

Strategic repositioning of the UNICEF COVID-19 response and the way forward

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1. UNICEF's mandate and commitment to stay and deliver for children everywhere.
2. Response showed UNICEF's operational and programmatic agility and adaptability.
3. UNICEF's COVID-19 response goes beyond interventions that fit within the scope of immediate response to humanitarian needs.



Health and nutrition

- Adapted programme delivery, protocols and guidance to support continuity of services
- Reimagined health through digital solutions and virtual care and support
- Invested in community-based solutions
- Co-leading ACT-A Group on country readiness and vaccine roll-out



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Education

- Invested in digital and remote home-base learning
- Supported countries in their policy development and planning processes for reopening schools, including the Framework with UNESCO, World Bank, WFP and UNHCR
- Expanded Learning Passport initiative to deliver educational content online in national languages to learners

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Child protection

- Adapted violence against children and women programmes to keep delivering services through on-line platforms
- Expanded support to mental health through safe and remote online-services and referral systems
- Coordinated cross-sectoral support to parents and caregivers to cope with the pandemic and help children during the crisis

WASH



- Developed sustainable solutions for access to services and supplies
- Encouraged and promoted healthy and safe behaviours on hygiene, including the Hand Hygiene for All with WHO
- Supported schools, health care and communities with WASH and infection prevention and control (IPC)



Social policy

- Supported expansions of social protection programmes and social assistance to respond to multiple vulnerabilities and risks
- Worked with partners on data, evidence and analysis to:
 - make visible the consequences of economic and fiscal policies on children
 - make the investment case for protecting social spending

Programming towards 2030: Reflections

- Mobilizing global action for every child everywhere
- Investing in shock-resilient families, communities and systems
- Digital opportunities
- Agile and adaptive programmes





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