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UNICEF Humanitarian Action Study 2018

A synthesis of UNICEF’s response

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Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, 2018
A girl sits at a table in a child-friendly space that UNICEF developed with civil society partners to implement strategies based on sports and recreation for the prevention of violence and access to quality education.
Global response in 2018

In 2018, 90 country offices responded to 285 humanitarian situations. Forty-three per cent of these countries responded to situations affecting more than 1 million people.

The figure is based on emergency contributions received in 2018, recognized as other resources – emergency.

This total includes all programme supplies going to Level 2 and Level 3 emergencies; all programme supplies for any new Level 2 or Level 3 emergencies, from the date that it was declared; specific relevant orders for the countries in which only a region or part of the country is in an emergency; and specific supplies flagged as ‘emergency’ in countries facing Level 1 crises. Of the US$412.6 million, US$247.3 million is other resources – emergency.

The figure represents expenses of emergency funds (other resources – emergency) received in 2018 and carried over from the previous year.

Although the number of situations declined from 2017, protracted crises have become increasingly complex, with some conflict-affected countries facing emergencies within emergencies and heightened risks to already vulnerable children.
Type and scale of humanitarian response in 2018

RESPONDED TO 285 HUMANITARIAN SITUATIONS

- 87 HEALTH CRISSES
- 68 SOCIO-POLITICAL CRISSES
- 63 NATURAL DISASTERS (hydro-meteorological)
- 28 OTHER
- 22 NUTRITION CRISSES
- 17 NATURAL DISASTERS (geo-physical)

TOTAL COUNTRIES (90) | 37 | 7 | 7 | 39

Scale of response by people in need

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1 Including but not limited to refugee response.
Delivering humanitarian results for children

These are some of the key humanitarian results achieved against targets for children by UNICEF and partners in 2018. In some contexts, achievements were constrained by limited resources, including across sectors; inadequate humanitarian access; insecurity; and challenging operating environments.

- **43.6 million** people accessed safe water
  - **104%** of the targeted population

- **3.4 million** children aged 6-59 months with severe acute malnutrition admitted to treatment programmes
  - **76.2%** of the targeted population

- **3.6 million** children accessed psychosocial support
  - **83%** of the targeted population

- **19.6 million** children aged 6 months to 15 years vaccinated against measles
  - **96%** of the targeted population

- **6.9 million** children accessed formal or non-formal basic education, including early learning
  - **79%** of the targeted population

- **2.4 million** households benefited from cash assistance

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Key results from humanitarian responses

The map below highlights the key results achieved by UNICEF and partners in some of the major humanitarian responses in 2018.

**Syrian Arab Republic and the sub-region:**
In the Syrian Arab Republic and Syrian refugee-hosting countries, including Iraq, Jordan and Lebanon, UNICEF and partners reached nearly 465,000 households with cash-based support.

**Ukraine:**
Nearly 1.9 million people had uninterrupted access to water, sanitation and hygiene facilities through the repair of infrastructure in schools and hospitals, supply of chemicals and coordination of humanitarian and development assistance during the year (95 per cent of the 2 million targeted).

**Afghanistan:**
Nearly 278,000 children under 5 years received treatment for severe acute malnutrition in 24 provinces through services provided through health systems and mobile health and nutrition teams (94 per cent of the 294,000 targeted).

**Bangladesh:**
More than 168,000 vulnerable school-aged children accessed non-formal education in both camps and host communities (83 per cent of the 202,000 targeted). This included 145,000 Rohingya refugee children.

**Earthquakes in East Asia:**
In the aftermath of the earthquakes that struck East Asia in 2018, nearly 1.8 million children in Indonesia (92 per cent of the 1.9 million targeted) and over 37,000 children in Papua New Guinea (95 per cent of the 40,000 targeted) received measles and rubella vaccination.

**South Sudan:**
UNICEF supported the release of nearly 1,000 children (265 girls) associated with armed groups and enrolled them in reintegrations programmes.

**Yemen:**
In response to the cholera outbreak, nearly 5 million people gained access to safe drinking water (83 per cent of the 6 million targeted) and nearly 732,000 people in high-risk/priority areas received cholera vaccination.

**Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela migration crisis:**
Nearly 50,000 girls and boys on the move, including adolescents, accessed formal education and/or alternative learning activities in Brazil, Colombia and Trinidad and Tobago (exceeding the 18,000 targeted).

**Libya:**
Nearly 91,000 conflict-affected children were supported with recreational and psychosocial activities, including through mobile psychosocial teams and in community spaces and schools (97 per cent of the 93,000 targeted).

**Democratic Republic of the Congo:**
Nearly 10 million people received Ebola prevention messages, including through community engagement, interpersonal communications, radio and door-to-door outreach.

**Lake Chad Basin:**
More than 439,000 children with severe acute malnutrition in the Lake Chad Basin (the Far North Region of Cameroon, the Lac Region of Chad, the Diffa Region of the Niger and Adamawa, Borno and Yobe States of Nigeria) received treatment, representing one quarter of all children admitted for treatment in the Sahel region.

**Ethiopia:**
Nearly 5.6 million people gained access to safe water, including through durable solutions such as the extension of piped water systems to provide emergency water supply to internally displaced persons (exceeding the 3.3 million targeted).

**Ukraine:**
Nearly 1.9 million people had uninterrupted access to water, sanitation and hygiene facilities through the repair of infrastructure in schools and hospitals, supply of chemicals and coordination of humanitarian and development assistance during the year (95 per cent of the 2 million targeted).

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Emergency deployments

TOP 3 CRISSES SUPPORTED

- Bangladesh—Rohingya refugee crisis 63
- Indonesia—tsunami 45
- Papua New Guinea—earthquake 32

461 deployments by functional area

- Water, sanitation and hygiene: 52
- Child protection: 42
- Emergency coordination and management: 30
- Operations and other: 25
- Education: 24
- Communication for Development: 19
- Supply and logistics: 17
- Health: 10
- Planning, monitoring and evaluation: 7
- Nutrition: 6
- Communication: 4

\(^i\) Includes 115 standby partner deployments and 50 Rapid Response Team deployments to support UNICEF led/co-led clusters and areas of responsibility.

\(^ii\) The child protection category also includes gender and youth and adolescent development deployments; the emergency management category includes emergency specialists, executive management and programme management deployments; the planning, monitoring and evaluation category also includes resource mobilization, reporting, social policy/planning and cash programming deployments; and the operations and others category includes regular operations, finance, human resources, information and communications technology and security deployments.

\(^iii\) Includes Rapid Response Teams, standby partners and UNICEF deployments in support of cluster coordination.
Country offices with designated staff to lead or co-lead sectors or clusters

Percentage of countries where UNICEF-led cluster coordination mechanisms met satisfactory performance for established functions

1 For each sector/cluster, 2018 results are based on annual reporting from 20 UNICEF country offices included in the Global Humanitarian Overview with an inter-agency humanitarian response plan.

2 This is a new indicator in the UNICEF Strategic Plan 2018-2021. Satisfactory performance reported by country offices where a cluster coordination performance assessment was undertaken with partners is based on the following criteria:
   - The country office assigns designated staff to lead/co-lead a humanitarian cluster/sector, area of responsibility or similar coordination mechanism (whether co-lead with the government or other actor).
   - Where there is a designated a cluster lead/co-lead and any form of coordination performance assessment has been undertaken with partners during the year of reporting.
   - The assessment is structured against the six Inter-Agency Standing Committee-agreed core functions of coordination and accountability to affected populations as per the cluster coordination performance monitoring tool.
   - The country office reported that their coordination performance was good or satisfactory as per the above assessment.
Partnerships

In 2018, UNICEF collaborated with 1,403 civil society partners for its humanitarian programming, nearly 67 per cent of which were national partners. More than US$575 million in assets (cash plus value of supplies) were transferred to civil society partners working in the field, including US$308 million to national civil society partners (54 per cent).
Emergency supplies

In 2018, UNICEF procurement for emergencies reached US$412.6 million globally for 53 countries and territories.

**GRAND TOTAL**

**US$412.6 MILLION**

**FOR 53 COUNTRIES/TERRITORIES**

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**Top five countries/crises for vaccine and biological products**

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<td>Bangladesh (for the Rohingya refugee crisis)</td>
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<td>5.6 million doses tetanus and diphtheria vaccine, 2.3 million doses measles and rubella vaccine</td>
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<td>Yemen</td>
<td>3.1 million doses oral cholera vaccine, 16.9 million doses measles and rubella vaccine</td>
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**Vaccines**

UNICEF procured a total of **US$76.4 million** worth of vaccines and biological products for emergencies, making this commodity the largest by value of total UNICEF emergency supplies.

**85 shipments** of vaccines went to **19 countries**, delivering more than **24.7 million doses** of vaccines.

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Resource mobilization
2018 total other resources — emergency funds received by type of donor.

**Funding overview (US$)**

- **$3.8 BILLION**
  - Humanitarian appeal
- **$2 BILLION**
  - Global humanitarian thematic funding
- **$154 million**
  - Humanitarian thematic funding
- **$2 billion**
  - Total humanitarian funds received

**TOP TEN Donors in 2018**

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2. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. This includes funding from the Central Emergency Response Fund, country-based pooled funds and the passthrough contribution for Yemen from Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.
Humanitarian expenses were 50 per cent of overall organizational expenses in 2018.