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THE WORLD WAS OFF-TRACK BEFORE COVID-19

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

- Under-5 mortality rate (SDG indicator 3.2.1)
  - 61% On track
  - 13% Acceleration needed
  - 26% Target met

- Under-5 stunting prevalence (SDG indicator 2.2.1)
  - 39% On track
  - 59% Acceleration needed
  - 1% Target met

- Number of new HIV infections per 1,000 uninfected population (under 5) (SDG indicator 3.3.1)
  - 37% On track
  - 12% Acceleration needed
  - 51% Target met

- Participation rate in organized learning (SDG indicator 4.2.2)
  - 45% On track
  - 15% Acceleration needed
  - 40% Target met

- Proportion of under-5 children whose births have been registered with a civil authority (SDG indicator 16.9.1)
  - 43% On track
  - 27% Acceleration needed
  - 31% Target met

- Proportion of the population using basic drinking water services (SDG indicator 1.4.1.a)
  - 31% On track
  - 39% Acceleration needed
  - 30% Target met

- Proportion of the population using basic sanitation services (SDG indicator 1.4.1.b)
  - 22% On track
  - 53% Acceleration needed
  - 25% Target met

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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

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<td>Immunization</td>
<td>41.3 million children in humanitarian situations were vaccinated against measles</td>
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<td>Education access</td>
<td>Over 17 million out-of-school children participated in education</td>
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<td>Humanitarian-development-peace nexus</td>
<td>57 countries had child-sensitive risk management plans</td>
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<td>Gender equality</td>
<td>5.7 million adolescent girls received prevention and care interventions on child marriage</td>
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<td>Violence</td>
<td>125 countries were supported to improve data on violence against children</td>
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<td>Water</td>
<td>18.3 million additional people had access to safe drinking water</td>
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<td>Equitable and inclusive programming</td>
<td>Over 51 million children received cash grants</td>
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<td>United Nations working together</td>
<td>53% of country sought efficiency gains through common business operations</td>
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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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<th>Goal Area</th>
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<td>Every child survives and thrives</td>
<td>$2,153 M</td>
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<td>Every child learns</td>
<td>$1,183 M</td>
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<td>Every child is protected from violence and exploitation</td>
<td>$708 M</td>
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<td>Every child lives in a safe and clean environment</td>
<td>$1,109 M</td>
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<td>Every child has an equitable chance in life</td>
<td>$497 M</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
<td><strong>$5,650 M</strong></td>
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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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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.
Midterm review of the Strategic Plan:
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

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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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<th>Health Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan</th>
<th>Development UN Socio-Economic Framework</th>
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<td><strong>UNICEF response</strong></td>
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<td>• Public health response</td>
<td>• Risk communication and community engagement</td>
<td>• Keep children healthy and well-nourished</td>
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<td>• Continuity of services</td>
<td>• Infection prevention and control</td>
<td>• Reach vulnerable children with WASH</td>
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<td>• Cluster/sector coordination and technical support</td>
<td>• Case management</td>
<td>• Keep children learning</td>
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<td>• Procurement, supply, logistics</td>
<td>• Support families to cover their needs and care</td>
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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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