Annual report on UNICEF humanitarian action

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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 (86% of the targeted population)
- **17 million** children aged 6 months to 15 years vaccinated against measles (68% 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
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.

UNICEF humanitarian responses, 2009–2020

NUMBER OF COUNTRY


94 93 80 79 83 98 102 102 90 96

NUMBER OF HUMANITARIAN CRISIS

232 290 282 286 289 294 310 344 337 285 261

* The figure is based on an emergency constitutes 1 response. In cases of Emergency levels 1, 2, and 3, emergencies can be categorized as humanitarian crises, which are declared specific humanitarian indicators for the countries in which they are affected by the organization.  

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152 COUNTRIES

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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
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 the 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 emergency procedures
• Strengthen preparedness and risk analysis
• Improve accountability to affected populations
• Continue effective response to COVID-19
• Support the COVID-19 vaccine roll-out
Thank you.