

UNICEF Country Programme In Madagascar 2024 – 2028

Population of Madagascar and the situation of children

Of the 29.6 million people living in Madagascar, 14.4 million (around 50%) are children under 18 years of age and 20.9 million are young people under 30 years of age.



Vision

By 2030 every child, including those with disabilities, survives, thrives, learns, lives in a safe environment, is protected from violence and has an equitable chance in life.

Key Targets of UNICEF Country Programme

By 2028 :

90% of children <1 year old receiving measles vaccine currently at 69%

Reduce to 34% the women aged 20 to 24 years in union or married before 18 currently at 39%

63% of population use basic and drinking water currently at 58%

Reduce to 23% of stunting currently at 39%

30% of children aged 7-14 years demonstrating foundational reading skills currently at 23%

5,000,000 children are covered by a social protection programme currently less than 500,000

ALIGNMENT OF UNICEF PROGRAMME WITH THE SDGs



Structure of the UNICEF Madagascar Country Programme

6 Programme Outcomes




Cross-sectoral programme comprising:


- Planning and Monitoring
- Field operations
- Social and Behaviour Change
- Communications, Advocacy and Partnership
- Gender, Equity and Inclusion
- Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse
- Supply and Procurement

TWO CROSS-CUTTING Priorities

Climate Change

According to UNICEF Children’s Climate Risk Index (CCRI) report, launched in 2021, Madagascar is among the top 10 countries :

 coping with **climate and environmental risks** such as **floods, cyclones, vector-borne diseases, and droughts.**

 where **children are the most vulnerable to climate change impacts** due to limited access to water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), high poverty rates, inadequate social services mainly in child health and nutrition, and low education levels.

Three pillars to address climate change and environmental sustainability

PROTECT
the lives, health and well-being



of children and the resilience of their communities.

EMPOWER
every child and youth



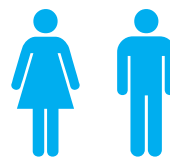
to be a champion for the environment.

REDUCE
environmental footprint



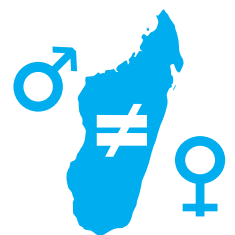
and advocate for ambitious sustainability agreement.

Adolescent girls



Gender inequalities permeate every aspect of life.

Madagascar ranks 173rd of 191 countries in the Gender Inequality Index 2023.



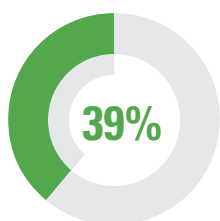
Women and girls have limited decision-making power at the individual, household, and community levels, their agency being restricted by patriarchal norms.

A clear focus on adolescent girls addressing complex and interconnected obstacles with a range of multisectoral efforts.



Health

By 2028, girls and boys and women, especially adolescent girls and those that are marginalized and living in vulnerable situations, access high-impact health care, from pregnancy to adolescence.



of births **take place**
at health centre

The under-5
mortality rate:



66 deaths per 1,000
live births

The maternal
mortality rate:



392 deaths per
100,000 live births

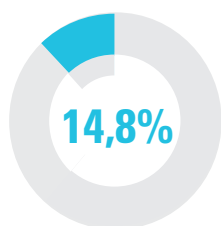
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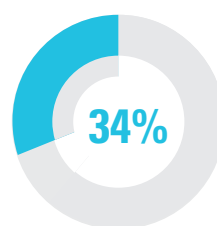
- Strengthen the primary healthcare system with a focus on the implementation of a comprehensive community health strategy
- Increase immunization coverage with a focus on “zero dose” children who have not received any immunization
- Prepare for and respond to health emergencies and epidemics

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

By 2028, children, including adolescents, have access to climate-resilient water, sanitation and hygiene and live in a safe and sustainable environment.



of population use
basic sanitation
services



of population
practice **open**
defecation

By 2028

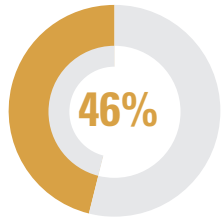
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Support climate-resilient water and sanitation services by :

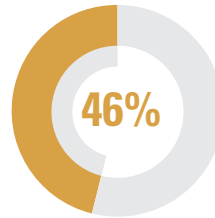
- Managing water resources
- Mobilizing the private sector for sustainable investments in WASH services
- Engage with communities for improved sanitation and hygiene practice
- Engage with adolescents on menstrual hygiene management, reproductive health and rights, and green jobs

Nutrition

By 2028, the most vulnerable children, adolescents, and women utilize quality nutrition services, adopt adequate nurturing care and feeding practices, and access nutritious diets.



of **children under 5** affected by at least **one form of malnutrition**



of **infants under 6 months not exclusively breastfed**

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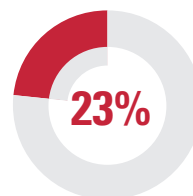
- Increase access to effective nutrition services and essential supplies
- Improve children's and mother diet and feeding practices
- Prioritize making food nutritious, affordable and locally produced

Learning and Skills

By 2028, girls and boys aged 5 – 18 years, especially adolescent girls, children with special needs, those living in the most marginalized areas and those out of school, gain access to learning and acquire knowledge and twenty-first century skills, including in emergencies.



of **teachers** are **adequately qualified**



of **children aged 7-14 years old** demonstrate **appropriate reading skills**

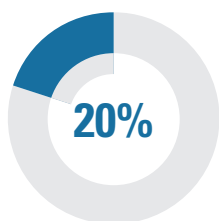
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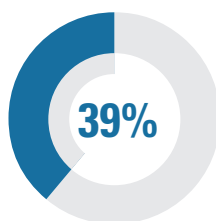
- Strengthen governance of the education sector
- Support quality and inclusive learning
- Support learning for earning programmes for particularly vulnerable adolescents
- Increase access to continuous learning, even in emergencies

Child Protection

By 2028, children are protected from violence, exploitation, abuse, neglect and child marriage, and have a legal identity.



of **girls** aged **15–19 years old** declared they have experienced **physical violence**



of **women** aged **20–24 years old** married or in **union** before the **age of 18 years old**

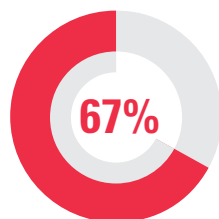
By 2028

UNICEF will work with partners to :

- Develop a national child protection policy
- Strengthen integrated prevention and response services to address violence against children at regional and district levels
- Professionalize the social service workforce
- Promote alternatives to detention for children in conflict with the law

Social Policy

By 2028, children, in particular the most vulnerable, have access to quality social services, including social, protection, leading to a reduction of poverty in all its forms.



of children living in multidimensional poverty



500,000 children covered by a **social protection** programme

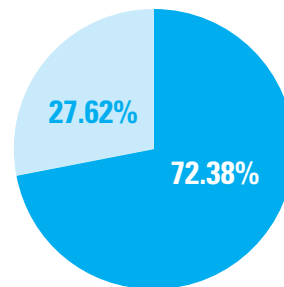
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UNICEF will work with partners to :

- Provide routine information on child poverty and vulnerability
- Provide inclusive, integrated and shock responsive social protection services
- Provide technical assistance for increased mobilization, allocation, and utilization of domestic resources for children

Planned CPD budget

	Core Resources for Results (US\$) - including Integrated Budget	Other Resources (Programme and Emergency) (US\$)	Total (US\$)
CPD budget	91,590,000	240,000,000	331,590,000



■ Core Resources for Results - including Integrated Budget
 ■ Other Resources (Programme and Emergency)

Emergency response

Emergency response is one of the key commitments of UNICEF Madagascar in its country programme. All programmes and interventions of UNICEF are designed to respond to emergency situations in the 23 regions.

In 2023



69,775 children treated for severe acute malnutrition.



31,200 people benefited from emergency water and sanitation services.

Field presence model and Staffing



237 staff members and 52 United Nations volunteers



Five field offices



One regional hub



Three outposts in other regions



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