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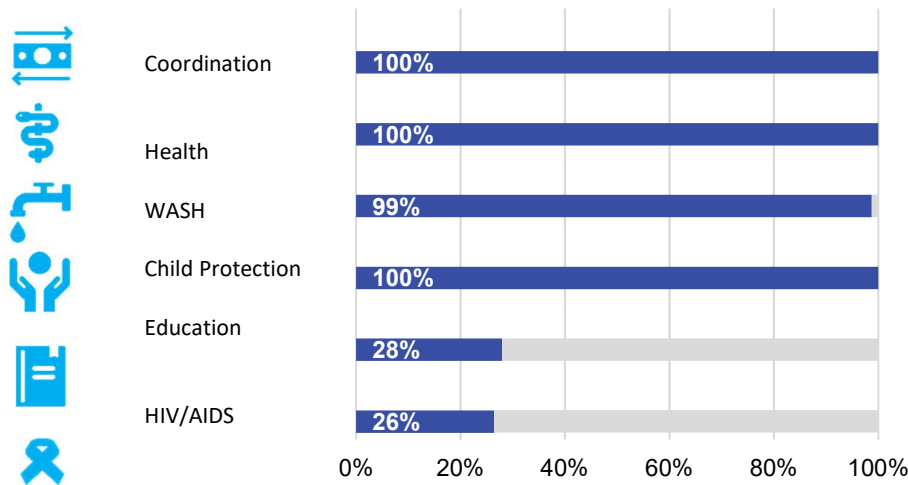
Highlights

In 2020, the armed conflict and impact of the COVID-19 pandemic continued affecting millions of people in eastern Ukraine, especially children, young people and people with disabilities living in both the government (GCA) and non-government (NGCA) controlled areas. Despite relative calm after the July 2020 ceasefire agreement, the conflict continued to claim civilian casualties, including many children who became victims to mines and other unexploded ordnances. After a few weeks of reduced violence, the situation again escalated significantly towards the end of the year, increasing risks for civilian infrastructure.

The COVID-19 pandemic outbreak continued to generate an additional burden on already weak healthcare services, and as a result the health system was unable to fully render appropriate medical services to the population in need. The pandemic and related restrictions have significantly hampered humanitarian access to most needy communities.

In 2020, UNICEF received USD 7.1 million, out of a USD 9.8 million appeal, with a funding gap of 14 per cent. The education and HIV/AIDS programmes remained significantly underfunded, reducing UNICEF's abilities to support thousands of children and their families. Despite significant challenges, more than 640,000 conflict-affected people benefitted from UNICEF's humanitarian response programme in Ukraine.

UNICEF's Response and Funding Status

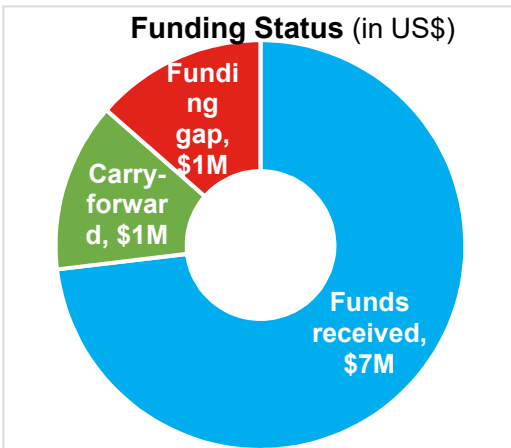


Situation in Numbers

- 430,000** children in need of humanitarian assistance
- 3,400,000** people in need (HRP, Dec 2019)
- 220,000** Internally displaced people (IDPs, HRP, Dec 2019)

UNICEF Appeal 2020

US\$ 9.8 million



Funding Overview and Partnerships

UNICEF has appealed for USD 9.8 million to sustain the provision of life-saving services for children and women in conflict-affected eastern Ukraine. Since the beginning of 2020, the governments of the United States, Germany, Italy, and Estonia, as well as ECHO have generously contributed to UNICEF Ukraine's Humanitarian Action for Children (HAC) appeal. UNICEF also expresses its gratitude to all public and private donors for the contributions received to date. Although the UNICEF 2020 HAC has been funded by over 85 per cent, at the end of 2020 significant gaps still remained in the Education and Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV/AIDS) sectors. This resulted in UNICEF not being able to reach out to all children with their education needs.

Humanitarian Strategy

In 2020 UNICEF remained committed to expanding services to people affected by the crisis. UNICEF in coordination with other humanitarian organizations continued strengthening social and psychosocial support, as well as health, education and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services. UNICEF continued work to ensure the sustainability of its interventions, prioritizing capacity building of the service providers and facilitating coordination among humanitarian actors to ensure effective results for children.

UNICEF continued to support training of doctors, nurses and other medical professionals on infection diseases control, which proved important in the COVID-19 pandemic. UNICEF also systematically built the capacity of education specialists to increase resilience of the system and promote the safe school concept. In partnership with local non-governmental organizations (NGOs), UNICEF continued to provide critical services to the affected population by combining online and off-line approaches to reach the targeted population with important messages on psycho-social services (PSS), mine risk prevention and gender-based violence (GBV).

UNICEF continued using social media and digital platforms to engage and empower the targeted population. Continuous dialogue with local authorities in both sides of the LoC proved to be critical to facilitate advancing UNICEF's work and reach the most vulnerable children and their families.

Summary Analysis of Programme Response

Health

In 2020, UNICEF provided increased support to mother and child health (MCH) services for most vulnerable mothers and children in conflict-affected areas, particularly strengthening of infection prevention and control (IPC) and WASH facilities in the healthcare system in GCA. Additionally, technical assistance and support were provided for the adoption and implementation of the Early Childhood Development (ECD) package of services (including the promotion of breastfeeding, immunization, positive parenting, etc.) through introducing of universal-progressive patronage model and systemic strengthening at the primary health care level. The regular advocacy meetings with the Ministry of Health (MoH) and regional health authorities in Donetsk Oblast resulted official approval of the initiative being gained from the MoH to implement the project in selected pilot sites and a technical working group being established at the oblast level.

UNICEF supported 100 front-line medical works with Home Visitor Kits, which included essential medical equipment for screening, monitoring and diagnostic of health status and digitally recording main findings. About 400 most disadvantaged families from the conflict-affected areas received Home Care Kits for self-medical care, assessment and evaluation of their health status and indicators of growth (including children under 5, adolescents and their caregivers).

UNICEF launched an initiative to strengthen IPC in selected health facilities to increase the capacity of the medical professionals in MCH, including immunization and nutrition services in a safe environment. This initiative in the GCAs is of particular importance as it contributed to measures to fight the COVID-19 pandemic. UNICEF supported 13 health care facilities in Donetsk and Luhansk Oblasts with this initiative, including child hospitals, perinatal centres and primary health care facilities. These health institutions received continuous expert support and supervision in development and implementation of local procedures on IPC, the establishment of effective IPC-teams in each facility and regional coordination IPC mechanism at oblast level. All interventions were based on initial assessment and mentoring/monitoring visits by experts. With the aim to institutionalize some project achievements, in cooperation with the national medical postgraduate academy, a handbook "Practical recommendations on IPC in health care facilities

for doctors and nurses” were prepared and published for sustainable use and further implementation (Standard Operating Procedures on IPC/WASH for primary and specialized health care facilities).

In 2020 UNICEF took a proactive position in addressing the negative impact of COVID-19 on the national and regional health care systems, supporting government at national and regional level and providing vital assistance to healthcare facilities in the conflict-affected regions of Ukraine. Non-COVID related medical and non-medical equipment (e.g. air purifiers, laptops, printers) were delivered to 21 hospitals in Donetsk and Luhansk GCA, improve their capacity to provide mother and child health care services for more than 30,000 children per year. In 2020, 75 oxygen concentrators with necessary accessories and over 1,000 pulse oximeters and other diagnostic medical and non-medical equipment were delivered to 144 health care facilities, including COVID-19 designated hospitals, public health centers and ambulances in Donetsk and Luhansk GCA. In addition, another 43 hospitals from eastern region Oblasts (Kharkiv, Zaporizhzhia, Dnipro) received medical equipment, to improve medical services for patients during and after COVID-19 pandemic. To support health facilities in NGCAs, UNICEF supported 38 medical facilities in Donetsk NGCA with more than 300,000 items of personal protective equipment (PPE) and disinfectants. Additionally, 30 oxygen concentrators were provided for 21 medical facilities in both NGCAs.

UNICEF demonstrated consistency and readiness to navigate within a challenging environment and engaged in this collaboration a wide number of private partners from national and international companies to support health care providers within its programmatic and emergency response framework. In close cooperation with the private sector, UNICEF supported more than 100 hospitals and primary health care facilities in almost all regions of the country, including conflict-affected areas of eastern Ukraine. This support included PPE kits for staff and COVID-laboratory staff, and capacity development of health facilities to provide diagnostic and life-saving procedures for more than 300,000 people.

The immunization of children in the NGCAs remained a key priority for UNICEF. As part of its humanitarian response programme, UNICEF delivered over 400 fridges and cold boxes and 100 items for control of the cold chain system of the local health facilities. The UNICEF-supported polio vaccination campaign continued in 2020 with IPV (inactivated polio vaccine), which was launched in 2019.

Over 1,100 children and families affected by HIV received critical assistance from UNICEF through an innovative e-voucher intervention in NGCA. 546 HIV/TB- affected children received medical consultations and medicines, 117 of whom under the age of 5, and 554 parents of children with HIV/TB benefitted from UNICEF support. As part of the programme, 411 children and families benefitted from HIV prevention services that focus on care, support and psychosocial support. Additionally, 297 beneficiaries, including 135 HIV positive children and 162 babies from HIV-positive mothers received medical services through multidisciplinary clinical teams.

WASH

In 2020, UNICEF continued to support key public water utility companies serving populations on both sides of the LoC. In 2020, 192 metric tons of liquefied chlorine gas and two metric tons of flocculant were supplied to Voda Donbasu (VD) for eight filter stations on GCA side, improving access to drinking water for 403,785 people. The company also received pipes and pumps to replace those that were damaged or broken, as well as to ensure emergency stocks to respond to any emergencies that might arise at the VD facilities on NGCA side. Chlorine dosing equipment was also provided to the Donetsk Filtration Station (DFS). UNICEF improved access to safe drinking water for 42,978 people in the Donetsk NGCA through this support to public utility companies.

UNICEF also supported the Luhanskvoda company by providing pipes and pumps for urgent, emergency repairs and laboratory equipment for water quality monitoring. A total of 85,062 residents of the Luhansk NGCA benefited from improved access to water through the repair of water systems and installation of pumps. UNICEF also provided Luhanskvoda with three sewage disposal pumps to replace those that were worn out, where there was a threat of water pollution and alteration of the existing sewage system. Overall, 60,000 residents of Luhansk's ONGCA benefited from improved access to sanitation.

In January, UNICEF completed the rehabilitation of WASH facilities in nine educational and three health facilities in Donetsk NGCA and improved access to water and sanitation services for 9,198 people. UNICEF improved access to

water, sanitation, and heating conditions for 7,298 people through emergency repairs at two health facilities near the LoC in Luhansk NGCA. Boilers were also installed in five health facilities and 12 educational institutions, improving access to hot water for 3,616 people. In November 2020, UNICEF completed the rehabilitation of decentralized water supply systems in Spartak, Novoazovsk and the village of Khreshatytske in Donetsk NGCA. As a result, access to drinking water was improved for 2,098 beneficiaries.

Throughout the year, UNICEF continued to support water trucking to exit-entry checkpoints and a range of educational, health and social institutions in the settlements located along the LoC with limited access to safe drinking water. Overall, nearly 5,000 residents in the towns and villages were assisted, and approximately 20,000 people passing through the checkpoints each month (less due the COVID-19 restrictions) benefitted from water trucking. In January 2020, the installation of water tanks in educational and health facilities in Bakhmut was finalized, improving the resilience to water supply interruptions for 5,000 children and patients. In October, UNICEF provided bottled water, donated by a private partner, to educational and healthcare institutions located along the LoC in Donetsk and Luhansk (GCA) as well as to wildfire survivors in the area, improving access to safe water for 9,628 people.

Access to hygiene items was improved for 3,726 vulnerable individuals through the distribution of hygiene kits in towns located within 0-5 km from the LoC in GCA. UNICEF also provided hygiene kits for children and their families as well as institutional kits for schools and kindergartens in NGCA. Overall, 9,269 vulnerable individuals benefitted from improved access to hygiene supplies through the distribution of kits to 856 households and 41 institutions in Donetsk NGCA. In September, 338 babies in Donetsk NGCA received diapers. Hygiene promotion sessions were organized in schools and kindergartens, mainly in rural areas along the LoC in GCA, providing 668 children with key hygiene messages throughout January-March 2020.

As the COVID-19 pandemic raged on, UNICEF intensified interventions on raising awareness as good hygiene practice and IPC became a key prevention measure. On Global Handwashing Day in October, a digital activation on handwashing practices in TikTok, the most popular social media platform in Ukraine among teens, was conducted. The eight videos supported by UNICEF were viewed more than 105,000 times and gained 17,000 impressions. To support the dissemination of basic hygiene rules and highlight their practice on daily basis, UNICEF collaborated with the Children KinoFest Film Festival, an annual international film festival for children and adolescents. Within this partnership, the series of cartoons 'Seven Planets' developed by UNICEF were screened during this year's online festival. More than 20,000 children in Ukraine were reached within this activity.

Eduainment kits (boarding games, quizzes, riddles, colouring sheets, guides, stickers, calendars) aimed to promote correct hygiene practice and respiratory etiquette were developed and disseminated among 2,000 schools across Ukraine, covering 1,000,000 children and 40,000 educators. The content of the boxes is tailored for two target audiences: primary school students and teachers and secondary school students and teachers. 800 sets (one box) were disseminated in Eastern Ukraine and 2,000 sets across other regions (including Roma's communities and regions most affected by Covid-19). An online dance contest promoting COVID-19 hygiene rules in the form of dance movements was launched to establish hygiene experts among children. More than 1,000 schools and 15,000 children, including those living in eastern regions, took part in the contest by posting their videos with the dance on TikTok, Instagram and Facebook platforms. The contest reached around 2.7 million people, received 3.1 million impressions and had 60,000 engagements. Tailored digital activations (Instagram, Facebook) on COVID-19 prevention were conducted reaching over five million people living in both GCA and NGCA.

Education

In 2020, through its Education in Emergency (EiE) response, UNICEF reached 34,700 school and preschool-age girls and boys in NGCA and the areas along the LoC in GCA, providing them with educational supplies, rehabilitating schools in most critical need, and building capacity of 216 teachers on identified priority topics (Life Skills Education (LSE), Conflict Sensitive Education (CSE), Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)).

A total of 14 schools were rehabilitated, improving access to quality education and a safe learning environment in NGCA and areas along the LoC in GCA for nearly 3,000 children. Another 21,600 girls and boys received key education materials and supplies. Over 9,900 children benefited from conflict-sensitive, risk-informed and life-skills-based education delivered by 212 teachers trained by UNICEF and its partners. Capacity building programs on DRR and LSE

were introduced in NGCA for the first time, supporting the development of resilience and positive coping mechanisms for boys and girls affected by the ongoing conflict.

To address humanitarian needs and at the same time support the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine (MoES) education reform agenda, UNICEF continued scaling up the Safe and Child-Friendly Schools (SCFS) model aimed to strengthen the safe, inclusive and violence-free environment for boys and girls living along the LoC. Building on the best practices of the pilot phase, 50 education facilities worked on strengthening their internal system to ensure the needs and interests of over 15,000 children are met as per four core standards of safety and child-friendliness. They completed an online self-assessment, developed individual action plans based on needs, provided capacity building activities on identified priority topics for children, parents and school staff and refurbished learning spaces. The SCFC interventions were included in the plan of their activities for the 2020-2021 school year.

Following the endorsement of the Safe School Declaration (SSD) by the Government of Ukraine on 20 November 2020, the MoES is taking concrete actions to put it into operation and prevent attacks on educational institutions and their use for military purposes during armed conflict. Technical assistance and policy advice provided by UNICEF to the MoES throughout 2020 was focused primarily at the SSD implementation plan development and the commitment on attacks on education data collection as a basis for the evidence-based response to resulting needs. UNICEF is now supporting Government in development of the attacks on schools monitoring mechanism and its rollout is planned in early 2021.

Throughout 2020 UNICEF continuously contributed to the knowledge building and evidence generation regarding the right to education in conflict-affected areas. In 2020 UNICEF provided inputs to the global Education Under Attack 2020 Report and provided feedback on the multimedia essay on education in Eastern Ukraine prepared by the Right to Education Initiative. These efforts greatly contribute to keeping the SSD high on the agenda of national and oblast level education authorities.

Child Protection

In 2020, UNICEF in partnership with national NGOs continued providing community-based psychosocial support (PSS) to children, youth and their caregivers residing in conflict-affected settlements alongside the LoC in the NGCAs of Donetsk and Luhansk Oblasts. In total, 7,928 beneficiaries, including 6,031 children (3,033 boys, 2,998 girls), 1,897 adults (1,713F/184M), 199 children (93 boys, 106 girls) in alternative care arrangements benefitted from psychosocial support. In addition to this, 201 community professionals were reached with capacity building activities aiming to improve their knowledge of child protection issues, including positive parenting. Also, UNICEF ensured protection and specialized services for 154 children (86 boys and 68 girls) with disabilities.

In the GCA, UNICEF partnered with international NGOs to conduct a comprehensive needs assessment in Donetsk and Luhansk regions, to identify households with child or caregiver affected by landmine. The identified children and caregivers – victims of landmine/ERW received further support through individual case management, PSS and targeted aid. The assessment was done in cooperation with the regional and local social service departments and other relevant stakeholders. More than 70 cases were identified based on the selection criteria, including 19 households, with more than one mine/ERW victim. Around 75 child mine/ERW victims and 30 adults (caregiver), mine survivors were selected for further assistance and individual case management. For each case, an individual support plan was developed and implemented.

To ensure access to PSS services for adolescents and youth, including children mine/ERW victims and children with disabilities living in the most conflict-affected areas, implementing partners conducted a range of PSS group and individual sessions in schools located in 0-20km from the LoC. PSS activities were organized not only for children and youth in selected schools but also for parents and other caregivers. As a result, 5,418 (2,640F/2,778M) beneficiaries including 52 with a disability, received PSS through online and offline group and individual sessions. Moreover, 61 families with children (325 children and 155 adults) affected by wildfires in the Luhansk region received winterization items and necessities. Besides, 1,489 community professionals and caregivers gained knowledge on PSS, positive parenting and inclusion. More than 27,500 leaflets and information materials on child protection risks and issues such as violence against children, positive parenting, etc. were distributed through social services and other community

professionals. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the implementing partners often had to switch their activities to the online mode.

In 2020, UNICEF continued supporting 12 PSS /gender-based violence (GBV) mobile teams in Donetsk and Luhansk GCA, providing PSS and consultations to 30,442 survivors of GBV/domestic violence (5,837M/24,569F) and 3,642 children affected by violence (1,374M/2,268F), including 351 with disabilities. During the COVID-19 lockdown, partners continued psychosocial consultations via phone and/or Skype and ensured emergency outreach to the 2,494 most at-risk women/men and children in conflict-affected and remote communities of Eastern Ukraine. As a result, UNICEF beneficiaries gained access and were referred to child-friendly and survivor-friendly protection and other social services, enhancing their coping mechanisms. More than 18,000 beneficiaries were referred to other services upon need.

Since April 2020, UNICEF responded to the increasing level of violence against children during the COVID-19 lockdown, through support to the National toll-free Child Helpline to provide online consultations to children, caregivers and youth affected by violence and neglect. Within the reporting period, 30,007 beneficiaries (27,236F/8,771M) received consultations, out of which 6,328 were adults, including 916 with disabilities. Out of all calls, 25 per cent were related to violence against children; 22 per cent required consultations on mental health and psycho-social wellbeing of children, inclusive of a few cases of self-harm and suicidal attempts; and 10 per cent were related to the family relationships/communication between children and caregivers. Moreover, UNICEF advocated for linking the Child Helpline with the Hotline for Online Legal Aid provided by the Free Legal Aid Office for further referral of cases requiring legal consultations or legal protection of children subjected to violence. Both helplines are available nationwide.

In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, UNICEF in cooperation with NGO “Volunteer” and Kyiv Mohyla Academy elaborated online courses for parents, pedagogues, and psychologists of educational facilities on psychosocial support to children during COVID-19. The courses aim to improve the knowledge of professionals and caregivers on positive parenting, PSS as well as contain modules on how to talk with children about health and prevention of viruses without fear and anxiety. Courses were made available in Russian and Ukrainian and posted on the national education platform and other related sites. To date, more than 470 education specialists and 900 parents and caregivers passed the online courses and received knowledge on PSS and positive parenting.

Since the onset of the global COVID-19 pandemic, many implementing partners had to switch to teleworking/online mode as part of risk mitigation measures to prevent further spread of this deadly disease. To address the emerging needs of partners, UNICEF translated and disseminated the following guidance to its partners: UNICEF Global Guidance and Technical Notes on community-based child protection; coping with stress; positive parenting; mental health and psychosocial support; and inclusion of children, adolescents and adults with disabilities; alternative care in COVID-19 response. Moreover, to support frontline workers and vulnerable families, UNICEF distributed hygiene kits and protective equipment to social workers and child protection professionals in Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts, GCA.

In 2020, UNICEF Ukraine continued its Communication for Development (C4D) interventions to raise awareness about safety rules on explosive ordnance and promote safe behaviour among children and caregivers living close to LoC. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, UNICEF applied a blended approach, prioritizing offline sessions and where and whenever possible, in remote schools and small education facilities in Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts (GCA). Overall, UNICEF jointly with the HALO Trust, conducted 488 sessions (offline and online) in 57 schools and reached 10,026 children and 678 caregivers.

UNICEF launched an educational virtual reality (VR) sessions targeting primary school children, secondary school children and adults. The VR journey is tailored to a specific audience and designed as a quest for establishing correct behaviour patterns on Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE), with some specific tools on measuring the progress of learning. This edutainment approach for EORE has been successfully applied since 2017 and became a very effective way to engage children. In 2020, within digital promotion of the safety practices, over 100,000 children in both GCA and NGCA were reached with online education content “Superteam against Mines.”

Humanitarian Leadership, Coordination and Strategy

UNICEF continued to lead the WASH Cluster and Child Protection Sub-Cluster and co-lead the Education Cluster. UNICEF also actively participated in the Health Cluster and Mine Action working groups. In 2020, regular coordination activities continued, including organization of several coordination meetings to discuss and agree upon a several issues related to the humanitarian response in eastern Ukraine and how to improve coordination mechanism to better respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Using its leadership role within the WASH cluster, UNICEF continued building and expanding the humanitarian coalition to better respond to the needs of the most vulnerable groups affected by the armed conflict, and particularly the COVID-19 pandemic. UNICEF with support of its WASH cluster partners ensured the provision of safe drinking water to over 600,000 people over 2020. While Save the Children has increasingly taken the lead of the Education Cluster, UNICEF continued to provide necessary support with data collection and analysis, and also advocacy on the development of the government mechanisms for the application of SSD in Ukraine. In the Protection Cluster, UNICEF led the Child Protection sub-cluster, providing key leadership to raise awareness on the key child protection concerns and advocate together with partners.

Communication

UNICEF continued to cover the situation of children and families trapped in the six year-long volatile conflict in eastern Ukraine through local and international media, as well as across local and global digital platforms. In 2020, UNICEF Ukraine contributed to the global campaigns in emergency communication. It also reached UNICEF National Committees (Finnish, German) with opportunities to collect and promote Ukraine's humanitarian content, to raise awareness on most pressing issues for children outside of Ukraine.

Over the year, UNICEF Ukraine produced 23 human interest stories focusing on the dire situation of children living along the LoC in eastern Ukraine. UNICEF covered all programmatic areas, acknowledging the important support of donors in ensuring results for children. At least, five stories were picked up by UNICEF global channels, unveiling a 'double crisis' narrative depicting the challenges posed by the armed conflict and COVID-19 outbreak. Ukraine's [frontline workers story](#) was UNICEF's global best performing story, thanks to strong Facebook referrals. It also gained almost 70,000 page-views and solid engagement, with over six minutes time on page, considered a strong number for a web story.

Complementary multimedia content, 18 Flickr albums and nine video clips, were released to accompany the humanitarian stories, centered around children's voices and rooted in children's experiences to build hope around and action towards securing their future.

In 2020, UNICEF Ukraine continued to avail of every media opportunity to maintain visibility of the protracted crisis and security incidents involving children in schools. The press release on attacks and child casualties [issued by the RO](#) in liaison with Ukraine Country Office and UNICEF Headquarters, were echoed by [UNICEF Global](#), [UNICEF Canada](#), and [UNICEF USA](#). As a part of the press release media package, a [video](#) on challenges triggered by COVID-19 and conflict in eastern Ukraine gained 22 million views on UNICEF's global Facebook. On a local Facebook, the [Poems for Peace video](#) alone gained 4.2 million views, which accounted for 30 per cent of all Ukrainian Facebook users.

Supporting the Children Under Attack thematic communication, on the first International Day to Protect Education From Attack, UNICEF Ukraine and the MoES jointly [launched a press release](#) calling for actions to implement the SSD in Ukraine. This message was included into the Ministry's weekly newsletter for schools nationwide. The national media coverage reached over 30 media outlets, including top-tiers, with social media outreach of 2.4M and 300 publications. On the first anniversary of the signing up to the SSD, UNICEF Ukraine continued pulling together efforts with the MoES [to bring up a topic](#) for a wider public and update on developments.

In 2020, as a part of the global Back to School campaign, Ukrainian first-graders living along the 'contact line' participated in a signature [video](#) featuring children from 14 countries. The [multimedia content on teachers](#) working despite the COVID-19 pandemic and shelling in eastern Ukraine was contributed to UNICEF Champions for Children

global activation. '[A little blue backpack...](#)' story was picked up by UNICEF global, becoming the second top performer at the UNICEF Ukraine website and reaching over [1M people on Facebook](#).

In 2020, the actions of raising awareness on mine risks and mine survivors remained the priority topic in humanitarian communication and advocacy for UNICEF Ukraine. There was [a feature story](#) produced on child mine victims and results of the first Mine Victim Assistance Programme in Ukraine. The respective video was picked up by [UNICEF Executive Director's Twitter account](#) to advocate for Ukraine on International Mine Awareness Day.

To acknowledge donor support with hygiene products and detergent for the most vulnerable families, UNICEF produced a series of human-interest stories on WASH interventions. One of them reached nearly [900,000 Facebook users](#) nationwide. UNICEF Ukraine kept seizing every occasion to advocate on water supply issues. During the World Water Week and Geneva Peace Week, UNICEF Ukraine [produced](#) and [promoted](#) several stories, including through global digital channels.

In 2020, UNICEF Ukraine accommodated the visit of the Finnish National Committee for UNICEF to eastern Ukraine and showcased the humanitarian response, bringing light to the silent crisis for children. As a result, three video stories were produced and run during a national telethon in Finland for fundraising efforts.

Together with donors and partners, UNICEF continued working to reach and make every child visible during the ongoing crisis.

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Annex A Summary of Programme Results	Cluster/Sector Response ¹			UNICEF and IPs		
	Sector	2020 target	Total results	Change since last report ▲ ▼	2020 target	Total results
Health						
Number of mothers and children U5 benefit from direct health service provision	N/A	N/A		20,000	21,524 ²	▲
Number of Health Facilities supported with equipment (different type of equipment)	N/A	N/A		50	177 ³	▲
WASH						
Number of people accessing a sufficient quantity of water for drinking, cooking and personal hygiene	1,000,000	1,455,575	▲	800,000	603,271 ⁴	▲
Number of people provided with critical WASH related supplies and/or awareness	100,000	924,069	▲	70,000	649,946 ⁵	▲
Number of people provided with improved access to adequate sanitation	175,000	160,950	▲	15,000	76,596 ⁶	▲
Child Protection						
Number of children and their families receiving mine risk education	N/A	N/A		150,000	100,000 ⁷	▲
Number of boys, girls, and caregivers reached with psychosocial support	N/A	70,771	▲	30,000	55,714 ⁸	▲
Number of community professionals gained enhanced capacity on child protection	N/A	4,140	▲	5,000	4,381	▲
Number of children and women accessing GBV risk mitigation, prevention or response interventions	N/A	N/A		5,000	31,219	▲
Education						
Number of girls and boys benefitting from education and early learning supplies and inclusive schools and kindergartens	120,000	12,309		36,500	26,525 ⁹	▲

¹ For some indicators the cluster data was not available at the time of the reporting or no cluster target is available. This explains why for some indicators, UNICEF figure is higher than the cluster figure.

² Targets were overachieved for health due to increased funding received for the COVID-19 related activities, which included supporting health facilities with medical supplies and equipment and with the late addition of figures in Q4 related to the ongoing polio immunization campaign in NGCA.

³ Targets were overachieved for HIV/AIDS due to e-voucher activities experiencing a delay in 2019, and extending into 2020, with most planned beneficiaries receiving vouchers in 2020.

⁴ The under-achievement is explained by the fact that support to the public utility company Voda Donbasu with water treatment chemicals in 2020 lasted for 3.5 months only. Therefore, coverage is lower than initially planned.

⁵ The overachievement of target is the result of COVID-19 response with a focus made on provision of hygiene supplies, representing 89% of the reported beneficiaries.

⁶ In comparison to water, the sanitation target is low as Ukraine counts with 96% of improved sanitation. Nevertheless, efforts are made to improve the sanitation at institutional level (schools and KG, Health centers), but not at household level. The improvements in the institutional settings meant that more than planned people have benefited from UNICEF interventions.

⁷ The under-achievement is caused by lockdown and quarantine restrictions applied for school visits, that limited UNICEF interventions on Explosive Ordnance Risk Education that delivered through direct training sessions. UNICEF kept on hold sessions in schools from March till September 2020 and has fully renewed activities starting from September 2020. This is a cumulative figure of children reached through direct and indirect approach.

⁸ The over-achievement in CP indicators is caused by implementation of new modalities of work by implementing partner. As a response to the COVID-19 consequences, IP started to provide phone/online PSS counselling as well as continued emergency visits covering more beneficiaries.

⁹ Both Education indicators were not fully achieved due to COVID-19 related shift in response priorities and the fact that HAC for Education was not 100% funded.

Number of girls and boys benefitting from conflict-sensitive, risk-informed and life-skills education	44,350	8,361		13,000	9,976	
HIV/AIDS						
Number of people living with HIV and AIDS and tuberculosis provided with financial support through cash or vouchers for health care expenses	N/A	N/A		1,000	1,100 ¹⁰	▲
Number of HIV-affected children provided with continuous care and support services	N/A	N/A		600	708	▲

Annex B Funding Status*

Sector	Requirements \$	Funds available \$		Funding gap	
		Received Current Year	Carry-Over	\$	%
Health	610,000	638,163	78	0	0%
WASH	3,700,000	3,331,246	322,809	45,945	1%
Child Protection	2,000,000	1,825,947	244,893	0	0%
Education	2,424,000	321,045	356,700	1,746,255	72%
HIV/AIDS	500,000	131,992	271	367,737	74%
Cluster Coordination	600,000	940,954	387,060	0	0%
Total	9,834,000	7,189,348	1,311,812	1,332,840	14%

* As defined in Humanitarian Appeal of December 2019 for a period of 12 months

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