

UNICEF supports the Government of Kenya to protect and promote the rights of children. Our new country programme runs from July 2022 to June 2026.



KEY ISSUES FOR CHILDREN



Half the population of Kenya are children and over half of them (**12.3 million**) are multidimensionally poor.

Nationally, **26%** of children under five years old (1.5 million) are chronically malnourished.

Neonatal deaths (up to 28 days) account for almost **half** of all under-five deaths.

Children do not have equal access to education – **2.5 million** children aged 4-17 are out of school.

Around half of young women (**46%**) and young men (**56%**) faced at least one type of violence as a child.

Around **13 million** children need social protection such as cash transfers, of which only 7.5% are receiving it.

There are significant disparities in children's access to services based on where they live, whether they are from a poor family, and if they are boys or girls.



KEY STRATEGIES



Support national and county governments, through devolution, to fulfil children's rights - especially for those left behind.



Support and advocate for evidence-based policies, programmes and use of resources to improve services for children.



Strengthen national and county systems to be agile, resilient and well prepared for emergencies.



Adopt multi-sectoral approaches and innovations, using an approach that puts children at the centre.



Engage communities, children, adolescents and others to promote and protect the rights of children, including through behaviour change.



Convene partnerships for children, including with private sector, to accelerate results.



COUNTRY PROGRAMME DESIGN

SURVIVE AND THRIVE



By 2026, more newborns, children, adolescents and women, particularly in deprived areas, will survive and thrive.

They will live in a safe environment with better access to high-quality and affordable health, nutrition, water, sanitation and hygiene services.

EDUCATION AND LEARNING



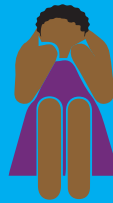
By 2026, more children and adolescents, particularly in deprived areas, will learn and acquire foundational and transferable skills for the future.



CHILD PROTECTION



By 2026, more children and adolescents, particularly in deprived areas, will be safer and better protected from violence, exploitation abuse, neglect, harm and HIV.



SOCIAL POLICY



By 2026, more children and adolescents, particularly in deprived areas, will benefit from enabling policies and social protection to live free from poverty.



PROGRAMME EFFECTIVENESS



UNICEF's country programme is efficiently designed, coordinated, managed and supported, in order to achieve results for children.

This includes cross-cutting issues such as adolescents, climate change, gender and private sector partnerships.