

## 2. Considerations for Posting a Partnership Opportunity on UNPP

UNPP can be used to post an open selection partnership opportunity that is publicly viewable by all CSOs. UNPP can also be used to post a direct selection partnership opportunity that is only viewable by the intended CSO chosen for the direct selection.

The UNICEF CSO Procedure allows both open and direct selection. FRG's 2017 global quality review of civil society partnerships found that in 90% of partnerships sampled, the direct selection approach was used. Surveys with Country Offices found that one of the primary reasons why direct selection is so frequently used is because of the absence of a supportive platform to facilitate the posting of open selection opportunities. It is anticipated that with the rollout of UNPP, one of the bottlenecks to more frequently using open selection will be removed.

Whether a Country Office opts for an open selection or direct selection approach for a given partnership opportunity will depend on the office's assessment of how best comparative advantage can be obtained, and how the highest quality results for children can be delivered.

The decision to post an open or direct selection partnership opportunity on UNPP should take place after:

- The office has determined that partnership with a civil society implementing partner is the best way of achieving the intended results. If the intended programme results could be better achieved using another modality (e.g. by implementing through government ministries/agencies or by entering into a procurement relationship to contract the services of an individual or institutional service provider), then UNPP should not be used.
- The office has determined that the partnership opportunity it would like to post is linked to the office's Country Programme Document and Annual Work Plan, and funds are available to support the intended partnership.