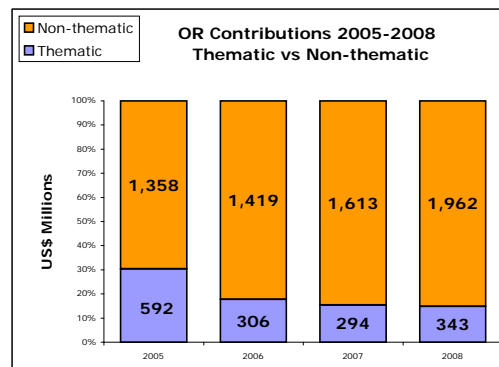
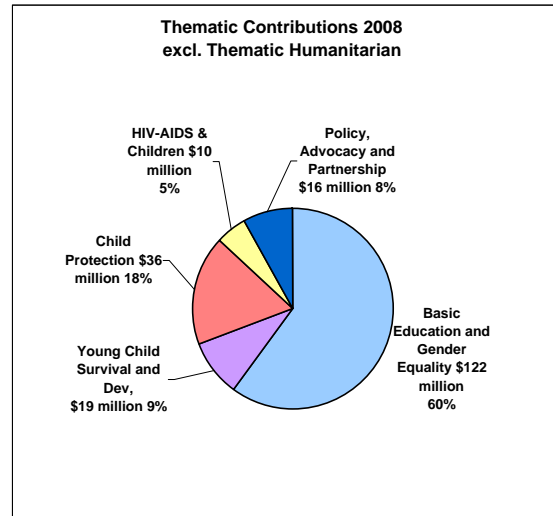
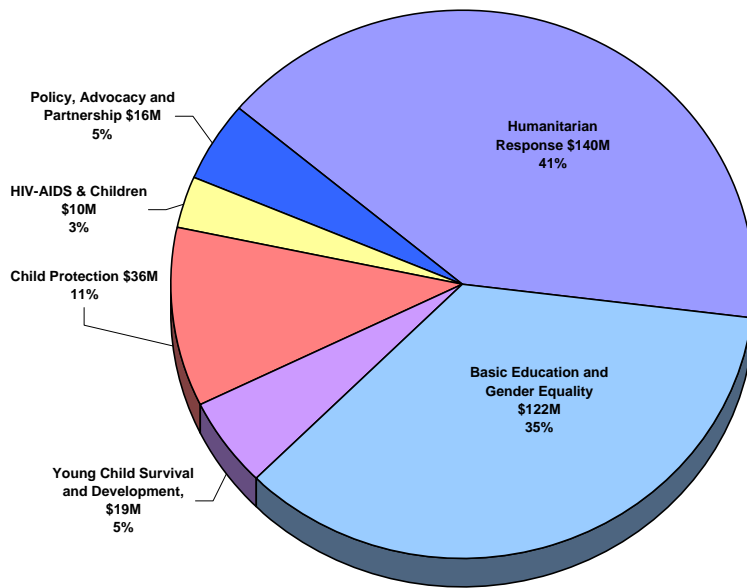


**Breakdown of Thematic Contributions by
Medium-Term Strategic Plan (MTSP) Priorities**

Thematic Contributions 2008: US\$343 million



Thematic OR funds allow UNICEF to programme more responsively, based on country and global priorities, without having to negotiate project agreements and conditions. Thematic funds are pooled and designed to have fewer restrictions on their use than traditional OR. They allow for longer term planning and lower transaction costs for UNICEF. Since its inception in 2003, thematic funding has increased from about US\$30 million to US\$343 million in 2008. As a proportion of total OR income, thematic funding comprised only 3% in 2003 and reached 15% in 2008.

Definition: Thematic contributions are pooled funds categorized as “Other Resources” and are applied by UNICEF upon receipt of cash from a donor to support the achievement of results in a thematic area. The six thematic funding areas for the MTSP 2006-2011 are as follows:

1. Young Child Survival and Development
2. Basic Education and Gender Equality
3. HIV/AIDS and Children
4. Child Protection from Violence, Exploitation and Abuse
5. Policy, Advocacy and Partnership for Children’s Rights
6. Humanitarian Response

Thematic contributions are received against country programmes approved by the Executive Board. No specific proposals are requested by the donor. The pooled funds are allocated to achieve the organizational targets in the respective MTSP focus areas/themes. There is a more flexible time span for using these contributions, which helps to reduce transaction costs. A thematic contribution can be made by donors in three ways:

- Unrestricted global thematic contribution: Donors determine only the theme.
- Region-specific thematic contribution: Donors stipulate both the theme and the recipient region.
- Country-specific thematic contribution: Donors specify both the theme and the recipient country.