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**Invitation to the
Early Childhood Conference**

Dear Sir/Madam,

UNICEF is pleased to invite you to participate at the conference “**Top Investment in the Future of the Nation – Early Childhood Development (ECD)**”, in Belgrade on **28 September, 2017** at Hotel Hyatt, Milentija Popovića 5.

Serbia has made great strides in helping children to survive, but more investment are needed to help them thrive to their full potential. Over the past five years, UNICEF supported the Government of the Republic of Serbia's health, education and social protection systems in modeling improved services for young children and their parents. While these experiences have proven their effectiveness, they need further investment in sustaining quality and in ensuring a coordinated action for the child and family in need – aiming at having one support plan for one family.

Investments in the first 1000 days of life contribute to building human capital, thereby promoting economic productivity later in life. To this end, the event will focus on the importance of ensuring every child has access to the basic services needed to thrive later in life.

The Conference will provide an opportunity for Serbia to share and learn from strategies aimed at achieving the Sustainable Development Goal Target 4.2: “By 2030, ensure that all girls and boys have access to quality early childhood development, care and pre-primary education so that they are ready for primary education”. Delegates will discuss different strategies such as the need to put in place integrated and inclusive early childhood and care policies and programmes supported by effective coordination among different partners responsible for health, nutrition, social and child protection, and education.

The Conference aims to connect over 600 participants including high-level policymakers, ECD professionals, academics, practitioners and all others interested in early childhood matters from Serbia and beyond, to share and learn from examples of ECD policies, program and research. The Conference will serve as a platform for sharing new developments as well as introduce stakeholders in new initiatives related to early years' policy and programming.

We kindly ask that you register using following links: [Registration form in English language](#) and [Registration form in Serbian language](#). The draft agenda is also attached for your easy reference.

We are looking forward to your participation and active engagement to ensure that every single child in the Republic of Serbia has access to the services needed to thrive later in life.

Yours sincerely,



Michel Saint-Lot
Representative

Neformalni prevod

Poštovani/e,

Sa velikim zadovoljstvom vas pozivamo na konferenciju „Najbolja investicija u budućnost nacije – razvoj dece najmlađeg uzrasta“. Konferencija će se održati 28.09.2017. u hotelu Hajat, ul. Milentija Popovića 5, u Beogradu.

Srbija je napravila velike korake u povećanju broja dece koja ostvaruju pravo na život, opstanak i razvoj, ali je potrebno više investicija kako bi im se pomoglo da ostvare svoj pun potencijal. Tokom proteklih pet godina, UNICEF je podržao sisteme zdravstva, obrazovanja i socijalne zaštite Vlade Republike Srbije u modelovanju poboljšanih usluga za decu i njihove roditelje. Iako su ova iskustva dokazala svoju efektivnost, potrebna su dodatna ulaganja. Ona treba da osiguraju koordiniranu akciju za decu i porodice koje imaju potrebu za podrškom, kroz pravljenje zajedničkog plana za dete i porodicu i druge pristupe.

Investicije u prvih 1000 dana života doprinose izgradnji ljudskog kapitala, čime se promoviše ekonomska produktivnost kasnije u životu. Zbog toga će se konferencija fokusirati na to kako da se osigura da svako dete ima pristup osnovnim uslugama koje su potrebne za uspeh kasnije u životu.

Konferencija će biti prilika za razmenu iskustava i učenje na osnovu primene strategija usmerenih ka postizanju potcilja održivog razvoja br. 4.2: " Do kraja 2030. obezbediti da sve devojčice i dečaci imaju pristup kvalitetnom razvoju u ranom detinjstvu, brizi i predškolskom obrazovanju kako bi se pripremili za osnovno obrazovanje". Delegati će razgovarati o različitim strategijama kao što je potreba za uspostavljanjem integrisanih i inkluzivnih politika i programa za rano detinjstvo i negu, podržanih efektivnom koordinacijom među različitim partnerima odgovornim za zdravlje, ishranu, socijalnu i dječiju zaštitu i obrazovanje.

Konferencija će okupiti oko 600 učesnika, uključujući i donosiocce odluka, stručnjake iz oblasti ranog razvoja, akademske radnike, praktičare i sve ostale zainteresovane za pitanja ranog detinjstva iz Srbije i šire, kako bi delili i naučili iz primera politika, programa i istraživanja. Konferencija će poslužiti kao platforma za razmenu novih razvojnih pravaca, kao i upoznavanje svih zainteresovanih strana sa novim inicijativama vezanim za politiku i programiranje u ranom detinjstvu/uzrastu.

Ljubazno vas molimo da se prijavite za učešće na Konferenciji putem sledećih linkova: [Registracioni formular na engleskom jeziku](#) i [Registracioni formular na srpskom jeziku](#). U prilogu možete naći i nacrt programa Konferencije.

Radujemo se vašem učešću i aktivnom angažovanju kako bismo osigurali da svako dete u Republici Srbiji ima pristup uslugama koje su potrebne za kasniji uspeh u životu.

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