UNICEF	\$3,033,715.00	\$1,800,044.00	\$1,233,671.00	\$3,910,706.00
WFP	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$8,935,420.24	\$6,199,380.24	\$2,736,040.00	\$9,653,341.00
		2020	2021	
Total estimated budget (in USD)	\$ 18,588,761.24	\$ 13,006,868.00		
Funded budget (USD):	\$ 11,192,920.24	\$ 10,151,543.00		
Funding Gap (USD):	\$ 7,395,841.00	\$ 2,855,325.00		

SERP 2020		CIP 2021		
Total Available	Funding Gap	Total Required	Total Available	Funding Gap
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$340,000.00	\$340,000.00	\$0.00
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$305,038.00	\$305,038.00	\$0.00
\$32,100.00	\$0.00	\$15,300.00	\$15,300.00	\$0.00
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$723,583.00	\$723,583.00	\$0.00
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$747,500.00	\$1,338,000.00	\$2,862,000.00	\$2,088,000.00	\$774,000.00
\$2,084,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,728,317.00	\$2,728,317.00	\$0.00
\$0.00	\$500,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$226,635.00	\$255,000.00	\$360,561.00	\$360,561.00	\$0.00
\$540,430.00	\$18,970.00	\$1,200,000.00	\$934,460.00	\$265,540.00
\$1,362,875.00	\$2,547,831.00	\$1,732,246.00	\$1,045,746.00	\$686,500.00
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$4,993,540.00	\$4,659,801.00	\$10,267,045.00	\$8,541,005.00	\$1,726,040.00



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