

UNICEF Approach to Implementing Partnership Management in the Context of the COVID-19 Pandemic



Guiding Principles and Efficiency Measures

COVID-19 response: With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, UNICEF has issued new simplification and efficiency measures to streamline our work with civil society partners.

- Budget flexibility
- Adaptive programming
- Partner interaction
- UN harmonization

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- **Activation of contingency Programme Documents**
- **Re-Programming:** UNICEF welcomes consideration of amendments to timelines (e.g. no-cost extension) and programme activities/strategies (e.g. reprogramming) to minimize impact on CSO personnel, maximize relevance of programme activities, and ensure judicious use of funds through [Programme Document Amendments](#).
- **Budget flexibility:** Partners may adjust activity-level budgets by up to 20% **without any additional documentation or prior UNICEF approval**, provided there is no increase to the overall budget of the Programme Document.
- **Simpler documentation:** New partnerships for up to a 12-month period may be processed using the simplified [Humanitarian Programme Document template](#).
- **Faster budget development:** UNICEF and partners may establish a flat rate to calculate “effective and efficient programme management costs.”
- **Faster internal review:** Both new Programme Documents and amendments to existing Programme Documents undergo an expedited UNICEF internal review process.

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- **UN Partner Portal and harmonized UN due diligence:** UNICEF offices post new partnership opportunities on the [UN Partner Portal](#). Partners who have created profiles on the [UN Partner Portal](#) and have signed partnerships with UNHCR or WFP are exempt from additional UNICEF due diligence verification.
- **Eligible costs:** UNICEF recognizes that partners may have incurred expenses for activities that can no longer be conducted (e.g. cancelled travel) or may incur additional costs during programme implementation related to safety measures and the protection of staff. UNICEF will recognize such expenses as eligible costs.
- **Postponement of non-critical assurance requirements and allowance of remote modalities:** UNICEF offices and partners prioritize programmatic and financial assurance for critical, life-saving interventions. Where in-person programmatic visits and on-site spot checks cannot be conducted, UNICEF and partners should explore the possibility of remote assurance activities.
- **Digital and e-mail signature:** Partners may submit scanned copies of Programme Documents and FACE forms for processing by UNICEF.

Partnership Opportunities

To apply for a partnership opportunity with any agency, [register](#) and [login](#) onto the UN Partner Portal.

Title	Country	Agency	Sectors	Date Posted	Submission Deadline
Health and nutrition assistance for refugees and asylum seekers in Sudan	Sudan	UNHCR	Health, Nutrition	05-May-20	24-May-20
Skills Development and Engagement of Young People in Iraq	Iraq	UNICEF	Livelihoods	05-May-20	31-May-20
Strengthening life-saving gender-based violence (GBV) prevention and response services in Mayendit South County, Unity State	South Sudan	UNICEF	Protection	01-May-20	12-May-20
Protecting Women and Girls in South Sudan: Addressing GBV as a Catalyst for Peace in Bor, Jonglei State	South Sudan	UNICEF	Protection	01-May-20	20-May-20
UNICEF contribution to Peacebuilding Fund Programming (PBF) in Darfur, Sudan	Sudan	UNICEF	Protection, WASH and Environment, Cross Sectoral Areas, Education	29-Apr-20	19-May-20
Appui à la prévention et à la prise en charge de la Malnutrition Aiguë Sévère dans le district sanitaire de Tillia, Région de Tahoua	Niger	UNICEF	Nutrition	28-Apr-20	08-May-20