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DRIVING
CHANGE
FOR EVERY CHILD
IN VIET NAM
2022 - 2026





FOR EVERY CHILD

HOPE

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FUTURE

UNICEF stands for every child, everywhere. We stand for children's rights, we stand for change and innovation, and we stand for integrity and transparency. We work around the world, including in the toughest places, in the most frightening of disasters, reaching to and supporting the most disadvantaged children and families.

Established in 1946, UNICEF has built an unprecedented global support system for the world's children. We work closely with governments, with development partners, with NGOs, with the private sector, and, importantly, with children and young people themselves to bring best practice, pilot approaches that improve children's lives, reduce disparities and enhance communities, influence change in legislation and policy and achieve impactful results at scale.

As one of the largest United Nations agencies, we have – and stand accountable for – an ambitious agenda. Because of our global footprint, our supply capacity and our convening power, we have authority to influence decision-makers and grassroots-level partners to turn the most innovative ideas into reality. We forecast the challenges ahead and pioneer new approaches. And we deliver tangible results for children.

We respond rapidly and effectively to immediate needs, while at the same time addressing vulnerabilities and building resilience, recognizing a child's key developmental stages and its interconnectedness from conception and early childhood to adolescence.

Every child has the right to survive and thrive, the right to learn and the right to an equitable chance in life, to embrace every opportunity before them. That is at the core of UNICEF's vision. And that is why we never give up.

Active in Viet Nam for more than 46 years, UNICEF is a trusted, reliable and strategic development and humanitarian partner.

WHY UNICEF IS NEEDED IN VIET NAM

Once one of the world's poorest countries, Viet Nam has achieved rapid economic success and development over the past three decades. It has demonstrated strong leadership in working to ensure every child is healthy, safe, educated and empowered to reach their full potential.

Despite the progress, 14.5 per cent children (about 3.6 million) experience at least two deprivations in education, health, nutrition, shelter, water and sanitation, or social inclusion. Disparities are widening, driven by ethnicity, gender, place of origin and disability, and exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic negatively impacting the well-being of children and women.

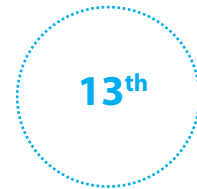
Viet Nam is highly vulnerable to the effects of climate change, which, alongside natural disasters, pandemics and environmental pollution, is a factor hampering children's cognitive performance and learning outcomes, in addition to threatening the achievement of other child rights.



Viet Nam was ranked **10th largest** contributor to **marine plastic pollution** globally.⁽ⁱ⁾



Viet Nam was ranked **77th most air polluted country** based on **PM2.5** exposure.⁽ⁱ⁾



Viet Nam was ranked **13th most affected country** by **climate change** from 2000 to 2019.⁽ⁱⁱ⁾

Source:

(i) 2022 Environmental Performance Index, Yale University;

(ii) Global Climate Risk Index 2021, Germanwatch e.V.



SITUATION OF CHILDREN IN VIET NAM



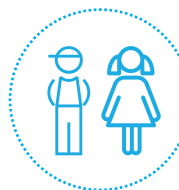
33,000 children under-5 die because of **preventable diseases**.⁽ⁱⁱⁱ⁾



More than two-thirds of children in remote areas have **no access to online learning**.^(ix)



38% of ethnic children **stunted**, **19%** of children & adolescents overweight or obese.^(ix)



At least **30%** of schoolchildren **experienced stress, anxiety and depression** due to **COVID-19 restrictions**.^(viii)



7.7 million children with no access to **clean water & sanitation** at schools.^(ix)



More than **7 in every 10 children** aged 1-14 years **experienced violent discipline**.^(v)

Source:

(iii) *Population Census 2019*, GSO

(iv) *UN Common Country Analysis 2021, UN Viet Nam*

(v) *Viet Nam SDG indicators on Children and Women Survey 2020-2021*, GSO - UNICEF

(vi) *MOJ Report 2020*,

(vii) *Rapid Assessment of the COVID-19 Socio-Economic Impact on Vulnerable Households in Viet Nam 2021*, UNDP

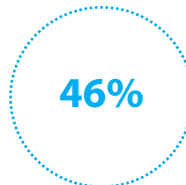
(viii) *Rapid Assessment of Social Assistance Needs of Children And Families in Viet Nam Affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic 2020*, UNICEF

(ix) *MOH and MOET Reports*

SITUATION OF CHILDREN IN VIET NAM



More than **4,000 children** were **orphaned** during the COVID-19 pandemic.^(ix)



Almost **half of the population** have **no access to safely managed drinking water sources** (one that is improved, accessible on premises, available when needed and free from *E.coli* contamination).^(v)



The rate of **transient income poverty** for households surged from under 10 per cent before the pandemic to **33.4%** in July 2021.^(vii)



67% of convicted children receive **custodial sentences**.^(vi)



During the pandemic, **70%** of households **cut expenditures** on food, including reducing meals for children.^(vii)



Only 2.3% children with disabilities **access** rehabilitation services and only **1 in 10** children with disabilities **attend secondary school**.^(iv)

Source:

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More info and statistics <https://uni.cf/2lPE8YB>

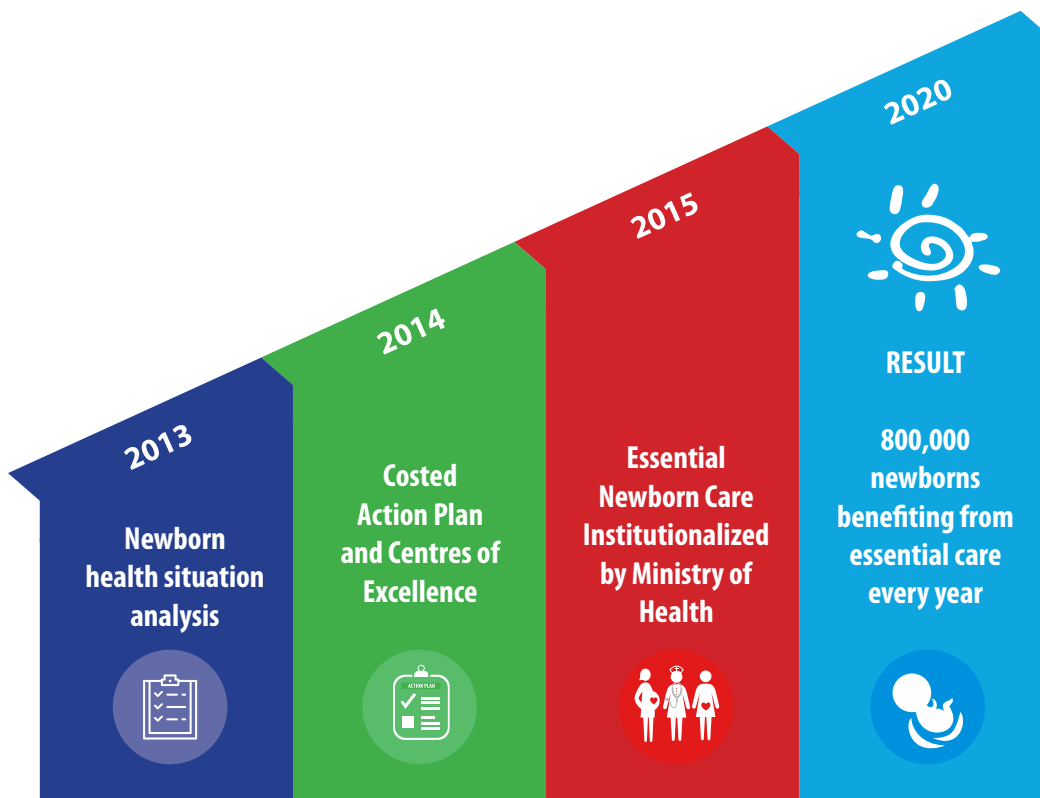


HOW UNICEF ACHIEVES RESULTS

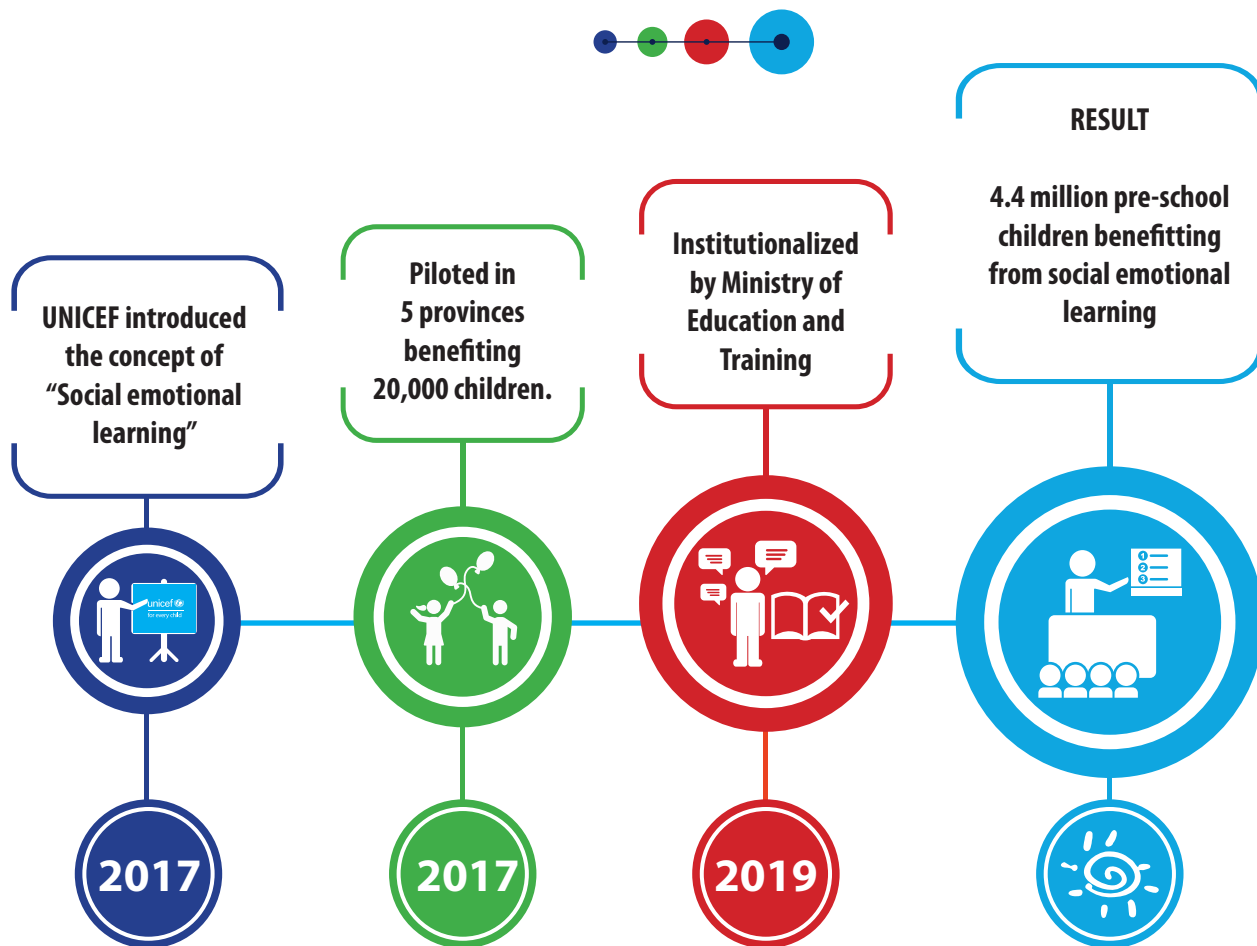
UNICEF works hand-in-hand with the Government of Viet Nam and partners at national and subnational levels to advance children's rights, drive opportunities, bring hope and address disparities. Our programmes aim to protect, promote and realize the rights of all children. We do this by working with the Government, the private sector, communities, social services at the grassroots level and children themselves, achieving concrete results. Innovation is at the heart of our ability to achieve impactful results for children.

By introducing innovative approaches, we generate evidence of what works and use that evidence to support changes to legislation, policies and budgets – extending successful approaches from a handful of communities to every girl and boy across the country. We focus on the most vulnerable children, including, girls, children in ethnic populations and those with disabilities. We work to ensure that the most disadvantaged children and adolescents benefit from quality, inclusive social services and have the opportunity to develop and realize their full potential.

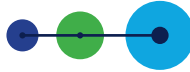
Scaling up Early Essential Newborn Care in Viet Nam



Modernizing pre-school education



Scaling up Family and Juvenile Courts in Viet Nam



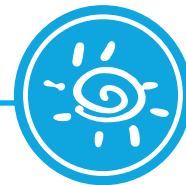
FAMILY AND JUVENILE COURTS



Ho Chi Minh City
Family and Juvenile Court
established



Dong Thap
Family and Juvenile Court
established



60% of provinces
now have family and juvenile courts
with **nationwide roll-out ongoing**

FOR EVERY CHILD, RESULTS

UNICEF-supported programmes achieve measurable results. While our development work supports the Government **to secure results at scale** in the protection of and respect for the rights of every child and adolescent; it also builds resilience in communities, seeking to mitigate, prepare for and ensure timely and effective humanitarian support to children and their families, working with the Government of Viet Nam when natural disasters, COVID-19 and other emergencies strike.

Through this **humanitarian-development nexus**, we reached more than 21 million children in Viet Nam between 2017 to 2021:



1.5 MILLION

Children fully immunized annually



20.9 MILLION

School students at all education levels benefiting from new “safe school” disaster preparedness curriculum



100,000

More children in rural & mountainous areas access safe water sources



62 TONS

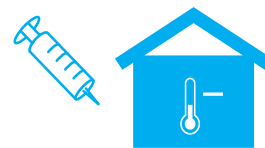
of ready-to-use therapeutic food provided to treat thousands of children



COVID-19 VACCINE

> 68 MILLION

COVID-19 vaccine doses for Viet Nam through COVAX Facility



>100 MILLION

syringes and thousands of refrigerators delivered across Viet Nam

UNICEF IN ACTION 2022-2026

Hope, opportunity and an equitable chance in life - that is our vision for every child in Viet Nam.

To achieve this, our priorities focus on ensuring that:

Every child **survives, thrives** and lives in a **safe** and **green** environment.

Every child is **protected from violence, gender based violence, exploitation** and **abuse**.

In each of these programmes, the **most disadvantaged** are prioritized, ensuring **gender equality** and **genuine participation and empowerment**, especially of girls. The programmes evolve with the changing needs and capacities as children grow, from an integration of **early childhood development** through to a dynamic focus across the areas on the specific opportunities, threats and challenges for **adolescents**; their **mental well-being** and life-skills. Each programme stands accountable for **building resilience against future shocks**, especially focusing on **climate change** – by ensuring that programmes promote green and clean energy and environmental footprint.

Every child **learns** and acquires **new skills**.

Every child benefits from **child-centred policies** and **budgets**.





EVERY CHILD SURVIVES, THRIVES AND LIVES IN SAFE AND GREEN ENVIRONMENTS

*By 2026, children, adolescents and pregnant women benefit from strengthened **health, nutrition and water, sanitation and hygiene** systems, particularly those in remote areas and ethnic populations, thriving in safe and green environments.*



Reinforce **health systems** to improve equitable maternal & child health services and COVID 19 responses



Close disparities in **under-5** child **malnutrition** in all its forms



Promote **healthy eating behaviors & habits**, especially among adolescents



Facilitate inclusive, gender-responsive & climate **resilient WASH services & behaviour**



Support to **child-centred climate change**, environment and **disaster preparedness** actions & policies

EVERY CHILD LEARNS AND ACQUIRES NEW SKILLS

*By 2026, all children and adolescents have equitable **access to learning** and benefit from opportunities to participate in a clean, green and safe environment.*



Improve access to **digital and transferable skills**, especially for girls, ethnic minority children and children with disabilities



Create conducive and **safe learning environments** which respect diversity, promote mental health and enable civic engagement



Strengthen **education system policies, planning, monitoring** and **financing**



Adopt innovative, sustainable and **climate-smart solutions** and empower children's active engagement on climate action

EVERY CHILD IS PROTECTED FROM VIOLENCE, EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE

*By 2026, children and adolescents, especially the most vulnerable boys and girls, are **protected from violence**, exploitation, abuse, neglect and unnecessary family separation through inclusive child protection, childcare and justice systems.*



Support **evidence-based child protection laws and policies** through advocacy and sharing international best practices



Strengthen **child protection workforce** across sectors to facilitate prevention and response services, including mental health and psycho-socio support



Facilitate **increased access to justice** for children and adolescents through child-friendly and gender-responsive procedures



Promote nurturing family environments and address negative **social norms and harmful practices** in close partnership with businesses

EVERY CHILD BENEFITS FROM CHILD-CENTRED POLICIES AND BUDGETS

*By 2026, children and adolescents benefit from evidence-based, equitable, climate-resilient and participatory **policy and public expenditure**, and an expanded social protection system.*



Lead **strategic advocacy** for the realization of children's rights through **equitable policies, plans and budgets**



Strengthen national **social protection system** to address multidimensional poverty, persistent inequities and the social and economic impacts of COVID-19



Strengthen capacity for child-focused planning and budgeting of **local governments** and promote **meaningful participation** of children and adolescents

KEY CHANGE STRATEGIES

- Equity & inclusion
- Knowledge & data generation
- Advocacy
- Innovation and Digital Transformation
- Communications for behaviour & social norm change
- Expanded partnerships, including the private sector



HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Advocacy

Amplify UNICEF's messages through your networks, partners, employees, customers and peers to raise awareness on children's situation and engage UNICEF supporters.

Be the change

Your daily actions can protect and promote children's wellbeing and safeguard their rights. Give time, volunteer in your local community, be informed about environmental issues and take action, support UNICEF.

Contribute

1. Stay tuned to our campaigns and become a donor to UNICEF.
2. Mobilize friends and networks to become UNICEF donors.
3. Identify a challenge for children & join UNICEF partners to create change.
4. Become a champion for children by making a donation.

Together, we build a better future for every child in Viet Nam. Driving change, our capacity to do more, to reach more, to change more lives – is possible because of YOU.

I thank you for joining UNICEF on this journey, and I hope you will consider remaining by our side, continuing to bring hope and opportunity to the children of Viet Nam. By choosing this path with us, you are officially “a friend of UNICEF,” and as such you have joined an organization that is doing the most amazing things for and with children. That’s our promise and we put every effort into it.

Thank you,

Rana Flowers
UNICEF Representative in Viet Nam



UNICEF works in Viet Nam to reach the most disadvantaged children and adolescents — and to protect the rights of every child.

Across 190 countries and territories, we do whatever it takes to help children survive, thrive and fulfill their potential, from early childhood through adolescence. And we never give up.



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