

FAST FACTS

HUMANITARIAN ACTION FOR CHILDREN FOR 2021 THE MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA



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Total number of children in the region:
over 178 million¹



Children in need: **38 million** (one in five children) – 20 per cent of the children in need globally.



Total internally displaced children:
over 6 million²



Total refugee children:
6.3 million³

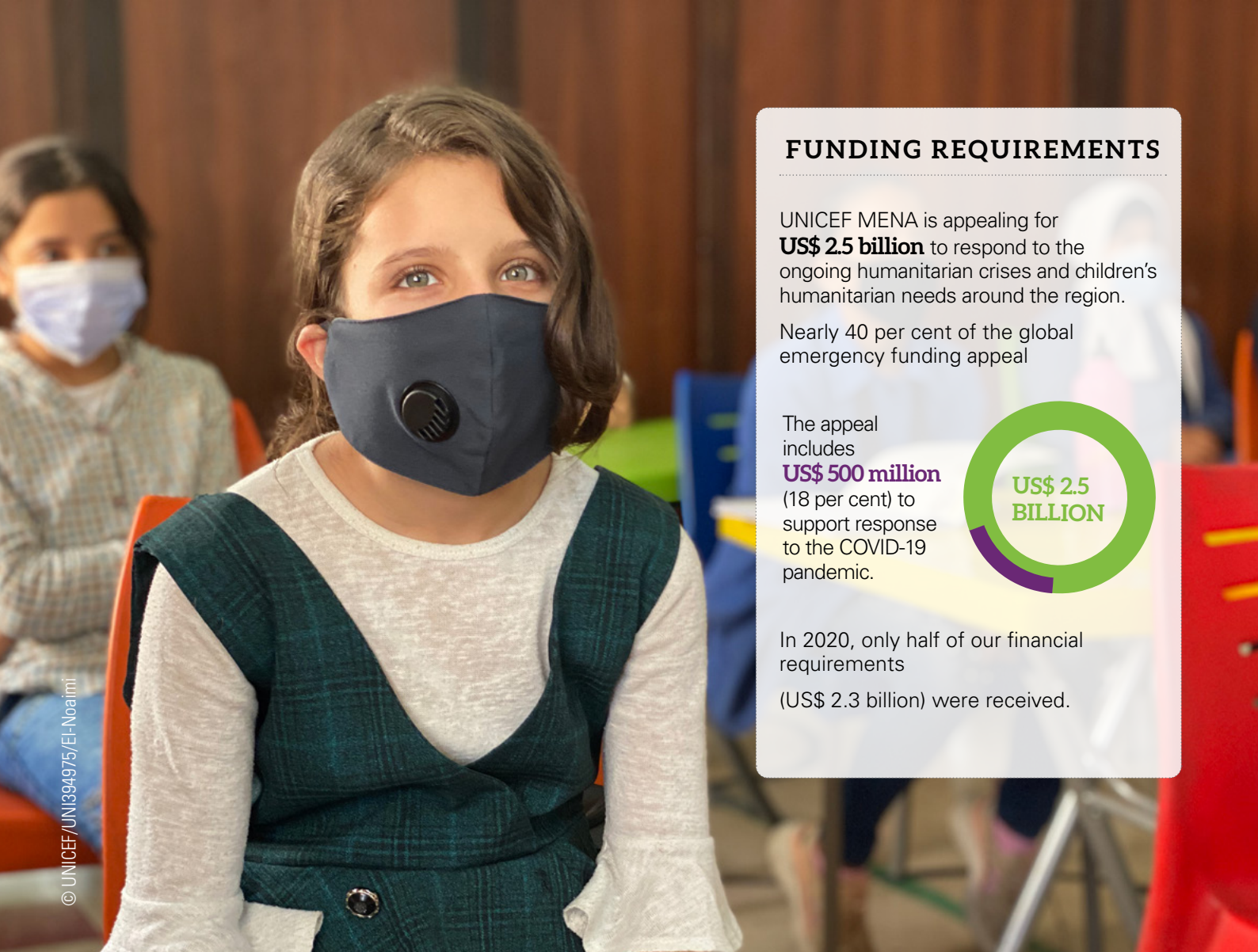


The region is home to the **highest unemployment rates** among young people in the world⁴



UNICEF estimates that the number of children living in poor households in the region could reach **60.1 million** by the end of 2020, compared with **50.4 million** before the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis

1. UNICEF, MENARO [According to estimates from the UN Population Division – World Population Prospects.]
2. UNICEF, MENA IDPs and Refugees.
3. UNICEF, MENA IDPs and Refugees.
4. UNICEF MENA Generation2030.



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FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

UNICEF MENA is appealing for **US\$ 2.5 billion** to respond to the ongoing humanitarian crises and children's humanitarian needs around the region.

Nearly 40 per cent of the global emergency funding appeal

The appeal includes **US\$ 500 million** (18 per cent) to support response to the COVID-19 pandemic.



In 2020, only half of our financial requirements

(US\$ 2.3 billion) were received.

BREAKDOWN OF THE FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY SECTOR

Sector	2021 Financial Requirement in US\$
Education	874,467,107
WASH	507,625,988
Health and Nutrition	497,595,545
Child protection, GBVIE and PSEA	275,683,275
Social Protection and Cash Transfer	149,634,507
Adolescents/Youth	62,467,501
C4D and Community Engagement	42,095,098
Basic Needs	11,811,000
Cluster Coordination	8,417,140
Rapid Response Mechanism	6,500,000
Emergency Response	4,145,000
Regional office technical capacity	2,455,000
Preparedness and disaster reduction	2,400,000
TOTAL FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS	USDS 2.5 BILLION

COUNTRIES COVERED BY THE HAC IN THE MENA REGION:

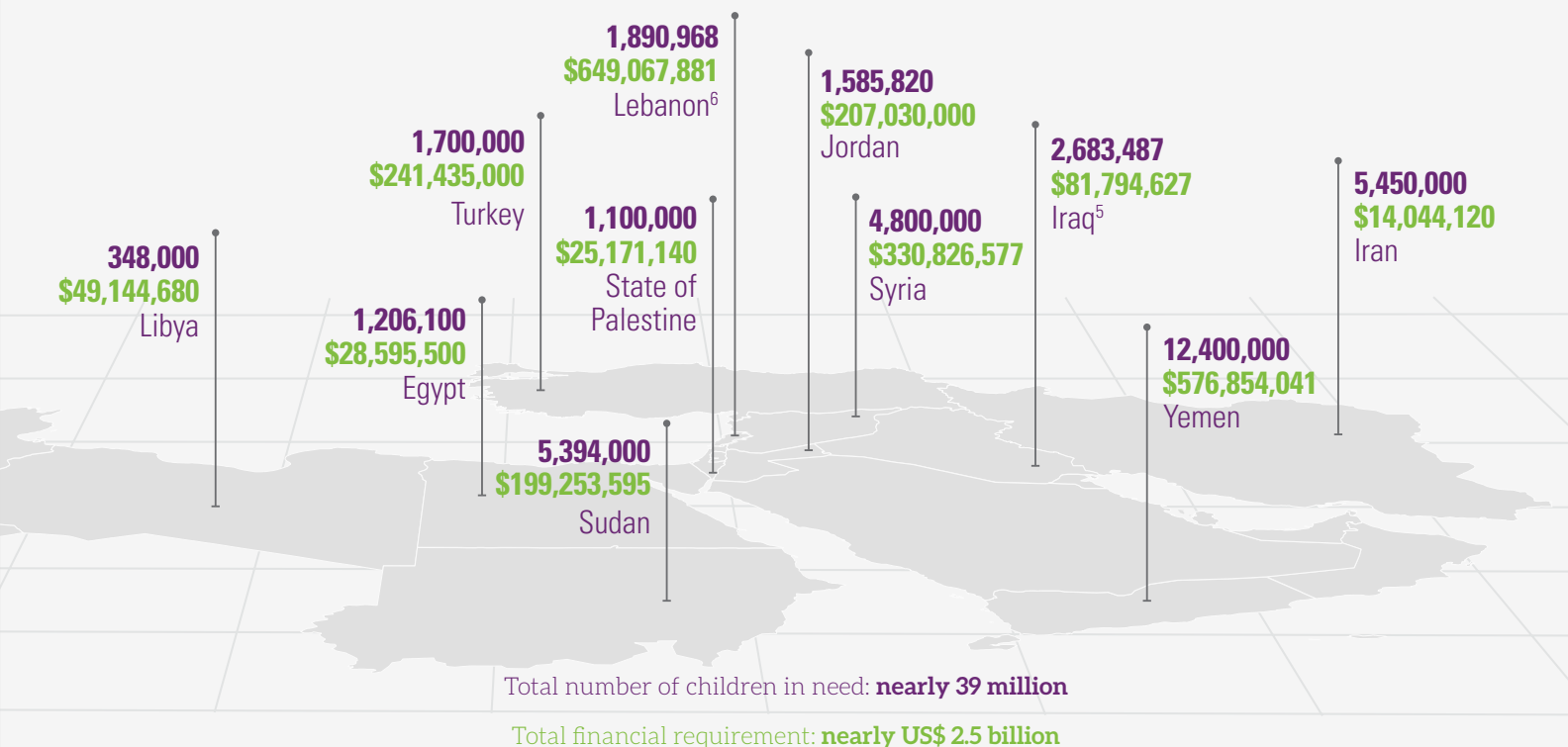
Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, the State of Palestine, Sudan, Syria and Yemen.



Children in need by country



Financial requirement by country



COVID-19 cases in the region⁷

As of 7 December- 2020 Nearly **3.3 million confirmed cases.**

UNICEF'S RESPONSE IN 2020

- › Reached **270 million people** with information on COVID-19 to promote health and hygiene practices and credible information.
- › Bought **more than 10 million** boxes of Personal Protective Equipment, 253 ventilators and 1,303 oxygen concentrators.
- › Support local economies through buying the value of **US\$ 40 million** in supplies from local markets, making 55 per cent of the total UNICEF procurement in the region.
- › Provided **over 15 million people** with hygiene kits and cleaning products.
- › Supported governments in nine countries around the region to provide **12.5 million households** with social protection assistance, including cash transfers in response to COVID-19.
- › Reached **over 5.5 million** children who were at risk of missing out on vaccinations for polio and measles.
- › Bought and distributed **83 million doses** of routine vaccines against measles, tetanus, polio, diphtheria, hepatitis B and rotavirus.

5. Combined for both Syrian Refugees and Iraq HAC appeal.

6. Combined for both Syrian Refugees and Lebanon HAC appeal.

7. WHO, EMRO 2020.

UNICEF'S TARGETS IN 2021



Over 2 million children to be immunized against measles, and over 18 million children against polio.



Over 15.7 million people to have access to safe water for drinking, cooking and personal hygiene.



Over 6.2 million children to have access to formal and non-formal education.



Over 244,000 households reached with humanitarian cash transfers across sectors.



65 million people engaged in behavioural change and reached with messages on access to services.

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