Update on UNICEF humanitarian action

The UNICEF localization agenda

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Strengthening operational capacities of local actors by investing in their financial, supplies and logistics systems, while promoting sharing of these capacities (Syrian Arab Republic, Kenya)

Enhancing the representation and participation of local actors in the response and in cluster coordination (Democratic Republic of the Congo, South Sudan)

Supporting local economies by tapping into community resources and talents, such as local manufacturing and procurement, and local renewable energy sources (Yemen, Pakistan)

Promoting predictable, flexible and multi-year funding for local actors (39% of partner funding went to local actors)

Partnership-based approach to risk management with a shift from “risk transfer” to “risk-sharing” (joint security risk assessment in South Sudan)

Increasing involvement of local actors in humanitarian and development cycles and planning processes (Humanitarian Action for Children appeals, humanitarian needs overviews, humanitarian response plans, country programme documents)

Establishing localized surge capacity at the country and regional levels (Mozambique)

Strengthening local governance by supporting civil society organizations and municipalities (Ukraine, Libya)
In 2022

- Transfer of $1.5 billion to partners at all levels

- Local actors were the recipient of $569.2 million (39 per cent), exceeding the Grand Bargain target of 25 per cent

- 8 per cent of humanitarian funding for implementing partners was transferred to local women’s organizations

- UNICEF now provides 7 per cent support costs (overhead) to local actors
From a transactional to a transformative partnership

In 2022, 647 local and national women-led organizations in humanitarian settings partnered with UNICEF. By July 2023, there were 9,480 partners in total in humanitarian and development.

Of these, 8,534 are local and national civil society organizations.

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Data extracted in July 2023 from UNICEF’s InSight performance management platform.
Local actors in UNICEF-led cluster coordination

• Enhancing the participation and representation of local actors within UNICEF-led cluster coordination at country level (South Sudan, Nigeria)

• Empowering local organizations to become cluster co-leads, at the national and subnational levels (South Sudan, Democratic Republic of the Congo)
Support to local economies (ready-to-use therapeutic food (RUTF) market evolution)

RUTF suppliers, 2005–2023

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Thank you.