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• Preparation of the TransMonEE database 2011. Data quality control, calculation of indicators with standardized methodologies. Work on (comparable) definitions of the indicators. Interaction with the NSOs correspondents.

iii) New activities

• Continued revision of the data templates and of the database to improve the quality/quantity/relevance of the provided information to monitor children related issues in the region.**3.3.5 Indicators related to the Millennium Development Goals (UNICEF - CEE CIS)**

Strengthen child-sensitive M&E systems, through development of DevInfo-based regional and national databases

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Priority objective and new activities for 2012:

Support to countries in updating and expanding their national databases will be continued. MONEEInfo will be updated with 2011 data.

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i) Ongoing methodological work

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More than 45 countries around the world have already committed to participate in the fourth round of MICS. In CEECIS Region, 9 countries are implementing MICS4 (Belarus, Bosnia & Herzegovina, FYROM, Kazakhstan, Republic of Moldova, Serbia, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan) with final reports of Serbia and Kazakhstan being currently finalized. In three countries (Serbia, BiH and FYROM) MICS was also conducted among the Roma sample, selected independently from the national sample.

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