

UNICEF – South Sudan

COST OF INACTION

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for every child

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Child washes pots in flood waters in Twic County © UNICEF/Naftalin

An Unfolding Catastrophe for Children

South Sudanese people in need of humanitarian assistance is at record high whilst funding is at an all-time low. Children are the hardest hit, impacting on their rights to survival, education and protection from harm. Already in 2022 there is a 36% increase in acute malnutrition reported, and in over one third of the country malnutrition rates exceed emergency thresholds. The impact of severe climate shocks, upsurges in violence and the economic crisis are pushing children and their families to the brink. UNICEF are witnessing alarming increases in preventable, life-threatening diseases, malnutrition, child exploitation and abuse. Urgent action is needed to avert the crisis becoming a humanitarian catastrophe.



4.6 million children

in Need of Humanitarian Assistance



8.9 million people

in Need of Humanitarian Assistance



1 in 10 children

Die before their fifth birthday



1.4 million children

will suffer from acute malnutrition



900,000 people

Affected by climatic shocks



2.4 million children

Out of school

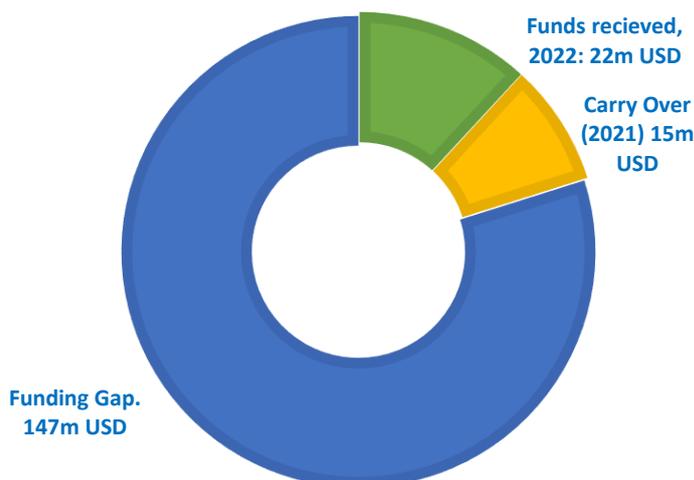


39% of people

Do not have water to meeting their basic needs

Funding Status

UNICEF's humanitarian appeal for 2022 is US\$183.6 million. To date, only 20% is funded with a gap of \$146.6 million. UNICEF requires 34.8 m USD for the next 3 months to avert a humanitarian catastrophe



We Must Act Now

The outlook for the coming months is one of floods, disease, conflict and severe malnutrition. UNICEF requires 34.8 m USD for the next 3 months to avert a humanitarian catastrophe for South Sudan and its children. UNICEF teams will mitigate against the severe impacts of floods and violence, and work to reverse deteriorating trends of malnutrition and disease through a package multi-sectoral actions that will save lives whilst building resilience of affected populations.

CHILD PROTECTION



Funds requested 2022: \$23 million
8% Funded by March 2022

- Over 62,000 crisis affected children. Survivors of violence, including GBV will lose access to life-saving services.
- 1, 000 children formerly associated with armed forces and groups will not get specialized protection and reintegration services.
- Over 30,000 children and caregivers who suffer trauma will be left without psychosocial support services.

\$ 5.6 million needed for the next 3 months for priority interventions:

- Case management for children at risk, victims of violence, unaccompanied and separated children and GBV survivors
- Monitoring and reporting of grave child rights violations.
- Release and reintegration services for children associated with armed forces and groups.
- Mental health and psychosocial support services for children and caregivers.

The Cost of Inaction

WASH



Funds requested 2022: \$35 million
14% Funded by March 2022

- 600,000 IDPs will be at extreme risk of AWD/cholera outbreaks and malnutrition.
- 800,000 people, including 300,000 children, will no longer have access to safe water and sanitation services

\$4.2 million needed for the next 3 months for priority interventions

- Emergency core pipeline WASH supplies including hygiene kits
- Installation or repair of safe water points to avert disease outbreak
- Emergency sanitation for displaced populations
- Disease prevention messaging and hygiene promotion

NUTRITION



Funds requested 2022: \$61.9 million
38% Funded by March 2022

- 242,549 children under five targeted may not receive treatment for SAM.
- 1.4 million children will become wasted of whom 302,163 will be severely wasted.
- 2% of Children will fall out of nutrition treatment programs
- 100,000 children at risk of dying from severe wasting will miss life-saving treatment.

\$ 15 million needed for the next 3 months for priority interventions

- Lifesaving nutrition treatment for children with severe wasting
- Procurement and pre-positioning of essential supplies.
- Malnutrition prevention for children, pregnant and lactating women.

HEALTH



Funds requested 2022: \$8 million
41% Funded by March 2022

- 800,000 people, 168,000 children, will have no access to healthcare.
- More than 500,000 children will not be vaccinated against measles.
- 500,000 children at high risk of measles.
- Cholera / AWD outbreak spreads further affecting more people and children.

\$1.5 million needed for the next 3 months for priority interventions

- Life-saving essential health care services - fixed and mobile.
- Prevention and control of epidemic prone diseases (AWD/Cholera, measles).
- Mass vaccination campaigns
- 2%-10% increase in Government budget for paying Health workers.

EDUCATION

Funds requested 2022: \$50 million
4% Funded by March 2022

- 700,000 more crisis affected children will lose education opportunities and be exposed abuses, exploitation and gender- based violence, including child marriage and early pregnancies.
- Most vulnerable children and those with disabilities will not be able to access 501 schools affected by floods

\$8.5 million needed for the next 3 months for priority interventions

- Provision of emergency education supplies.
- Construction and furniture for Emergency Temporary learning spaces.
- Mobilization of 355,746 out of school children in most affected areas to re-enroll



Child receives treatment for severe acute malnutrition, Bentiu @UNICEF/Rich

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