UNICEF’s HUMANITARIAN ACTION
Orientation Session
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Humanitarian Action Central to UNICEF’s Work

Children and women are most affected in humanitarian situations

UNICEF is on the ground before, during and after emergencies.


Humanitarian action is central to our equity focus and is a priority of our Strategic Plan cutting across the goal areas.

UNICEF supports countries to respond to over 300 humanitarian situations per year.
UNICEF’s Core Commitments for Children in Humanitarian Action (CCCs)

Health

Nutrition

Water, Sanitation & Hygiene

Education

Child Protection

HIV and AIDS
HUMANITARIAN CONTEXT

- Protracted conflicts
- Children on the move
- Children under attack
- Collapse of public services
- Complex emergencies: conflict, climate, disease
- Devastating natural disasters
Current Humanitarian Responses CEAP

Level 3:
- Democratic Republic of the Congo (Ebola)
- Yemen
- Syria

Level 2:
- Central Sahel
- Ebola DRC neighbouring countries
- Burkina Faso
- Venezuela Crisis including neighboring countries
STRENGTHENING HUMANITARIAN ACTION

- Strengthening the humanitarian-development nexus
- Expanding support for local and national responders
- Increasing cash-based programming
- Investing in preparedness
- Analyzing risk to build resilience
- Addressing fragility, building peace
- Strengthening accountability to affected populations

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UNICEF Global Delivery Model

UNICEF NYHQ
- Emergency Programmes Division
- Emergency Response Team
- Programme Sectors

UNICEF GENEVA
- Partnerships (UN, NGOs, Red Cross)
- Fundraising
- Global Cluster Support

COPENHAGEN SUPPLY DIVISION

SHANGHAI SUPPLY HUB
- County Offices
  - Response Plan
  - Stockpiling supplies
  - Partner agreements

PANAMA SUPPLY HUB

DUBAI SUPPLY HUB

7 Regional Offices
KEY CHALLENGES

• Constrained humanitarian access

• Growing insecurity, violations of international humanitarian and human rights law resulting in the targeting of civilians and civilian infrastructure

• Challenges identifying human resources for emergency response

• Limited flexible funding
Humanitarian funding in 2019

2019 funding overview (US$)

- **$4.13B**
  - Appeal

- **$1.58B**
  - Committed

- **$127.5M**
  - Thematic funding

- **$29.6M**
  - Global thematic funding
Results achieved in 2019

**Nutrition**
- 2.1 million children treated for severe acute malnutrition
  - 46%

**Health**
- 28.9 million children vaccinated against measles
  - 89%

**WASH**
- 32.2 million people provided with access to safe water for drinking, cooking, and personal hygiene
  - 78%

**Child Protection**
- 2.6 million children and caregivers accessed mental health and psychosocial support
  - 57%

**Education**
- 3.9 million children accessed formal or non-formal education, including early learning
  - 34%

**Cash Transfers**
- 850,000 people provided with cash assistance
  - 43%
Planned results in 2020

UNICEF PLANS TO ASSIST:
- 95 million people
- 59 million children
- 49 million women/girls
- 4 million people with disabilities
- 30 million girls
- 2 million children with disabilities

IN:
- 64 countries

THIS WILL REQUIRE:
- US$4.2 billion
2020 funding requirements
Top 5 emergencies

- Syrian refugees: $864.1
- Yemen: $535.0
- Syrian Arab Republic: $294.8
- Democratic Republic of the Congo: $262.7
- South Sudan: $180.5

In US$ millions
UNICEF’s Office of Emergency Programmes (EMOPS)

- Provides strategic and coordinated support to Country Offices preparing for and responding to humanitarian crises
- Ensures that COs have the right capacities to respond effectively through delivery of the CCCs
- Leads organizational efforts to ensure that all levels of the organisation are prepared to deliver our humanitarian mandate.
EMOPS Goals 2018-2021

1. Humanitarian access, principled humanitarian assistance and protection for children;

2. Risk analysis and monitoring, preparedness and response;

3. Advocacy, strategic alliances and partnerships;

4. Safety and security of programmes and staff;

5. Humanitarian coordination
THANK YOU!