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 refocus and is a priority of our Strategic Plan cutting across the 5 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
- Rapidly escalating emergencies
- Devastating natural disasters
2019 Humanitarian Responses

**Level 3:**
- Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Nigeria
- Yemen
- Syria

**Level 2:**
- Bangladesh
- Cameroon
- Venezuela Crisis
- South Sudan
- Syrian Refugee hosting countries
- Central African Republic
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
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
2018 Humanitarian Action for Children Appeal

Revised Planned Results (October 2018)

Funding Requirement: $3.8 billion  
To assist: 78 million people  
Including: 44 million children  
In: 57 countries
Total humanitarian funds received: US$1.85 billion

2018 funding overview (US$)

- $1.85B Committed
- $126M Thematic funding
- $30.6M Global thematic funding
- $3.8B Appeal
- $3.81B Funding
Results Achieved in 2018

**NUTRITION**
2.6 MILLION children treated for severe acute malnutrition

**HEALTH**
4.7 MILLION children vaccinated against measles

**WASH**
35.3 MILLION people provided with access to safe water for drinking, cooking and personal hygiene

**CHILD PROTECTION**
3.1 MILLION children and caregivers accessed psychosocial support

**EDUCATION**
5.9 MILLION children accessed formal or non-formal education, including early learning

**CASH TRANSFERS**
1.1 MILLION people provided with cash assistance
• In Yemen, 4.9 million people have access to safe water
• In Nigeria, nearly 162,000 children with severe acute malnutrition (SAM) accessed treatment
• In Syria, 523,000 children have access to formal education, and over 89,000 to non-formal education opportunities.

• In Syria, 15.2 million people had access to safe water
• In South Sudan, nearly 213,000 children and caregivers accessed psychosocial support
• In DRC, over 277,000 children had access to formal and non-formal education, including early learning
2019 Humanitarian Action for Children Appeal

GRAND TOTAL: US$3.9 billion

TO ASSIST: 73 million people

INCLUDING: 41 million children

IN: 59 countries
FUTURE WORK PLAN

• Strengthening efficiency and effectiveness for humanitarian results
• Addressing humanitarian access challenges
• Reinforcing humanitarian advocacy
• Mobilizing flexible, multi-year funding
• Expanding human resources through surge mechanisms
• Strengthening operational partnerships
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!