Annual report for 2020 of the Executive Director

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**Situation of Children in the World**

Proportion of countries assessed on progress towards selected child-related SDG targets

- **Under-five mortality rate** (SDG indicator 3.2.1)
  - 63% - On track
  - 10% - Target met
  - 27% - Insufficient data

- **Prevalence of wasting among children under five** (SDG indicator 2.2.2.a)
  - 24% - On track
  - 21% - Target met
  - 27% - Insufficient data

- **Participation rate in organized learning (one year before the official primary entry age)** (SDG indicator 4.2.2)
  - 23% - On track
  - 40% - Target met
  - 10% - Insufficient data
  - 17% - No data

- **Proportion of women aged 20–24 years who were married or in a union before age 18** (SDG indicator 5.3.1)
  - 4% - Acceleration needed
  - 58% - On track
  - 38% - Target met

- **Proportion of child population covered by social protection floors/systems** (SDG indicator 1.3.1)
  - 71% - On track
  - 1% - Target met
  - 12% - Insufficient data
UNICEF Performance in 2020

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

Progress rate ≥ 90%

Progress rate = 60% - 89%

Immunization
Severe Acute Malnutrition

Disaster Risk Reduction
Results for Children in times of COVID-19

- More than 7.7 million children have participated in skills development programmes
- 5 million children with severe acute malnutrition were admitted for treatment globally
- 106 million people (including 58 million children) reached with critical WASH services and supplies
- 47.2 million children and caregivers accessed mental health and psychosocial support
- Over 130 million children were reached by cash transfer programmes
- 5 million adolescents participated in civic engagement in humanitarian settings
- 5 million children with severe acute malnutrition were admitted for treatment globally

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Gender Equality

**IN 2020**

- Intensified support to address domestic violence, child marriage and FGM.
- Renewed focus on gender-responsive social protection programming as part of COVID-19 response.

UNICEF met **88%** of the criteria in the UN-SWAP benchmarks.

- **93** gender programmatic reviews were led by country offices.
- **88 countries** integrated gender considerations in social protection programming.
- **Almost 1.2 million girls and women** in humanitarian settings received menstrual health and hygiene services.

IN 2020
UNICEF responded to 455 humanitarian situations in 152 countries.

17 million children in humanitarian situations were vaccinated against measles.

4 million children with severe acute malnutrition were admitted for treatment in humanitarian situations.

39.1 million people accessed safe water for drinking, cooking and personal hygiene.
Climate and Environmental Action

761,232 adolescents engaged or led initiatives around climate change and environmental protection.

46 countries planned, designed and implemented climate-resilient WASH solutions.

In 2020, UNICEF greenhouse gas emissions decreased by 46% from 2019.

57 countries implemented interventions to address environmental pollution and climate change through health programmes.

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### Key strategies to achieve results in 2020

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<th>Leverage UN collaboration and partnerships.</th>
<th>84% of country offices engaged in joint UN programmes and with Government partners.</th>
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<td>Scale up risk communication and community engagement (RCCE).</td>
<td>Creation of RCCE collective service with WHO &amp; IFRC + RCCE plans established in 148 countries.</td>
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<td>Digital solutions to accelerate programmes across sectors.</td>
<td>GIGA initiative for school connectivity mapped 800,000 schools in 15 countries.</td>
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<td>Strengthen communication and advocacy.</td>
<td>Global COVID-19 Advocacy Framework, backed by 172 Member States.</td>
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Collaboration with UNDS partners in 97 countries on 144 socio-economic impact assessments generating critical data to inform COVID-19 decision making to support reaching the most vulnerable.

Child marriage prevention and care interventions reached 6 million adolescent girls in 45 countries, including 10,000 adolescent girls living with disabilities.

16 million people participated in education, communication, and social mobilization platforms (up from 8.5 million in 2019) which promoted the elimination of FGM and upheld commitments to leave no one behind.

Dramatic increase in the number of joint programmes.

Strong partnerships for progressing gender equality with rapid gender assessments in 51 countries.

Adoption of a Common Chapter Tracking Framework which builds on the existing Integrated Results and Resources Frameworks of respective agencies.
## REVENUE, EXPENSES AND RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

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<td>$2,181</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
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Direct programme assistance by Goal Area, 2020

**Total revenue increased by 18% in 2020, to $7,548 million**

**Regular resource revenue from the public sector decreased by 14%, to $412 million (5% of total revenue)**

**Total humanitarian expense was at $3,244 million**

57% of the total 2020 expense

**Public sector revenue = $5,696 million**

**Private sector revenue = $1,610 million**
Looking Forward

Stronger focus on outcomes, with a long-term vision addressing multidimensional causes of deprivation.

Prioritized interventions to strengthen national systems and technical capacities.

Coordinated action and engagement across sectors and partners.

Increased emphasis on resilience and humanitarian-development-peace linkages, in line with national priorities.

Renewed ambition on leveraging partnerships and resource mobilization for impact-level change.

Criticality of flexible funding and innovative financing.
Thank you.