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

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.

The region is home to the highest unemployment rates among young people in the world.

Total number of children in the region: over 178 million

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

Total internally displaced children: over 6 million

Total refugee children: 6.3 million

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

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<th>Sector</th>
<th>2021 Financial Requirement in US$</th>
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<td>Education</td>
<td>874,467,107</td>
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<td>WASH</td>
<td>507,625,988</td>
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<td>Health and Nutrition</td>
<td>497,595,545</td>
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<td>Child protection, GBViE and PSEA</td>
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<td>Social Protection and Cash Transfer</td>
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<td>Adolescents/Youth</td>
<td>62,467,501</td>
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<td>C4D and Community Engagement</td>
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<td>Basic Needs</td>
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<td>Cluster Coordination</td>
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<td>Rapid Response Mechanism</td>
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<td>Emergency Response</td>
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<td>Regional office technical capacity</td>
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<td>Preparedness and disaster reduction</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS</strong></td>
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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

- **State of Palestine**: 1,100,000
- **Turkey**: 1,700,000
- **Libya**: 1,206,100
- **Egypt**: 1,206,100
- **Jordan**: 1,100,000
- **Syria**: 4,800,000
- **Iraq**: 2,683,487
- **Iran**: 12,400,000
- **Yemen**: 1,700,000

Financial requirement by country

- **State of Palestine**: $649,067,881
- **Turkey**: $241,435,000
- **Libya**: $28,595,500
- **Egypt**: $199,030,000
- **Jordan**: $207,030,000
- **Syria**: $330,826,577
- **Iraq**: $81,794,627
- **Iran**: $576,854,041
- **Yemen**: $649,067,881

Total number of children in need: nearly 39 million
Total financial requirement: nearly US$ 2.5 billion

COVID-19 cases in the region
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 **125 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, diptheria, hepatitis B and rotavirus.

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