

Press Release

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UNICEF and NCC in new partnership to provide more children with clean water

UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund) and NCC - the Nordic construction and property development company have launched a new partnership today. NCC is financially supporting UNICEF's water and sanitation programmes in China and Timor-Leste. In addition the partnership aims at helping implement a child rights perspective in city development.

The newly adopted [Sustainable Development Goals](#) will require co-operation between all stakeholders in society and the private sector plays an important role in the fulfilment of the goals by 2030. Inspired by this, the partnership between UNICEF and NCC aims at contributing to the goals around water which is an important prerequisite for sustainable cities.

Reduced access to safe water leads to water-borne diseases that can be fatal to children. Providing clean water and adequate sanitation is a priority for UNICEF. In 2015, thanks to UNICEF's efforts, nearly 14 million children and their families were provided with clean water and 11 million with basic toilets.

“NCC wants to have an impact on child survival and child health by supporting UNICEF's efforts to improve water and sanitation services. NCC is largely dependent on water both in the Nordic countries and indirectly through sourcing of products in other parts of the world, especially in Southeast Asia and we want to increase our focus on water connected to our own business”, says Christina Lindbäck, Senior vice President of sustainability at NCC.

The funds provided by NCC will help provide children in China and Timor-Leste with safe water, access to sanitation and knowledge in hygiene.

Moreover, in the planning and development of sustainable cities, there is a need to consider the rights of children. NCC and UNICEF will therefore also explore innovative ways of developing inclusive and sustainable cities. Many of the projects undertaken by NCC, including the construction of schools, pre-schools and sport halls, have a direct impact on the lives of children.

“As a key stakeholder in urban development, NCC has a larger impact on children than you might expect. Much can be achieved to promote children's rights when we join forces, says Véronique Lönnerblad”, Executive Director at UNICEF Sweden.

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About UNICEF. UNICEF promotes the rights and wellbeing of every child, in everything we do. Together with our partners, we work in 190 countries and territories to translate that commitment into practical action, focusing special effort on reaching the most vulnerable and excluded children, to the benefit of all children, everywhere.