

Evaluation of the
impact
of UNICEF Bulgaria
project
Family for Every Child
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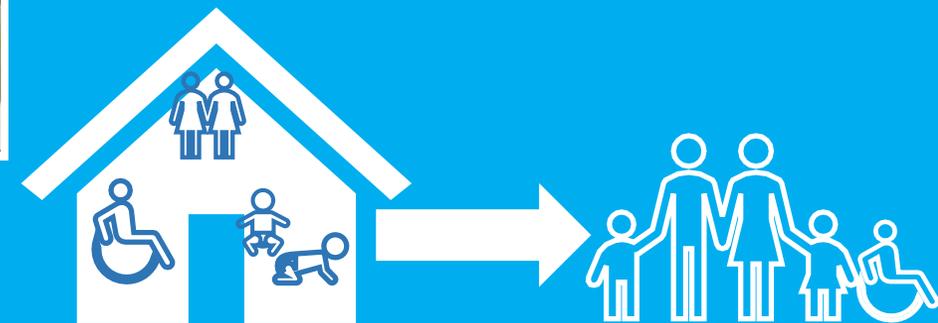
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The evaluation

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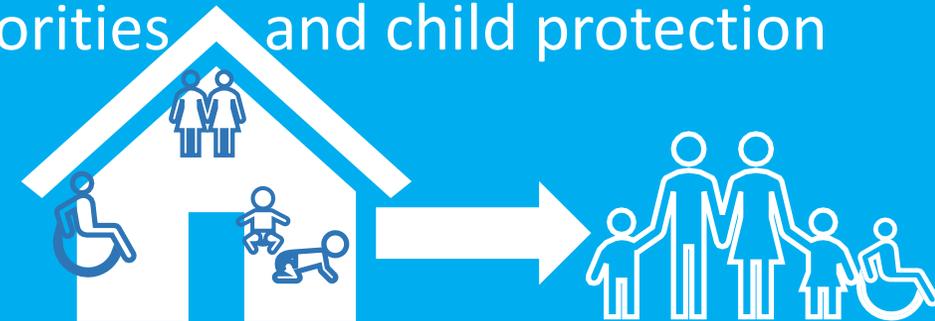


The project

The aim: to create a network of services and measures in support of parents and families of young children aged 0-3 years, thus leading to the sustainable closure of one concrete infant home and to contribute for reducing family separation of young children and improving child development outcomes in the region of Shumen, Bulgaria, as well as to inform and influence national policies

The objectives:

- Ensure care in a family environment for the children placed in the infant home in the region of Shumen, Bulgaria
- Develop a new model of integrated services for family support in the region to prevent children aged up to 3 years to be placed in residential care
- Support the capacity strengthening of the local authorities and child protection system to secure best interest of the child

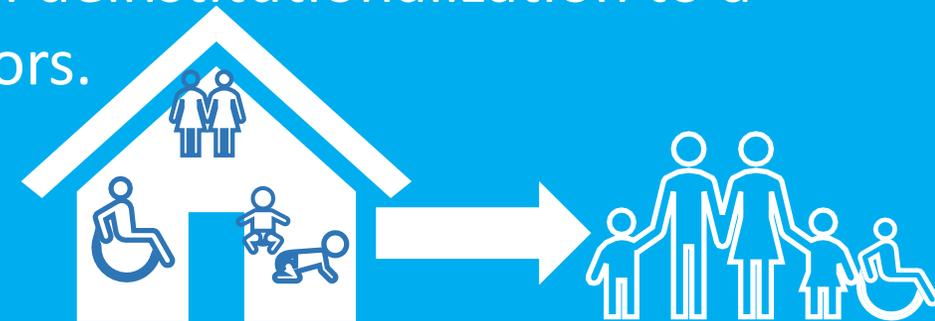


The evaluation

The evaluation has assessed the approach, results, resources and impact of the Family for every child project and has explored the implementation of the project on two levels 1) UNICEF performance; and 2) Service delivery for children and families.

Scope was focused mainly on the closure of the Shumen Infant Home and the network of core services to replace it - Family Counselling Centres ; Infant (and other) Foster Care Services; Centre for Maternal and Child Health; Child Protection Departments capacity

UNICEF Bulgaria appeared to have moved the project design conceptually during the project implementation away from the narrow focus on deinstitutionalization to a focus on wider system change in health and social sectors.



Some key points/ project findings

- Placement of young children in families and not in residential care.
- Piloting of FC for babies & new-borns and support for national scale-up.
- The importance of complex work at community level: including family planning, access to health and education services, ECD, prevention of school drop-out, prevention and response to VAC.
- The most challenging for the various systems was the work with children with disabilities.
- Moving the focus on development of a network of services and sustainability rather than 'closure of the infant home'.
- The support and influence on national and regional policies and funding.

