Annual report on UNICEF humanitarian action

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Humanitarian context in 2020

- Exponential growth of humanitarian needs
- Global COVID-19 pandemic
- Prolonged and violent conflict
- Widespread displacement
- Severe hunger crisis
- Climate-related disasters
Key Results in 2020

39.1 million people accessed safe water
100% of the targeted population

4 million children with severe acute malnutrition admitted to treatment programmes

47.2 million children accessed mental health and psychosocial support

17 million children aged 6 months to 15 years vaccinated against measles
86% of the targeted population

32.6 million children accessed formal or non-formal education, including early learning
68% of the targeted population

48 million households benefited from social protection and cash assistance

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE
NUTRITION
CHILD PROTECTION
HEALTH
EDUCATION
CASH-BASED TRANSFERS
Global response in 2020

In 2020, 152 country offices responded to 455 humanitarian crises, reaching millions of children with life-saving, gender-sensitive and disability inclusive interventions.
Key humanitarian responses in 2020

Four Level 3 emergencies
• Global COVID-19 pandemic
• Ebola crisis in Democratic Republic of the Congo
• Protracted crises in the Syrian Arab Republic and Yemen

Three Level 2 emergencies
• Complex crises in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and the central Sahel (Burkina Faso, Mali and the Niger
• Internal displacement in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
Prevention of gender-based violence, sexual exploitation and abuse

• Three new CCCs dedicated to gender equity
• 17.8 million people in 84 countries received gender-based violence risk mitigation, prevention and response services, up from 3.3 million in 2019
• 44 million people in 91 countries received safe and accessible channels for reporting sexual exploitation and abuse, up from 8.9 million in 2019
• +1,300 civil society partners assessed for risks of sexual exploitation and abuse
Partnerships
In 2020, UNICEF collaborated with 1,852 civil society partners (1,294 local). Nearly US$1.655 million in cash was transferred to civil society partners (over 68 per cent to local partners).¹

TOTAL PARTNERSHIPS

partners
1,852

¹ Data extracted on 3 March 2021 from UNICEF's In2ight performance management platform.

This map highlights only countries in which UNICEF's historical and current work is present. This does not reflect the full extent of UNICEF's work in any country or the distribution of any funding. The distribution of resources approximately reflected that of Current given by India and Pakistan. This final status of the map's and changes has not been agreed by the Parties. The final boundary between the Republic of the Sudan and the Republic of South Sudan has not been determined.
Challenges and adaptations

Humanitarian response in the context of COVID-19
• ‘Stay-and-deliver’ while adapting to the new ways of working, in line with programme criticality assessments.

Needs escalate while many crisis remain unfunded
• Strengthened advocacy for increase in funding for humanitarian action, especially flexible resources.

Limited in-person surge deployments
• Adapting through roll-out of a surge protocol with viable alternative modalities/remote deployment.

Insecure contexts with limited humanitarian access
• Finding innovative ways to scale up programming, such as remote implementation and monitoring.
Future workplan

• Implement the recommendations of the Humanitarian Review
• Roll out the revised CCCs
• Revise the organization’s emergency procedures
• Strengthen preparedness and risk analysis, and ensure programmes are informed by and adapted to risk
• Improve accountability to affected populations through strong feedback mechanisms
• Continue to respond effectively to COVID-19
• Support the COVID-19 vaccine roll-out
Thank you.