



October 5, 2020

To whom it may concern,

Subject: LETTER OF INTEREST TO JOIN THE GLOBAL ALLIANCE TO ELIMINATE LEAD PAINT

It is with pleasure that we submit this Letter of Interest to become a member of the *Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint*. Climate change and environmental degradation undermine the rights of every child. Lead is particularly dangerous to children, with potential life-long implications for their health and cognitive development. UNICEF is very concerned about the impact that this is having on children's futures and will work closely with partners to address it in the countries where we work.

Becoming a member of the *Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint* will allow UNICEF to contribute many of our strengths to address this problem. UNICEF brings to the partnership strong technical expertise in children's health, programme communications and implementation capacity in over 150 countries, as well as a global and national advocacy capacity for concrete solutions to address the issue.

As a member, UNICEF will strive to:

- Raise awareness of the health impacts on children of exposure to lead in paint as well as other sources;
- Work with partners across public sector, private sector and civil society to improve the capacity for monitoring and recording blood lead levels in children, especially where risks of lead exposure are prevalent;
- Improve awareness to reduce risks of exposure to lead in paint as well as other sources;
- And work with governments interested in establishing legal limits on lead paint, in line with WHO and UNEP recommendations.

We understand that this letter of intent is not legally binding and that a copy of this letter of commitment and the name of UNICEF will be publicly listed on the *Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint* website.

Yours sincerely,

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