

Bratislava, 12 December 2023

Dear Jan Mazur,

Pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding concluded between the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the Metropolitan Institute of Bratislava, on 2 November 2022, and the subsequent Letter of Exchange on Amendments to the Work Plan signed on 22 December 2022, dated on 11 August 2023, UNICEF and Metropolitan Insitute of Bratislava confirm the following amendment(s):

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| <b>Programme reference # and title</b> | SVK/MIB/2022/002<br>Streets for Kids   |
| <b>Type of amendment</b>               | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Type 1:</b> Corrections in the programme document due to typos or administrative error<br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Type 2:</b> Changes to the budget of activities resulting in a change in the UNICEF contribution ≤20% of previously approved cash and/or supplies, with or without changes to the programme results<br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Type 3:</b> Changes to the budget of activities resulting in a change in the UNICEF contribution >20% of previously approved cash and/or supplies, with or without changes to the programme results<br><b>Type 4:</b> Changes to planned results, population or geographical coverage of the programme with no change in UNICEF contribution<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Type 5:</b> No cost extension<br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Type 6:</b> Other, please specify: _____  |
| <b>Rationale for the amendment</b>     | <p>The amendment to the work plan including a no-cost extension and changes to planned results is required to support the partner to fully implement the agreed programme. The extension in necessary primarily due to (1) Partner's need of UNICEF assistance at ensuring sustainability of the response interventions beyond the RRO presence in country, and (2) Challenges with the funds' spending within the time of the workplan, which are explained in more detail on the following lines:</p> <p><u>Activity 1.2 – Implementation of integration activities through tactical urbanism</u></p> <p>The planned interventions in 5 neighbourhoods – in context of both. tactical urbanism and de-barrierization - were the follow up actions of the participatory activities. The partner cooperated with 4 local city district authorities (two sites are within one city district) and their administrations. Due to the administrative obstacles and political disagreement in some of the proposed solutions, some activities were not implemented according to the plan and left part of the funds available for the future interventions.</p> |

### Activity 1.3 - Behaviour change activities

In 2023, the partner organized 10 playstreets large-scale events. During the year, given that the reach of these events was higher than expected and the events were successful in terms of attendance (723,734 beneficiaries were reached; 34,463 engaged), the partner also increased the budget for these festivals (WP amendment, 11 August 2023).

Due to success in achieving the goal of promoting meaningful interactions that contribute to social cohesion (via interventions ranging from student's empathy walks, inclusive design workshops, participatory decision making, to parents' involvement via debates and FGDs (Focus group discussions), events designed to engage larger community, or micro-grant schemes) the partner expresses their willingness and commitment to continue this activity with the remaining funds that was impossible to use up in 2023. The partner proposes to expand the events focusing primarily on the element of sustainability in the future, as three events are planned to be organized by the partner (that has plans to mobilize funds beyond 2024), while other organizations and institutions (primarily municipalities and self-governing regions, but not limited to) will be provided MIB's support. The Playstreet Toolkit will serve as a valid and reliable guideline for the future interventions carried out by all committed institutions.

### Activity 5.1 – Monitoring and evaluation

The scope of the work of the evaluation model was approved and the contracted provider priced this work at less than the partner originally expected.

### Activity 6.1 - Communication

The originally planned activities were of a wide range: The partner has built a website platform for spreading the information and for participation and communication between the municipality and the children. This powerful tool of communication and children's empowerment is widely used and available in two languages. In parallel, the partner introduced of the concept of playstreet events, which created a broad space for children's interactions and engagement, while publicizing the narrative on the importance of free play and socially inclusive and safe environment for children.



Since the part of the transformation of the physical public space (de-barrierization) that was foreseen in advance has not been completely realised as a result of Activity 1.2 (see above), the partner is left with unspent resources and capacities that the Metropolitan Institute intends to use for the fulfilment of the objectives in the development and sustainability of the project plans in proposed part of the coming year.

#### Activity 7.1 – Project management

Due to the administration obstacles, the partner was not able to implement some of the planned de-barrierization activities.

#### **Explanation of the requested allocation of funds.**

The partner asks for the budget transfer of all the unspent funds to the “**Activity 1.3 – Behavioural change activities**” (see the attached budgeted Work plan). This transfer will enable partner to continue with the playstreet programme, that addresses the need for more socially inclusive, safe, accessible, and attractive environment for all children in Bratislava and other regions of the country.

The original budget line in the workplan consisted of microgrants for the participating schools, playstreet event costs, pedestrian bus production costs and UA translation. The partner plans to continue the programme of playstreet by linking the programme more deeply with local communities, initiatives, and individuals. So, alongside organising more playstreets, the partner plans to explore ways in which local government can support local communities to organise their own bottom-up events that aim at creating more socially inclusive and safe environments for the local children.

Specific activities:

#### **1.3.1 Playstreet events organized by MIB and the Play Pavilion**

- Three playstreets will be organized by the Metropolitan Institute. The goal is to engage the local municipalities as the co-organizers of these events to bring the element of sustainability for the next years as MIB plans to mobilize funds for the activity beyond 2024. This will be achieved by involvement of other organizers and thanks to the toolkit that will be shared and used by all news institutions and organizations (1.3.2 and 1.3.3).

- These events will help us to address the issues in specific neighbourhoods (low quality of public space that would allow for social interactions in general, between the Slovak and Ukrainian children in particular).
- Pavilion is a mobile object that can be placed in any neighbourhood and create an attractive and inclusive place for all children and their caregivers. It accommodates diverse activities that support community life, the free play and enhance inclusiveness of the social environment – children meet on the workshops or small cultural events.
- The partner plans to make use of this infrastructure in creating more accessible and safer spaces for all children – according to the spatial potentials the partner can either place it in the neighbourhoods with planned or implemented playstreets - to support the participation events of simply strengthen the local community

### **1.3.2 Playstreet event supported by MIB**

- Guided by the playstreet toolkit (below) – according to the policy that will be participatively planned, the partner will support communities, organizations, and institutions in creating their own playstreet events

### **1.3.3 The Playstreet toolkit – round tables with professionals, concept creation, know-how dissemination**

- Playstreet follow – up – working on the sustainability of the concept – closer work with the local communities, empowering and enabling them to support free play in their neighbourhoods. The output of this activity will be “The playstreet toolkit” for local communities and municipalities (in Bratislava local city districts) that will be relevant not only for Bratislava, but for other municipalities across Slovakia. It will be developed based on the following activities:
  - o Stakeholder meetings with relevant professionals (educators, child psychologists, local community/ parent groups / NGOs) on the topic of – how to support free play and empower local communities in creating a more inclusive and child-friendly environment in their neighbourhoods
  - o Assembling the document (“The playstreet toolkit”) and the local policy (“How Bratislava helps communities to create a playstreet”)



- Publishing the online document and sharing it with relevant audiences

Two of the three proposed types of interventions (1.3.2 Playstreet events organized by other institutions, 1.3.3. Toolkit development) will contribute significantly to the capacity building of sub-national counterparts; for the four municipalities UNICEF presently partners with, same as for all other governmental and CSO organizations who will find capacity to adopt the successful strategy in the portfolio of their inclusive and cohesive activities in the future.

**Suggested KPIs for the extension for 1Q-3Q 2024**

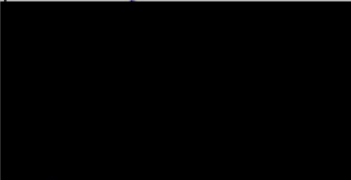
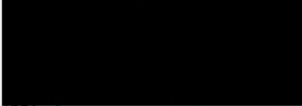
**SBC1 – people reached with messages on prevention and access to services**

- 3 playstreets (organized by MIB) x 20 000
- 5 playstreets (supported by MIB) x 3000
- Playstreet toolkit – 50 000
- **SUM = 125 000**

**SBC2 – people participating in engagement actions for social and behavioural change**

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- Visitors of 3 playstreets (organized by MIB) x 500
- Visitors of 5 playstreets (supported by MIB) x 200
- The goal is to help with organization of approx. **5 playstreets** initiated by the local community as a follow up of our concept development and Playstreet toolkit creation. The partner expects to support on each playstreet all organizations (NGOs, schools, ...) and reach **200 local caregivers, neighbours, and children on each location**
- Playstreet toolkit – **50 professionals** working with children, local individuals or NGOs, other stakeholders engaged in concept development and participating on the policy aimed at increasing the access to free play in urban neighbourhoods
- **SUM = 3000 (2550 in person + 450 for social media engagement)**

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|  | <b>SBC3 - people who shared their concerns and asked questions/clarifications to address their needs through established feedback mechanism</b>   |                                       |
|  | <b>SUM = 1000</b>   |                                       |
|  | The budget explanation:<br>The allocated budget will be spent for all activities and costs necessary for creating. The playstreet toolkit, organization of 3 playstreets and supporting with the organization of the community-initiated playstreets. The budget will cover productions costs (both direct and personal costs), communications costs and coordination of The Play Pavilion costs. |                                       |
|  | Revised programme document dates  | Start date<br><b>22 December 2022</b> |
|  | End date<br><b>31 October 2024</b>  |                                       |
| Attachment   | Following section of the programme document are revised:<br><br><u>Work Plan Budget No-cost extension amendment</u>   |                                       |
| Name of UNICEF Authorized Officer:<br><br>Michaela Bauer<br><br>Title: UNICEF Emergency refugee response country coordinator | Name of the Partner Authorized Officer:<br><br>Jan Mazúr<br><br>Title: Executive Director   |                                       |
| Signature:                                | Signature:    |                                       |
| Date: <u>29-12-23</u>  | Date: <u>18.12.2023</u>   |                                       |

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All terms and conditions of the original LoE remain intact with the proposed extension.

Please confirm your agreement on behalf of the United Nations Children's Fund by dating and sending the enclosed copy of this letter.





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| Activity 4.1                |  |  |  |           |            |   |  |  |  |  |            |  |  |  |            |
|                             | Monitoring and evaluation coordination and data collection - internal experts                                  |  |  | 3,375.00  | 13,500     |   |  |  |  |  | 13,500     |  |  |  |            |
|                             | <b>Sub-Total</b>   |  |  |           | 13,500.00  | - |  |  |  |  | 13,500.00  |  |  |  | 8,744.00   |
| <b>Total OUTPUT 4</b>       | <b>Communication</b>   |  |  |           | 13,500.00  |   |  |  |  |  | 13,500.00  |  |  |  |            |
| Activity 5.1                |  |  |  |           |            |   |  |  |  |  |            |  |  |  |            |
|                             | Communication and production support for the behavioral change activities                                      |  |  |           | 34,500 €   |   |  |  |  |  | 34,500 €   |  |  |  |            |
|                             | Documentation (photo, video report) - 500 x 5 neighborhoods  |  |  |           | 2,500 €    |   |  |  |  |  | 2,500 €    |  |  |  |            |
|                             | <b>Sub-Total</b>   |  |  |           | 37,000.00  | - |  |  |  |  | 37,000.00  |  |  |  | (7,800.00) |
| <b>Total OUTPUT5</b>        | <b>Project management</b>  |  |  |           | 37,000.00  |   |  |  |  |  | 37,000.00  |  |  |  |            |
| <b>Output 6</b>             | <b>Project management</b>  |  |  |           |            |   |  |  |  |  |            |  |  |  |            |
|                             | Project management - staff and other operations costs for effective and efficient management of the programme. |  |  |           |            |   |  |  |  |  |            |  |  |  |            |
|                             | Project coordination and project management  |  |  | 26,105.00 | 96,500.00  |   |  |  |  |  | 96,500.00  |  |  |  |            |
|                             | Other operations costs   |  |  | 6,450.00  | 18,060.00  |   |  |  |  |  | 18,060.00  |  |  |  |            |
|                             | <b>Sub-Total</b>   |  |  |           | 114,560.00 | - |  |  |  |  | 114,560.00 |  |  |  | 26,332.00  |
| <b>Total programme cost</b> |  |  |  |           | 778,130.00 |   |  |  |  |  | 778,130.00 |  |  |  | 78,181.00  |