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THE WORLD WAS OFF-TRACK BEFORE COVID-19

Proportion of countries assessed on progress towards selected child-related SDG targets

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OVERVIEW OF UNICEF PERFORMANCE IN 2019

Goal Area 1: Every Child Survives and Thrives
9 result areas

Goal Area 2: Every Child Learns
3 result areas

Goal Area 3: Every Child is Protected from Violence and Exploitation
3 result areas

Goal Area 4: Every Child Lives in a Safe and Clean Environment
5 result areas

Goal Area 5: Every Child has an Equitable Chance in Life
5 result areas

Progress rate ≥ 90%
Progress rate = 60% - 89%

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KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2019

**Immunization**
- 41.3 million children in humanitarian situations were vaccinated against measles

**Education access**
- Over 17 million out-of-school children participated in education

**Humanitarian-development-peace nexus**
- 57 countries had child-sensitive risk management plans

**Gender equality**
- 5.7 million adolescent girls received prevention and care interventions on child marriage

**Violence**
- 125 countries were supported to improve data on violence against children

**Water**
- 18.3 million additional people had access to safe drinking water

**Equitable and inclusive programming**
- Over 51 million children received cash grants

**United Nations working together**
- 53% of country sought efficiency gains through common business operations

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CROSS-CUTTING RESULTS

**Humanitarian action**
- Responded to 281 humanitarian situations in 96 countries
- 39.1 million people with access to water supplies
- 7.4 million children with education
- 3.7 million with psychosocial support
- 8.5 million children with cash assistance

**Gender**
- Improved performance on UN-SWAP benchmarks
- Gender-based violence integrated in 71% of 2020 HAC appeals
- Menstrual health and hygiene services to 1 million women and girls in emergency situations
- Programming on positive gender norms and socialization in 120 countries

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COMMON CHAPTER RESULTS

- 48 million with **better access to basic services**
- 28 countries strengthened policies with emphasis on **disaster risk reduction**
- 118 countries conducted **Beijing+25** review
- 9 countries integrated **gender statistics** in national strategy for statistics
- Nearly 3 million **displaced people** in 13 countries benefited from **durable solutions**
- **Spotlight Initiative** in 5 countries in Latin America and in 8 countries in Africa
**REVENUE, EXPENSES AND RESOURCE MOBILIZATION**

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Direct programme assistance by Goal Area, 2019

**Total revenue decreased by 4% in 2019, to $6,412 million**

**Regular resources decreased by 24%, to $1,381 million (22% of total revenue)**

**Total humanitarian expense was at $2,961 million**

52% of the total 2019 expense

**Public-sector revenue = $4,745 million**

**Private-sector revenue = $1,461 million**

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Decade of Action to achieve SDGs for children in COVID-19 era

Accelerate results for children

Reduce multiples deprivations across two decades of life

• Maternal and neonatal health and immunization
• Stunting and wasting
• Addressing the learning crisis
• Reducing violence against children and scaling up birth registration
• Ending open defecation and improving basic sanitation
• Climate action
• Mental health

Bend the curve towards the SDGs for children

▼ Public Health Emergencies/COVID-19 pandemic
▼ Economic downturn
▼ Climate change and environmental degradation
▼ Situations of fragility and conflict

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Midterm review of the Strategic Plan:

STRATEGIES FOR ACCELERATION

- Accelerate programmatic efforts in primary healthcare systems and food systems in selected countries.
- Sharpen the focus on prevention in early childhood for stunting, wasting and overweight.
- Accelerate early childhood education, ensure children aged 5 are ready for school, children aged 10 are ready to succeed at school.
- Scale up parenting programmes and prevention by changing norms and stereotypes around gender roles and marriage age, strengthen the social service workforce.
- Increase focus on WASH systems strengthening, community health systems, market-based approaches and innovative financing.
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STRATEGIES FOR ACCELERATION

► Enhanced development-humanitarian-peace programming
► Transformative approach to gender
► Improved, disaggregated and instant data
► Intellectual leadership
► New innovation strategy
► Increased joint work with UNDS
► Shared value partnerships with businesses
► Enhanced organizational culture
► Simplification and modernization of priority business processes
**IMPLICATIONS OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC: REIMAGINING A WORLD FIT FOR EVERY CHILD**

- World already off-track to meet child-related SDGs, **acceleration** is imperative to protect past gains and make investments for a more inclusive and sustainable future.
- Need to build back better in basic services, systems, economies, climate action, and connectivity.

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<td>• Public health response</td>
<td>• Risk communication and community engagement</td>
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<td>• Continuity of services</td>
<td>• Infection prevention and control</td>
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<td>• Procurement, supply, logistics</td>
<td>• <strong>Support families</strong> to cover their needs and care for their children</td>
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*Item 3 - Report on the midterm review of the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2018–2021 and annual report for 2019 of the Executive Director of UNICEF*
The proposed revisions to the results framework aim to:

- Reflect increased ambitions and need for acceleration.
- Reflect growing importance of organizational culture in response to recent reviews.
- More effectively monitor Theory of Change underpinning the Strategic Plan with additional indicators.
- Facilitate and improve data collection and reporting.
- Reflect more recent data or stricter guidance on UNICEF contribution to results.

Proposed revisions to 19 indicators and addition of 10 new indicators (including 4 new indicators for new enabler on organizational culture).

Proposed revision of milestones and targets for 42 indicators, most reflecting the drive for accelerated progress for child-related SDG targets.
LOOKING FORWARD

► Vulnerable children and Agenda 2030 at the center of COVID-19 response.

► Partnerships to protect threatened gains: acceleration based on disruption (digitization, hand-washing, social protection).

► More effective, agile, equitable and accountable humanitarian action: learning from COVID-19 and build back better through broader response effort.

► UN multilateral response to safeguard and accelerate development progress: making UN reform work for children through international cooperation, and investment in resilient structures and systems.

► Advocacy both ‘for’ and ‘with’ children and young people, leveraging our experience to advance their agenda and secure their rights.
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