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

Funds received, 2022: 22m USD
Carry Over (2021) 15m USD
Funding Gap. 147m USD
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.

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

**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.

**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.

**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.
- 700,000 children will not receive essential supplies.

$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

$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.

$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.

$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

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