Situation of Children in the World

Assessment of progress towards global targets for child-related SDG indicators

Progress of countries regarding the
prevalence of stunting in children
under the age of 5 years
(SDG indicator 2.2.1)

Progress of countries regarding
the under-five mortality rate
(SDG indicator 3.2.1)

Progress of countries regarding the
participation rate in organized learning
(SDG indicator 4.2.2)
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

Immunization
HIV prevention
Early childhood development
Adolescent health and nutrition

Water
Disaster risk reduction

Progress rate ≥ 90%
Progress rate = 60–89%
Progress rate ≤ 59%
### Key Achievements across Goal Areas

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<th>Category</th>
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<td>38.9 million live births</td>
<td>Delivered in health facilities in 2021 alone.</td>
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<td>63 countries</td>
<td>Had programmes to improve the diversity of diets in children in 2021, from 32 in 2018.</td>
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<td>61 countries</td>
<td>Adopted ECD packages for children at scale, up from 33 in 2018.</td>
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<td>45% of supported countries</td>
<td>Had gender-responsive teaching and learning systems, from 31% in 2018.</td>
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<td>Over 8.4 million children and adolescents</td>
<td>Compared to 3.6 million in 2018 – and nearly 3.6 million parents and caregivers accessed mental health and psychosocial support.</td>
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<td>More than 45,000 children across 84 countries</td>
<td>Have been released from detention since the start of the pandemic.</td>
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<td>47 countries</td>
<td>Had free and universal birth registration within the civil registration system, from 17 in 2018.</td>
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For the period 2018–2021, **69.9 million people** gained access to safe drinking water and **59.6 million** to basic sanitation.

- **106 countries** implemented community-based hand-washing behaviour-change programmes on a national scale, up from 71 in 2018.
- **81 countries** implemented child-inclusive programmes that foster climate resilience and low carbon development, far exceeding the target of 40.
- **67 countries** had strong or moderately strong social protection systems, from 32 in 2017.
- **4.8 million children with disabilities** across 148 countries were reached through disability-inclusive programming.
### Key Achievements in Cross-Cutting Results in 2021

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<td>UNICEF met <strong>88%</strong> of the criteria in the <strong>UN-SWAP benchmarks</strong>, compared with <strong>73%</strong> in 2017 and meeting the 2021 target of <strong>87%</strong>.</td>
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<td><strong>76%</strong> of country offices met organizational standards on <strong>gender mainstreaming in programme implementation</strong>, from <strong>53%</strong> in 2017.</td>
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<td><strong>Almost 13.9 million women, girls and boys</strong> in humanitarian situations in 89 countries received <strong>gender-based violence risk mitigation, prevention or response</strong> interventions.</td>
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<td>More than <strong>1.3 million girls and women</strong> in humanitarian settings received <strong>menstrual health and hygiene</strong> services.</td>
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<td><strong>50%</strong> of countries had at-scale <strong>programmes addressing gender-discriminatory roles and practices</strong> among children, surpassing the 2021 target of <strong>40%</strong>.</td>
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### Key Achievements in Cross-Cutting Results in 2021

#### Gender Equality

1. **UNICEF** responded to **483** new and ongoing humanitarian crises in 153 countries in 2021.

2. **22 million children** were vaccinated against measles.

3. **31.7 million children** in humanitarian situations were reached with early learning, primary or secondary education.

#### Humanitarian Action

1. UNICEF provided protective services to nearly **2.3 million children on the move** in 74 countries.

2. **33.3 million people** in humanitarian situations gained or regained access to water for drinking and hygiene, and **8.4 million** to sanitation services.

3. **19 million children** in 9.4 million households benefited from humanitarian cash assistance.
### Change Strategies | Organizational Effectiveness and Efficiency

#### 2021 Progress

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<td>Gender-responsive programming</td>
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<td>Winning support for the cause of children from decision makers and the wider public</td>
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<td>Developing and leveraging resources and partnerships for children</td>
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<td>Harnessing the power of business and markets for children</td>
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<td>United Nations working together</td>
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<td>Fostering innovation for children</td>
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<td>Harnessing the power of evidence as a driver of change for children</td>
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#### Select Results

Engaged with United Nations human rights mechanisms and amplified child rights advocacy in intergovernmental forums.

The supporter base of UNICEF grew from 79.7 million in 2018 to 160.2 million in 2021.

Collaborated with the COVID-19 Vaccine Global Access (COVAX) Facility to deliver 958 million COVID-19 vaccines to 144 countries.

87% of UNICEF country offices delivered programmes jointly with other United Nations entities in 2021, against a target of 74% and up from 62% in 2016.
Responsive, transparent and accountable internal governance 93%

Results-oriented, efficient and effective management 99%

People: versatile staff as agents of change 83%

Versatile, safe and secure knowledge and information systems 120%

A stronger, values-based organizational culture 61%

Strengthened human resources management, implementing new initiatives on staff well-being, learning and career development.

Achieved significant progress in gender parity, maintaining overall gender parity in the international professional staff category.

Integrated digital technologies to secure its business continuity and resilience during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Made important strides in measuring organizational culture, including diversity, equity and inclusion.
Working with UNDS to conduct socioeconomic impact assessments of COVID-19 and identify mitigation strategies; supporting Governments to measure multidimensional poverty; leveraging public and private financing to close funding gaps in social sectors.

Increasing the coherence of technical support, policy engagement and advocacy to improve reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health, through key global partnerships and country-level joint programmes.

Reaching nearly 7.6 million adolescent girls across 47 countries with child marriage-related prevention and care interventions in 2021, 1.6 million more than in 2020.

Collaborating with the UNDS to ensure localization of SDGs and greater availability and use of disaggregated data. Vital role in co-design of socioeconomic framework for COVID-19 response and its monitoring.

Enhancing the role of women, youth and children in crisis prevention, recovery and peacebuilding.

Leveraging comparative advantages to ensure children, young people, women and the most vulnerable groups are engaged, and their rights and needs are responded to in efforts for climate action, improved resilience and disaster risk reduction.
**Revenue, Expenses and Resource Mobilization**

**Direct programme assistance by Goal Area, 2021**

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<td>$2,531</td>
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<td>Every child learns</td>
<td>$1,192</td>
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<td>Every child is protected from violence and exploitation</td>
<td>$773</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
<td><strong>$6,334</strong></td>
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**Total revenue for 2021** was $8.57 billion. Total revenue for the period 2018–2021 showed an overall increase of **32%** compared with 2014–2017.

**Public sector revenue:** $6.22 billion

**Private sector revenue:** $2.08 billion

**2021 regular resource revenue from the public sector** increased to $762 million (9% of total revenue).

**Total humanitarian expense** was at **$3.60 billion** (57% of the total 2021 expense).
Catalysing transformation for sustainable, outcome-level results

Amplifying resource mobilization and leveraging financing for children

Brokering global partnerships to expand reach and influence and realize children’s rights at scale

Engaging and partnering with children and young people throughout the implementation of the Strategic Plan

Strengthening coordination, coherence and collaboration across humanitarian and development programming

Emphasizing change in norms to transform the underlying drivers of all forms of inequality and discrimination
Thank you.