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ANNUAL RESULTS 21
FOR CHILDREN

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SNAPSHOT



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Foreword



While the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact dominated our lives throughout 2021, this human tragedy also equipped us with a new resolve to help rebuild communities, strengthen resilience and ensure that the rights of children are fulfilled, no matter the circumstances. A year ago, we were cautiously optimistic... and a year later, we remain so. Despite how uncertain the world is, we remain certain about our objectives, principles and values in a rapidly changing world.

This snapshot showcases the results we were able to achieve for children during this challenging year, and the many ways in which we supported the national COVID-19 response while safeguarding the continuity of key social services in Senegal.

Ensuring safe, fair, and widespread immunization were key to curb the pandemic and advance recovery: we supported country's access to COVID-19 vaccines, through the COVAX facility. We focused our efforts on a number of issues that have emerged with heightened relevance. Among these are equitable access to vaccines, tackling the learning crisis with greater investment, and bringing an end to the neglect, abuse and violence against children that drive poor life outcomes.

The precious lesson of 2021 is that creativity tends to thrive in highly constrained environments: this is when magic happens and new ways of partnering and engaging flourish. UNICEF took steps in fostering the role of adolescents and youth as actors of change. To expand opportunities for adolescents to participate meaningfully in their communities, we have empowered them to actively engage and voice their views and opinions.

Also, we will continue strengthening partnerships, including with international financing institutions to support upstream advocacy on priority spending in social sectors, and accelerating the implementation of innovative and multisectoral approaches, working closely with the Government of Senegal. Our Business for results roadmap developed in 2021 will be key to broaden our pool of partners and advocate for child rights and access innovations.

2021 has been a year of many challenges and opportunities. We delivered great results despite the extraordinary circumstances and we have full confidence we will make 2022 even greater.

We look forward to working with all our partners, communities and families to make Senegal a country where children and adolescents can thrive and become their best selves.

As we reimagine a safer, fairer and better world for every child, we invite you to seize the moment and work with us to rapidly accelerate action for children where it matters most.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Silvia', written over a circular background that matches the portrait above.

SILVIA DANAILOV
UNICEF REPRESENTATIVE IN SENEGAL

2021 CONTEXT HIGHLIGHTS

ECONOMIC GROWTH & POVERTY



5%

GDP
Economic
growth
compared to
15% in 2020

38%



Poverty rate
compared to
42.8% in 2020

COVID-19



192%

COVID-19
increased
cases in 2021



Only **11%** of
the adult
population
fully
vaccinated



75%

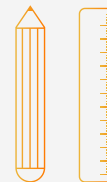
of the total doses
for Senegal via
the COVAX
initiative

As well as leading the procurement and supply of COVID-19 vaccine, **UNICEF** is helping the country strengthen its cold and supply chains, training health workers and working with communities in building trust in vaccines and in the health systems that deliver lifesaving vaccines.

EDUCATION



gross enrolment
rate at primary level
compared to 86.4%
in 2020



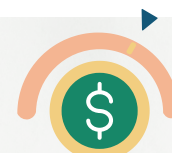
64.9%

primary school
completion rate
compared to
59.8% in 2020



41.9%

lower secondary
completion rate
compared to 35.2%
in 2020



20%

of Senegal's budget
allocated to
Education sector

CHILD PROTECTION



15,000

estimated girls
aged 15–17
victims of
sexual violence



78.7%

children under 5
have a birth
certificate

CHILD SURVIVAL AND DEVELOPMENT



90%

immunization
coverage rate for
the main routine
antigens



2.6 MILLION

children vaccinated against polio



17.9%

of children under 5
are stunted



4.2 MILLION

people are
food insecure



14%

rise in
admissions of
children with
severe acute
malnutrition
(SAM)



10%

Decrease in open defecation
compared to 11.3% in 2020



US\$ 70 MILLION

Country's pledge to increase
funding for the Multisectoral
Strategic Plan for Nutrition (per year)

CLIMATE



22nd

in the world
(Children's Climate
Risk Index)

YOUTH



1/3

of the population
aged 10–24



EVERY CHILD SURVIVES AND THRIVES

A crucial window of opportunity to strengthen health systems and reimagine health for every child in Senegal.

In 2021, UNICEF supported systems strengthening and community capacity development in the health and nutrition sectors, implemented with strategic and operational partners including WHO, World Bank, United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Gavi, Japan, France, China and Canada.

STRENGTHENING THE COLD CHAIN



5
ultra-efficient
refrigerators
270
refrigerators



40m3
of mixed cold room
3,500
vaccine carriers for
passive cold chain units

CLEAN, HEALTHY, AND SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

968



hygiene and health
workers trained on IPC

2,755



community volunteers
(60% female) trained
on IPC



4,560

public handwashing
stations were
installed in health
care and other
public facilities

INNOVATING FOR CHILD'S SURVIVAL

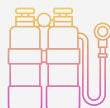
500

oxygen concentrators and
accessories for health facilities



7

oxygen production plants
for health facilities



The **Scaling Pneumonia Response INnovaTions (SPRINT)** witnessed significant progress in increasing Senegal's ability to provide life-saving oxygen therapy

203,520



additional children have
access to WASH
interventions

1,572,535



people reached with
information on hygiene
measures to stop the
spread of the infectious
disease



A programme to protect children from
the health effects of

air pollution



757

additional
villages
achieving open
defecation free
status

17



prototypes for
handwashing stations
through an innovative
public-private
entrepreneurship initiative

TACKLING CHILD MALNUTRITION



US\$ 70 MILLION

Country's pledge to increase
funding for the Multisectoral
Strategic Plan for Nutrition (per year)

1,413,624

children received two
doses of Vitamin A



32,223

children treated for acute malnutrition



Bourama Manka, 43

**I got vaccinated not just for
myself but for my family**

"VACCINES ARE A NORMAL PART OF HOW I LOOK AFTER MY HEALTH AND THE HEALTH OF MY KIDS. I UNDERSTAND THAT EVERY MEDICAL INTERVENTION CARRIES RISK, BUT ON BALANCE, THE BENEFITS OF VACCINES FAR OUTWEIGH THE RISKS FOR ME AND MY FAMILY"

EVERY CHILD LEARNS

Even before the pandemic, the most marginalized children were being left behind. As the pandemic enters its third year, we can't afford to go back to "normal." We need a new normal.

UNICEF prioritized safe school reopening, learning loss catch-up, and prevention of dropout while continuing to scale up ongoing and innovative school reinsertion and skills development models for out-of-school children and adolescents.

SAFE SCHOOL REOPENING



7,067

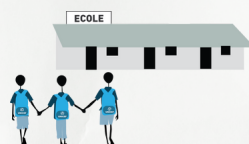
educational institutions received essential supplies, including handwashing units and hygiene kits



1,600,000

learners were able to learn in more conducive environments

EXTENDING LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES



Learning opportunities were extended to

27,338

out-of-school children

107



community-based preschools in underserved communities, offering a minimum of one year of pre-primary education to **more than 5,000 children.**

STRENGTHENING SCHOOLS' CAPACITIES



7,283

teachers and supervisors trained in remedial education, multigrade management, gender, disability inclusion, and digital education

5,555



primary school learners benefited from remediation interventions during school holidays



619

pupils with disabilities were referred to specialized services or provided with assistive devices

6,700



pupils without birth certificates were registered

ALTERNATIVE PATHWAYS TO EDUCATION



Distance learning for secondary school dropouts to help them prepare for national examinations

Foundational literacy and numeracy programmes in traditional **Quranic schools**

Accelerated training initiatives to **improve employability skills among youths**

REIMAGINE EDUCATION

UNICEF advocacy efforts result in the government's decision to recruit

5,000

additional teachers to reduce teacher shortages

Reading corners in

300

schools



242,232

learners received learning materials, school kits, and pupils' desks and chairs

Introduction of menstrual hygiene management in

624



public schools covering the needs of

31,200



school girls



Ndeye Maguette, 12

is among of the thousands of children participating in the catch-up class initiative

" I AM PROUD TO NOW HAVE THE SAME CHANCE AS OTHER CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS: TO LEARN, PLAY, AND BE TREATED NOW AS A 'NORMAL' CHILD. I DO NOT WANT TO MISS THIS CHANCE TO LEARN AND TO REALIZE MY DREAMS. I WANT TO BE A TEACHER, AND I STILL NEED TO LEARN SO MUCH"

EVERY CHILD IS PROTECTED FROM VIOLENCE AND EXPLOITATION

No matter their story or circumstance, all children have the right to be protected from violence, exploitation, and abuse.

In 2021, UNICEF continued to support the government and civil society to meet child protection needs, focusing on violence against children and their access to services, birth registration, and the elimination of female genital mutilation (FGM).

BUILDING A PROTECTIVE ENVIRONMENT



District-level violence prevention platforms were established in

5 out of 14

regions of Senegal



National guidelines for case management platforms, contributing to more coordinated prevention mechanisms and a stronger continuum of services for children



The launch of the national guidance for health workers was a significant step to better detection and response to violence and abuse of children



Ministry of Education's **adoption and implementation of a strategy for safer schools** that includes setting up teachers' child protection networks and an alerts system



840

social workers skilled on child protection-related social work based on new guidelines



Curricula review on child protection competency training in different national institutes



The **Rapid Pro** system of alerting and reporting child abuse cases to services was scaled up to two other districts in the Region of Dakar



A strategic and innovative partnership was finalized with the **Municipality of Dakar**, which voted a budget for to pilot **city-based child protection services** and address forced child begging



Neyzathe, 18

Young leader in the region of Tambacounda

WE TRY TO CONVINCE PARENTS NOT TO MARRY OFF THEIR CHILDREN. SOMETIMES ADULTS LISTEN TO US, SOMETIMES NOT. BUT WE ALREADY HAVE SUCCEEDED IN PREVENTING CHILD MARRIAGES IN OUR COMMUNITY

STRENGTHENING CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES



2,617

children needing protection accessed services

1,921



children victims of violence and

139



children victims of sexual violence were provided with critical support to address their trauma and recovery

A national survey on violence against primary school

children was carried out with the Ministry of Education and the Institute for Demographic Training and Research

A study on **the socio-cultural determinants of violent discipline** conducted and will

inform future programming in this area of child rights violations

ENDING FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION

132,892

youth and parents were engaged in social dialogues on violence and harmful practices



A large media and advocacy campaign on

FGM abandonment carried out across the country

ACCESSING REGISTRATION SERVICES



Two strategic national guidelines on the establishment of **civil registry support desks within health facilities** and on systematic detection and registration of students without birth certificates



Birth registration monitoring was systematized through Rapid Pro in 100% of civil registry centres in Kolda, Diourbel and Kafrine regions, contributing to enhanced local accountability and generation of routine data

EVERY CHILD HAS A FAIR CHANCE IN LIFE

The COVID-19 pandemic unleashed an era-defining challenge which has put a sobering spotlight on inequalities in the country, laying bare the increasing risk to children growing up in poverty or exclusion.

PUBLIC FINANCE FOR CHILDREN



To increase investments for children, UNICEF built the capacity of the Social Expenditure Monitoring Observatory's (OSBS) members, sector ministries, and Parliamentarians on **programme budget reform and public finance for children**. One result was the **creation of a Parliamentary Network for Social Sector Financing**. OSBS also established itself as the major think tank influencing national social expenditure policies and approaches in Senegal.

SOCIAL PROTECTION SYSTEMS



As the lead of the sectoral coordination group on social protection, UNICEF initiated a dialogue with the public finance group members to identify **joint actions for improving social protection financing**. UNICEF advocated to address major challenges in this regard, in particular **the adoption of an exit strategy for the beneficiaries of the national Cash Transfer Programme** and options for mobilizing additional fiscal space to increase the level of financing from 1.5% of GDP in 2020 to 5.4% of GDP in 2035.

KNOWLEDGE LEADERSHIP



UNICEF strengthened its partnership with the National Agency of Statistics to **monitor, in real time, the demand for social services**. Through a series of household surveys, various dimensions are assessed, in particular, **the level of vaccine hesitancy among households, knowledge on the pandemic, and alternative measures for the continuity of social services** in the COVID-19 context. The findings of a **multidimensional study on child poverty** will help accelerate and better target UNICEF and partners' programmes.

CHILD-FRIENDLY MUNICIPALITIES INITIATIVE



UNICEF expanded its Child-Friendly Municipalities initiative to urban areas (Dakar), resulting in **57 local governments benefiting from capacity development on child-sensitive planning and budgeting**. In 11 of the 57 municipalities, a multisectoral service delivery approach was piloted to increase access and quality of services and establish strong mechanisms for child and youth participation. UNICEF also helped develop **nine local development plans** reflecting the Sustainable Development Goal and tackling climate change challenges.

VOICES OF YOUTH

When young people are empowered, they can use their energy, creativity, and talent to turn an uncertain landscape into a world of opportunity - for themselves and us all.



Mignane Diouf

Member of the advisory board of CONAFE

"IT IS ONLY THROUGH THE DIRECT PARTICIPATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE THAT THE ISSUES AFFECTING THEM CAN BE IDENTIFIED AND THAT EFFECTIVE SOLUTIONS CAN BE DEVELOPED"



Maguette Ba

Young Volunteer for the Environment

"CLIMATE CHANGE IS HAVING A DRAMATIC IMPACT IN SENEGAL, AFFECTING YOUNG PEOPLE - ESPECIALLY GIRLS. WE, YOUNG PEOPLE, NEED A SEAT AT THE TABLE WHEN WE TALK ABOUT CLIMATE ACTION. WATER SCARCITY, FLOODS, EROSION ARE CLIMATE-RELATED EVENTS THAT AFFECT US EVERY DAY,"



Yaye Fatou Sarr

President of the Alliance of Youth Organizations

"EQUIPPING YOUNG PEOPLE WITH THE RIGHT TOOLS WILL HELP THEM DEFEND THEIR RIGHTS WITH VIVACITY AND IN A MUCH MORE STRUCTURED WAY. OUR MISSION IS TO INFLUENCE DECISION-MAKERS AT ALL LEVELS TO PUT GIRLS' RIGHTS ON THEIR AGENDAS."



Sobel Aziz Ngom

President of the Consortium Jeunesse Sénégal

"MANY OF US ARE WORKING ON LOCAL SOLUTIONS THAT ADDRESS ISSUES AFFECTING YOUNG PEOPLE. FROM NOW ON, IT IS IMPORTANT TO LOOK AT SENEGALESE YOUTH AS POTENTIAL PARTNERS AND NO LONGER AS BENEFICIARIES"

PARTNERSHIPS FOR CHILDREN

The power of partnerships allows us to expand our reach, working with a wide range of like-minded partners to deliver our mandate for children.

CONVENING POWERS



UNICEF leveraged its lead role as the **President of the National Development Partners Coordination Group** to place child rights at the forefront of the national agenda. It rallied partners to advocate for additional social sector investments in the context of the COVID-19 crisis. UNICEF was also instrumental in organizing a Presidential Council on Youth and Employment representing development partners.

BUSINESS FOR RESULTS



UNICEF continued to leverage the strengths of the corporate sector in Senegal. **Seventeen private companies endorsed a charter to protect child rights** with a formal action plan. IAM GOLD and UNICEF jointly financed Mandina Baffé municipality's development plan as part of Business for Results efforts. UNICEF refined its private sector engagement strategy and defined a roadmap to accelerate initiatives. **The partnership with MasterCard Foundation advanced an entrepreneurial concept** involving young people in the production of innovative handwashing station prototypes.

PUBLIC PARTNERSHIPS



UNICEF continued to consolidate and expand its public partnerships with the governments of **Canada, China, Japan, Korea, the United Kingdom, and the United States (USAID)** and forged a new collaboration with **JICA**. Joint initiatives were reinforced with the World Bank, IMF and the EU on social budgeting and public finance for children. UNICEF also leveraged the **Forum for Africa and China Cooperation** in pursuit of key results for children.

CIVIL SOCIETY PARTNERSHIPS



UNICEF grew its partnerships with civil society organizations, increasing the number of formal agreements from six to eleven. The ongoing partnership with the Senegalese Red Cross contributed to coordinated action on humanitarian issues.

INTERAGENCY COLLABORATION



UNICEF led the **UN social services and social protection result group**, a role crucial for leveraging inter-agency partnerships for children. UNICEF and WFP lead the mapping of **UN interventions on disability** and the production of a disability scorecard and action plan. UNDP and UNICEF lead the **UN flagship engagement on the National Agenda for Youth** with the government. UNICEF partners with UNFPA on **FGM abandonment and on decentralized social services implementation**. A strategic partnership with the World Bank was initiated to support **sustainable funding of, and fund-matching for, maternal and child health and nutrition**.

CO-CREATING SOLUTIONS WITH YOUTH



UNICEF established an innovative partnership with the Youth Consortium of Senegal to accelerate the country's **Generation Unlimited** agenda and leverage resources in co-creating solutions for challenges faced by the youth.

STRATEGIC ALLIANCES



UNICEF accelerated its engagement with Parliamentarians **on social budget monitoring and increased public financing for children**. UNICEF engaged **prominent Muslim and Christian leaders to mobilize communities in the fight against COVID-19**. It also strengthened its child rights advocacy with the **'Joining Force' Coalition** of child-focused international NGOs.

MOBILIZING FINANCIAL RESOURCES



In 2021, UNICEF secured **US\$24.2 million** to achieve results for children and young people in Senegal (compared to US\$9.8 million in 2020), doubling the fruits of its resource mobilization efforts.

Thank you

Our work in Senegal would not be possible without the continuous engagement, innovative initiatives and generous contributions from committed partners.

We could not have achieved these results without the solid partnerships we have with the Government of Senegal, the United Nations System, development partners, private sector, civil society, faith-based organisations, media, children and youth themselves. Their commitment and willingness to make Senegal a better place for children is exemplary.

We thank all our partners, in particular our direct donors for their support and look forward to continued collaboration to ensure a better future for all children in Senegal.



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