

Total Budget:	USD 4,000,000		
Budget by Agency:	UNICEF: 2,214,170	FAO: 782,170	WHO: 1,003,660
Participating Gov. Entities:	Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Health		
Start Date:	26 January 2010	Approval Date:	24 July 2009
Est. End Date:	26 January 2013	Signature Date:	14 December 2009
Disbursements:	First Disbursement:	26 January 2010	USD 872,915
	Second Disbursement:		
	Third Disbursement:		
In Brief:	<p>The proposed Joint Programme by UNICEF, WHO and FAO will improve the nutritional status of infants and young children in Albania, with special focus on resource-poor population segments. It will thereby contribute to the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals, in particular MDG1, by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> strengthening the Government of Albania's managerial and technical capacity to prevent and address the immediate and underlying causes of under nutrition; delivering better and more equitable child and maternal food, health and nutrition services; developing and including a public health nutrition module in ongoing education of primary health care workers; and improving the monitoring, surveillance and regulation systems in a more sustainable way. 		

Outcomes:

- National capacities strengthened to incorporate nutritional objectives into sectoral policies and programmes.
- Cross sectoral interventions addressing malnutrition are developed, tested and implemented in target areas.
- National capacities strengthened to deliver nutrition services to the public.



Regions of Intervention:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National and Regional: Kukës and Shkodër Prefectures, and in 2 peri-urban Municipalities of Tirana 	
MDGs	MDG1 T1.C	
Beneficiaries	Direct	Indirect
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. Institutions No. Women No. Men No. ethnic groups 	23 36,000 34,000 0	6 175,000 175,000 0

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Status	The programme is still completing its inception phase. Nevertheless, the programme has advanced on key preparatory activities. In addition National and Regional consensus building workshops have been conducted strengthening the understanding of the importance of intersectoral actions to tackle nutrition and food security issues.												
Estimated financial execution status as of the June 30, 2010 semi-annual report:	<table border="0"> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> Disbursed Budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.81 % over the Total approved budget • 12.57 % over transferred budget </td> <td style="vertical-align: top; padding-left: 20px;"> Committed Budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6.60 % over the Total approved budget • 29.55 % over transferred budget </td> </tr> </table>	Disbursed Budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.81 % over the Total approved budget • 12.57 % over transferred budget 	Committed Budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6.60 % over the Total approved budget • 29.55 % over transferred budget 										
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Main Achievements:	Since JP is still in its inception phase none to report yet.												
Other important achievements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National and Regional (Shkodra and Kukes) consensus building workshops were conducted in May-June 2010. 220 participants including representatives of all line ministries, governmental specialized institutions, regional authorities, and health care and agriculture providers discussed the situation on nutrition and food security and recognised the importance of intersectoral actions to tackle malnutrition, promote balanced nutrition and ensure food security. The Ministers attending the event endorsed a Memorandum of Understanding for Food and Nutrition. • The JP finalized the preparatory phase of the joint nutrition survey that will provide information on causes of anaemia, gender and food security issues, knowledge, attitudes and practices of families for nutrition in Albania. • The JP finalized the preparatory phase of the joint survey that will provide information on knowledge gaps of Primary Health Care Providers on anaemia and nutrition. • Contacts were established with the Faculty of Medicine and a technical working group was created for the development of a public health curriculum for pre-service training. ▪ PMC established by Ministerial Order, 44 dated 22.01.2010, with representatives from MoH, MoA, IPH, INSTAT, Private Sector. ▪ JP finalized the preparatory phase of the joint nutrition survey (questionnaire, plan of survey, methodology, time line) that will provide information on causes of anemia, gender and food security issues, knowledge, attitudes and practices of families for nutrition in Albania, as well as the survey that will provide information on knowledge gaps of Primary Health Care Providers on anemia and nutrition. ▪ Contacts were established with the Faculty of Medicine and a technical working group was created for the development of a public health curriculum for pre-service training. • Preparatory phase for curricula completed - contacts with Faculty of Medicine on development pre-service curricula and working group established. • 												
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Does the JP include gender specific indicators in the monitoring plan?(example)													
Does the JP mention gender relationships as part of the challenges analyzed? (specify)													