

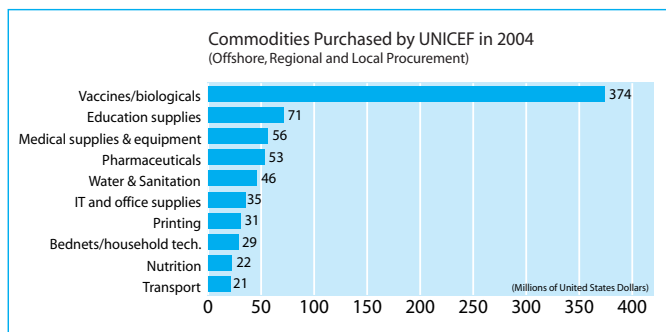
# SUPPLY DIVISION

## SUPPLIES FOR CHILDREN - IN FIGURES

Supplies are essential to the implementation of the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals, UNICEF's priorities for children and the fulfilment of child rights. UNICEF supplies must meet high standards for quality and value, and be delivered in a timely manner. Supply Division is responsible for overseeing UNICEF's global procurement and logistics operation, and for making sure that procurement by UNICEF's offices covering 157 countries and territories follows all organizational regulations and ethical standards.

In 2004, **UNICEF procured \$797 million worth of supplies** for the programmes it supports and partners. Additionally, the organization processed **freight services worth \$43 million**, and received **in-kind assistance worth \$10.5 million**. Warehouse operations managed from Copenhagen and including the emergency supply hubs in Dubai and Johannesburg, **shipped out over \$76 million worth of supplies**, and some **125,000 kits were produced**.

### WHAT UNICEF BUYS GLOBALLY



Supporting immunization programmes against common childhood diseases such as polio and measles represents the organization's greatest supply expense. In 2004, **UNICEF procured vaccines for 40**

**per cent of children in developing countries**, the equivalent of 2.8 billion doses, worth \$374 million. A total of 500 million auto-disable syringes, for \$27 million, were also procured. Along with a vaccination against measles, vitamin A is often given to children from six months to 14 years of age to boost their immune systems. **UNICEF shipped \$9.3 million worth of vitamin A capsules** to 75 countries in 2004, \$8.3 million of which was donated, representing some 500 million capsules.

### Top 20 UNICEF warehouse items shipped in 2004

Item	Quantity
Pencil,black	28.5 million
Book,exercise, A5, ruled	17.6 million
Eraser,soft,for pencil	11.9 million
Pen,ball-point,blue	9.2 million
Pencil sharpener,plastic	7.6 million
Book,exercise, A5, squared	6.9 million
Pen,ball-point,black	6.1 million
Pen,ball-point,red	5.9 million
Bag,carrier, A4,interlock seal	4 million
Crayon,wax,assorted colours	3.8 million
Pencil for slates	3.6 million
Tetracycline eye ointment	3 million
Book,exercise, A4	2.2 million
Slate,student's, A4	1.9 million
Syringe,A-D,0.5ml,Soloshot	1.6 million
Chalk,white	1.4 million
Amoxicillin powder/ oral suspension (penicillin)	1.1 million
Book,exercise,A4,ruled	1 million
Sulfamethoxazole with trimethoprim (antibacterial) 100 + 20mg tabs	0.9 million
Bandage,gauze	0.8 million

In the fight against HIV/AIDS, UNICEF is committed to making treatment more available and accessible to children and their parents in need. The organization procured **over \$21 million worth of HIV/AIDS-related supplies** in 2004. Of this amount, \$18.4 million was for antiretroviral medicines in 39 countries, and \$2.9 million was for HIV/AIDS-related test kits and diagnostic equipment.

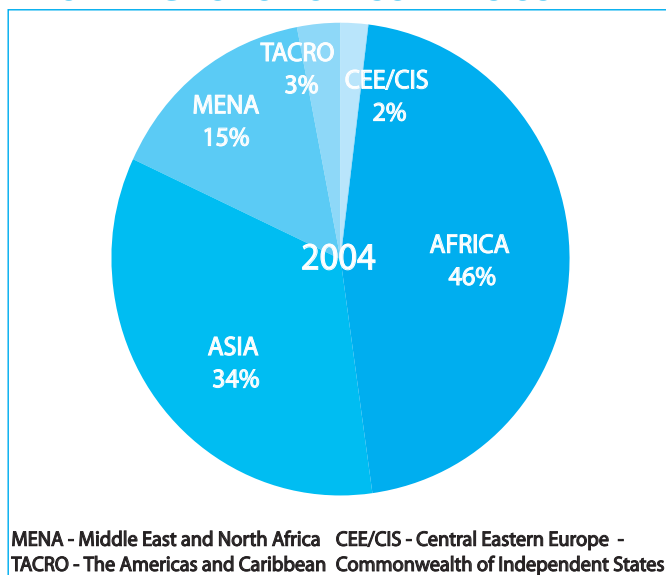
UNICEF is a leader in bringing safe water and sanitation facilities to children, their families and schools in 91 countries. The organization procured **water, environment and sanitation equipment worth \$46 million** in 2004, including expenditure of \$9 million on the rehabilitation of fresh drinking water systems in Iraq.

**Nutrition supplies accounted for \$22 million** worth of UNICEF procurement during the year. This included \$5.3 million worth of therapeutic food, \$1.2 million of iron and folic acid supplements for pregnant women, over \$1 million of potassium iodate to fortify salt and over \$4.6 million worth of UNIMIX (a supplementary food for children with added vitamins and minerals).

**UNICEF is the largest buyer of mosquito nets (against malaria) in the world**, procuring 7.3 million nets in 2004, the majority being long-lasting insecticidal nets. Supply Division also procured \$6.7 million worth of artemisinin-based combination therapies over the year providing 11.6 million individual treatments.

In 2004, for the third year in a row, **education supplies** represented UNICEF's second highest procurement expense, **at \$71 million**. The organization procured education kits for nearly 10 million children, including its contribution to major back-to-school initiatives for 6 million children in Iraq and for 2.3 million children in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

**PERCENTAGE OF UNICEF SUPPLIES USED IN:**



The year was marked by a high-level of **procurement for emergencies, totalling \$60 million**. Supplies worth \$29 million were sent to the Darfur region of Sudan and Eastern Chad, and included, amongst other items, 3.9 million doses of measles vaccine for a region-wide campaign in June.

**WHERE UNICEF BUYS SUPPLIES**

TOP 20 SUPPLIER COUNTRIES 2004 (millions of United States Dollars)			
Belgium .....	190	Kenya.....	14
India .....	106	China .....	12
France .....	73	South Africa.....	12
Denmark .....	58	Republic of Korea .....	10
Italy.....	38	Sweden .....	8
United Kingdom .....	27	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	7
Germany .....	21	Finland .....	7
Japan .....	20	Ethiopia .....	7
United States .....	19	Sudan.....	7
Switzerland .....	15	United Rep.of Tanzania ...	6

UNICEF places great emphasis on fair, open and ethical procurement. Of the top 20 supplier countries in 2004, eight are also countries where UNICEF supports programmes. Indeed, **one third of UNICEF's total procurement is from suppliers in developing countries**.

2004 was a record year for **warehouse** activities, with **total throughput reaching \$76 million**, including \$59.7 million worth of supplies from the warehouse in Copenhagen and \$6.5 million worth of goods from the emergency warehouse hubs in Dubai and Johannesburg. In addition, Supply Division managed nearly **8,000 sea and air shipments** during the year, including 32 full charters.

UNICEF Procurement Services works with governments and other partners to help them in their own efforts to procure supplies for children and their communities. In 2004, procurement on behalf of **Procurement Services** customers totalled **\$235 million including freight**, and commodities are now shipped to over 90 countries around the world. Vaccines accounted for 76 per cent of the total value, but areas such as pharmaceuticals, mosquito nets, medical and laboratory equipment show clear signs of growth. Antiretroviral medicines to fight HIV/AIDS bought through Procurement Services totalled over \$18 million in 2004, for example.

More detailed information on UNICEF supplies can be found in the Supply Division Annual Report 2004, and on the UNICEF website at [www.unicef.org/supply](http://www.unicef.org/supply).