



MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION

between

the **Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT)**

and

UNITED NATIONS CHILDRENS' FUND (UNICEF)

pertaining to the exchange of best practices and expertise in the production and dissemination of official statistics

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT), represented by its President, Mr Athanasios C. THANOPOULOS, acting in accordance with the Greek Statistical Law 3832/2010, as in force, and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), represented in the Hellenic Republic, by the Representative of the UNICEF Greece Country Office, Luciano Calestini.

hereinafter called the "Parties" have agreed and signed this Memorandum of Cooperation, which defines the areas of their cooperation as regards the production and dissemination of official statistics.

1. Preamble

ELSTAT, as the National Statistical Service of Greece and member of the Hellenic Statistical System (ELSS) and of the European Statistical System (ESS), develops, produces and disseminates official statistics in accordance with the statistical principles of "professional independence", "impartiality", "objectivity", "reliability", "statistical confidentiality" and "cost-effectiveness" as these principles are defined in the Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 as amended by Regulation (EU) No 2015/759 and are developed in the European Statistics Code of Practice as in force.

The UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND ("UNICEF") is an international inter-governmental organization established by the General Assembly of the United Nations by resolution No.57 (1) of 11 December 1946 as a subsidiary organ of the United Nations, having its headquarters at UNICEF House, Three United Nations Plaza, New York, New York, 10017, U.S.A. and having a Greece Country Office in Athens, 81 Agias Lavras & 8-10 Lohagou Spiliotopoulou St, Zografou, 15773, Greece.. As such, the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations, approved by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 13 February 1946 and ratified, entering into force in Greece on 29 December 1947, and is applicable to UNICEF.

UNICEF works with Governments and Civil Society Organizations worldwide to advance children's rights to survival, protection and development, and is guided by the principles articulated in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. For the past 20 years, UNICEF has led global efforts to generate, analyze, and share data for children. Within the scope of UNICEF's Data for Children Strategic Framework, the organization leads the Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey programme and is custodian of 17 Sustainable Development Goal indicators. The organization works with Ministries in key sectors such as health, education, justice and social welfare to strengthen administrative data systems. The UNICEF Greece Country Office works with



government and civil society actors to ensure the rights of all children in Greece are protected and promoted.

2. Objective and scope of cooperation

The Parties recognize the benefits to be derived from mutual cooperation for the improvement in the quality of Greek official statistics. The purpose of this Memorandum is to define the statistical areas in which the Parties desire to cooperate in the future for their mutual benefit.

This Memorandum sets forth the intentions of the Parties for mutual cooperation and does not create any legally binding commitments. If the Parties later agree to undertake specific joint projects, they will develop separate written agreements for such projects, setting out each Party's contributions and responsibilities.

The Parties have defined the following areas of cooperation:

- Methodologies and practices on child-related household surveys, with an emphasis on the collection of data for most at risk groups such as children without parental care, children victims of violence, children with disabilities, refugee and migrant children.
- Availability of, and access to, statistics and data on education with focus on administrative data systems.
- Joint advocacy regarding the availability of data for all children ensuring inclusion and equity and in accordance with SDGs. Promotion of children's data privacy based on national and EU standards.

In this framework, the Parties may undertake the following:

- Exchange manuals, methodological reports, templates of questionnaires, metadata and other relevant material regarding the conduct of the above surveys and the production of the above statistics;
- Jointly participate in national and regional meetings to exchange good practices and to disseminate disaggregated data and analysis about the situation of children in Greece.
- Offer an expert exchange opportunity, with the aim of sharing expertise and knowledge on the above areas;
- Launch nationwide joint advocacy and awareness raising campaigns based on available data for children, especially around the issue of SDGs.



3. Cost and confidentiality issues

Each Party will be responsible for the costs related to the use of services provided by the other Party. The present MoU does not imply any legal/or financial commitments or obligations from either Party to the other.

The Parties agree that no confidential information and/or statistical data will be exchanged in the framework of the cooperation pursuant to this Memorandum. If upon mutual agreement exchange of information and/or statistical data is required then this will be in accordance with the national statistical legislation in force and the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), and in respect of the Hellenic Statistical Authority regulations and UNICEF's ethical standards.

4. Additional Terms of the Agreement

Use of ELSTAT and UNICEF name, logo and emblem: Each of the Parties is permitted to use the other's name, logo and emblem, as applicable, solely in connection with this MoU upon written permission of the other party.

Intellectual Property: Except as is otherwise expressly stipulated in this MoU, each party will retain all intellectual property and other proprietary rights including, but not limited to patents, copyrights, and trademarks, with regard to products, processes, inventions, ideas, know-how, or documents and other materials, that the disclosing Party may share with the other Party for the purposes of this collaboration.

5. Duration – Modification/Termination

This Memorandum shall enter into force upon signature by both Parties and it shall be effective for a period of three (3) years, when it shall be reviewed – assessed, and possibly its content will be adjusted with the aim of extending the cooperation between the two Parties or making it more effective.

Any modification or extension of the Memorandum shall be concluded only in written and only after the mutual agreement of the Parties. The deadline of the Memorandum can be modified after the joint decision of the Parties. Each one of the Parties may, at any time, terminate this Memorandum in written by means of a prior thirty (30)-day notice.

This Memorandum has been drawn up in two (2) equal copies and each signatory received one copy.

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