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Full Text

The Permanent Forum requests that UNICEF operationalize and implement its strategic framework on indigenous and minority children and report to the Forum in 2012 on measures undertaken to that end.

Comments

Based on the advice received during its comprehensive dialogue with the Forum, UNICEF proceeded with the development of its programme strategy on indigenous and minority issues to guide country offices in programming with national partners in the area. It has to-date (January 2012) developed draft principles and programme guidance. The Principles and Programme Guidance will operate within the context of a broader effort to improve programming and strategies for marginalized and excluded children. An Advisory Team consisting of a group of internal and external experts (including indigenous youth, relevant caucuses of the Permanent Forum and other organizations, institutions and networks) will be reviewing the various drafts of the Programme Guidance. After incorporating comments received from the Forum, the Programme Guidance will be piloted in the first year, with the involvement of UNICEF Headquarters, Regional Offices and two countries each per region. The pilot will be used as a strategy to facilitate integration of the Programme Guidance into the work of regional and country offices. The experience of this first year will be used to improve and finalize the Guidance and ensure that it remains a practical tool for the design with partners of programmes for indigenous and minority children. UNICEF Country and Regional Offices will be expected to adopt or adapt the broad

principles and strategies to suit their differing circumstances (e.g. economic, social, political, legal systems and emergencies).

Area of Work

Indigenous Children and Youth, Cooperation