Adding value globally and in Afghanistan

Our vision:
A world where the rights of every child to survival, protection and development are realized

unicef
for every child
Our values underpin our work in Afghanistan

**Care:** We care for children, young people and mothers. We care for each other and our partners.

**Respect:** We respect our partners and the recipients of our support.

**Integrity:** We act with honesty and transparency, and hold others to the same standard.

**Trust:** We act in the best interests of communities and trust they and our partners want the best for all girls and boys.

**Accountability:** We are accountable to our donors, partners, communities and the girls and boys we serve.
Global champion for children

In Afghanistan and across the world, UNICEF is the largest agency safeguarding the rights of children to survival, development, protection and education.

UNICEF is committed to creating a world in which girls and boys enjoy the same rights, resources, opportunities and protections.

UNICEF works with countries at all phases of the development cycle: emergency, post-conflict and development, and in middle-income settings. In industrialized countries UNICEF creates awareness and accountability, raises funds and helps citizens support the rights of children globally.

UNICEF is a valued partner at every stage: from service delivery for vulnerable groups, to working with government partners to shape and implement policy, to convening global support.

Working across sectors, UNICEF protects:
• the right of all children to survive and thrive
• the right of all children to learn
• the right of all children to protection against violence and exploitation
• the right of all children to a safe and healthy environment

Reach

We work on the ground, around the world, for all girls and boys.

UNICEF works in some of the world’s toughest places, to reach the world’s most disadvantaged children. UNICEF operates as an independent, non-partisan organization in more than 190 countries and territories, with a proven track record and the knowhow and resources to get the job done.

The organization’s frontline staff and supply networks bring expertise and vital supplies where they are needed. In a crisis, UNICEF is among the first on the scene, providing rapid emergency assistance that can mean the difference between life and death.

11 field offices across all regions of Afghanistan.
Expertise

We deploy an extraordinary level of technical expertise and experience in nearly every humanitarian and development context.

Skilled teams of professionals bring over 70 years of organizational experience, in saving children’s lives and protecting their rights, when and where they are needed.

UNICEF shares its expertise, investing in national capacity at every level, supporting strong institutions, responsive policymaking, effective service delivery and community mobilization to ensure no girl or boy is left behind.

Access and influence

We work with girls, boys, families, communities, regions and national governments, with direct access to policymakers and local organizations alike.

We were the first to enlist Goodwill Ambassadors who use their celebrity and influence to advocate and effect change for children.

Through unequalled access, UNICEF creates lasting positive change across sectors: maternal and child health, nutrition, polio eradication, education, water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) and child protection.

UNICEF goes where no one wants to go: to remote and hard-to-reach areas, driven by a passion to meet the needs of every child anywhere, and protect rights in the most challenging environments.

In Afghanistan, protection of all children at all times and under all circumstances is not an option. It is an imperative.
We help develop simple, affordable, and innovative solutions to complicated problems.

UNICEF innovations support children, especially girls, and women through protracted and complex crises.

UNICEF has developed and supplied durable solutions, including birthing kits for safe deliveries, oral rehydration salts to treat life-threatening dehydration, portable School-in-a-Box kits to set up classrooms anywhere, and solar-powered cold storage units to transport vaccines safely to remote villages.

**UNICEF innovations are used in both humanitarian and development situations globally, saving millions of children’s lives.**

We use our contributions wisely.

UNICEF values the trust placed in it by donors and communities.

Almost every dollar UNICEF spends on effective, low-cost, sustainable solutions leverages additional resources to bring programmes to scale.

UNICEF invests in ensuring that funds are spent efficiently, reaching the most vulnerable children. An enterprise resource planning system streamlines business transactions and enables performance monitoring.

**Global breakthrough:** UNICEF negotiated procurement of the pentavalent vaccine at only 84 cents per dose, enabling an affordable and consistent supply in the poorest countries.
Transparency

We are accountable to the people we serve.

Information on UNICEF work can be accessed by anyone from anywhere. The organization is committed to disclosing information on aid spending, and to make data standardized and accessible.

As a member of the governing board of the International Aid Transparency Initiative, UNICEF works to become more efficient and responsive.

UNICEF believes that transparency underpins both development and humanitarian programmes, and drives global efforts for effective use of aid. UNICEF ranks amongst the 10 most transparent development organizations worldwide.

Resolve

We stay the course and get things done, regardless of logistical complexities, politics and cultural issues.

We advocate for policies, institutions, systems and services that serve the children who need them most.

There is no social condition that the organization does not work to improve, no logistical hurdle it won’t try to surmount, no system it is unwilling to challenge.

**UNICEF’s mission will continue until all girls and boys lead lives of health, opportunity and wellbeing.**
A trusted partner in Afghanistan

UNICEF is mandated by the United Nations General Assembly to advocate for, promote and support the fulfilment of the rights of all girls and boys, especially the most disadvantaged.

Since 1950, UNICEF has worked in Afghanistan to fulfil this mandate. Through every phase of insecurity and conflict, UNICEF has never left the country.

In 2002, the Back to School Campaign supported the enrolment of 4.7 million Afghan girls and boys.

UNICEF’s country programme was in February 2019 extended to 2021 to align with national strategies and timeframes. Under this extended Country Programme (2015–2021), UNICEF supports Afghanistan in meeting its key national and international commitments:

- **protecting** children’s rights under the Convention on the Rights of the Child
- **achieving** Afghanistan’s Sustainable Development Goals by 2030
- **fulfilling** the vision of the Afghanistan National Peace and Development Framework (2017–2021)
- **advancing** the Grand Bargain commitment to reduce people’s risk and vulnerabilities by coordinating between humanitarian and development assistance

UNICEF is raising over US$ 957 million to fund activities under its Afghanistan Country Programme (2015–2021). US$ 760 million has already been raised.

UNICEF has field offices across all regions: Herat (west), Jalalabad (east), Mazar-e-Sharif (north), Kandahar (south), and Kabul (central), with outposts in Daykundi, Badghis, Badakshan, Ghor, Paktia and Bamyan. Forty per cent of UNICEF staff work on the ground in field locations.

Of 377 approved staff positions, 312 are Afghan nationals. In 2018, a programme to nurture youth potential was scaled up, recruiting 26 national university graduates, including 19 women, who received opportunities for internships with UNICEF. The programme continues...
UNICEF’s strategic position in Afghanistan

UNICEF is the only multi-sectoral UN agency cutting across the humanitarian, resilience and development continuum.

**UNICEF convenes action for children**, catalysing change as chair of the Education Development Partners group, co-chair of the Afghanistan Food Security and National Nutrition Agenda, member of the Polio Eradication Initiative, and one of the “Group of Friends” preventing the use of children in armed conflict.

**UNICEF is a provider of last resort** in humanitarian response for nutrition, education and WASH. During the 2018–2019 drought UNICEF supplied safe water to the worst-affected families.

UNICEF coordinates humanitarian assistance in Afghanistan, bringing together partners in key clusters: nutrition, education, WASH, and the child protection sub-cluster.

**UNICEF is Afghanistan’s lead provider of vaccines.** As sole consignee for the five routine vaccinations for children, it ensures timely and safe transportation. UNICEF ensures value for money, maintains cold chains, builds domestic capacity, and procures quality vaccines that protect Afghan children against deadly illnesses.

In 2018, 1.2 million children under one year of age were vaccinated.

**UNICEF develops national capacity** for sustainable change, investing in over 6,000 trained social mobilizers (40 per cent women) working on eradicating polio in their communities.

Three hundred national experts are deployed across government ministries, providing technical assistance with UNICEF support.

**UNICEF pioneers innovative interventions** for scale up, including sustainable approaches with national and sub-national ownership, such as climate-friendly solar-powered and gravity-fed water supply systems and scaled-up Community-Led Total Sanitation.

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