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Ms. Tamar Barkalaia
Deputy Minister of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories,
Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia
144, Ak. Tsereteli Ave.

Dear Ms. Tamar Barkalaia,

UNICEF in partnership with the National Statistics Office of Georgia, National Center for Disease Control and Public Health and Government of Georgia has conducted Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS). The survey collects the largest source of statistically sound and internationally comparable data on women and children worldwide and the SDGs. The fieldwork of the survey was completed in December 2018. The modality of this project now allows us to move forward to its next phase, namely, the Data Interpretation and Report Compilation (DIRC) workshop. The DIRC workshop operates as a tool for national experts to validate findings of the survey. The work will be done in small thematic groups where workshop participants will assess findings with the objective of producing a validated first draft of the Survey Findings Report. The workshop is planned to be held from April 30th – May 4th, in Ambassadori Kachreti.

Among other indicators, MICS6 also collects data on violence, functional characteristics, social transfers and child development issues. Participation of the representatives of your ministry is requested to cover the topics related to adult and Child functioning, children's living arrangements and equitable chance in life. The relevant sessions will be held from 2 – 4th of May of May. For your easy reference, please find attached program of the workshop.

UNICEF will be covering the costs of full board accommodation. In case of transportation needs, UNICEF is ready to provide such support.

We would appreciate if you kindly nominate one representative from your ministry to participate in the abovementioned session dates. We look forward receiving the names and contact information of the candidates by 25rd of April to Ekaterine Tsereteli at etsereteli@unicef.org mobile number: +995 593 942034.

Yours Sincerely,

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