



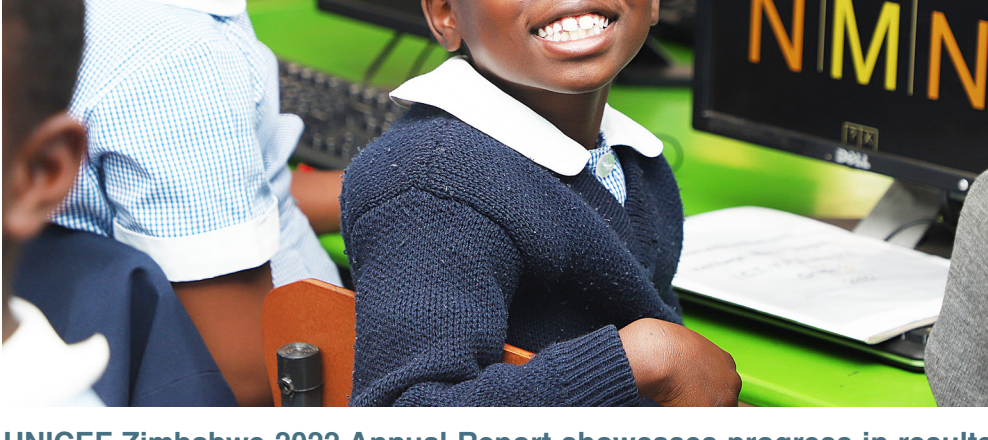
Welcome to the 7th edition of the Children First Newsletter!

In this issue, I am pleased to present the 2022 Annual Report, which showcases the remarkable results achieved in the implementation of our new Country Programme (2022-2026), which is aligned with the National Development Strategy 1 (2022-2025) of the Government of Zimbabwe. Despite the challenges and setbacks brought by the COVID-19 pandemic, we were able to deliver on our outcomes by implementing programmes that were transformative and fit for purpose, while providing strategic and technical support to the Government on policy and systems strengthening.

This issue also looks forward by featuring a number of initiatives and programs that we are undertaking across the sectors alongside Government, partners and donors. We remain committed to our mandate to continuously strive to create a Zimbabwe fit for children.

Pleasant Reading!

Dr. Tajudeen Oyewale UNICEF Representative



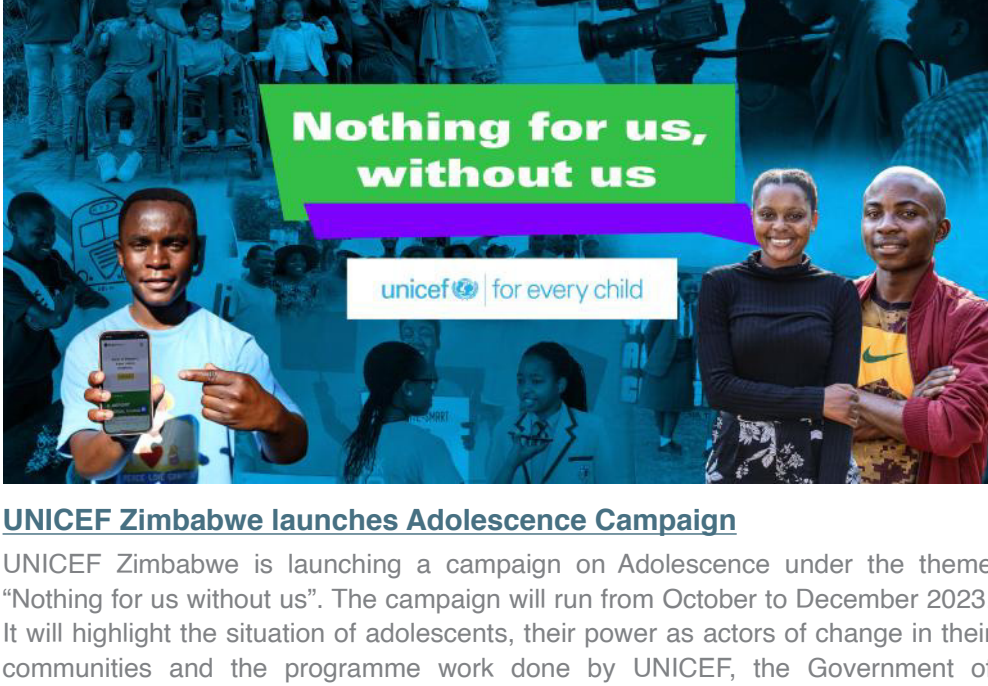
UNICEF Zimbabwe 2022 Annual Report showcases progress in results for children

The UNICEF Zimbabwe Country Office 2022 Annual Report gives an overview of our work to support the Government's National Development Strategy and to ensure that our Programmes and Operations are transformative and fit for purpose for Zimbabwe's children and women.



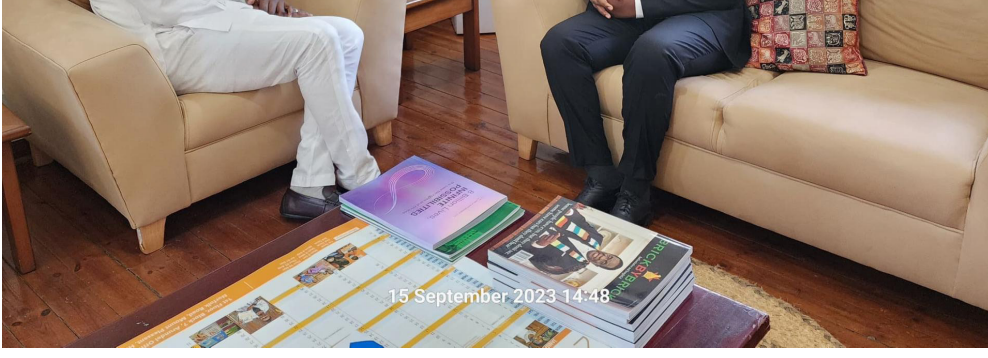
Victim Friendly Courts provide safe environment for children

The Victim Friendly Court system continues to change the face of justice for children as it protects survivors of violence with a safe and protected environment to get justice.



UNICEF Zimbabwe launches Adolescence Campaign

UNICEF Zimbabwe is launching a campaign on Adolescence under the theme "Nothing for us without us". The campaign will run from October to December 2023. It will highlight the situation of adolescents, their power as actors of change in their communities and the programme work done by UNICEF, the Government of Zimbabwe and their partners for adolescents to address their needs.



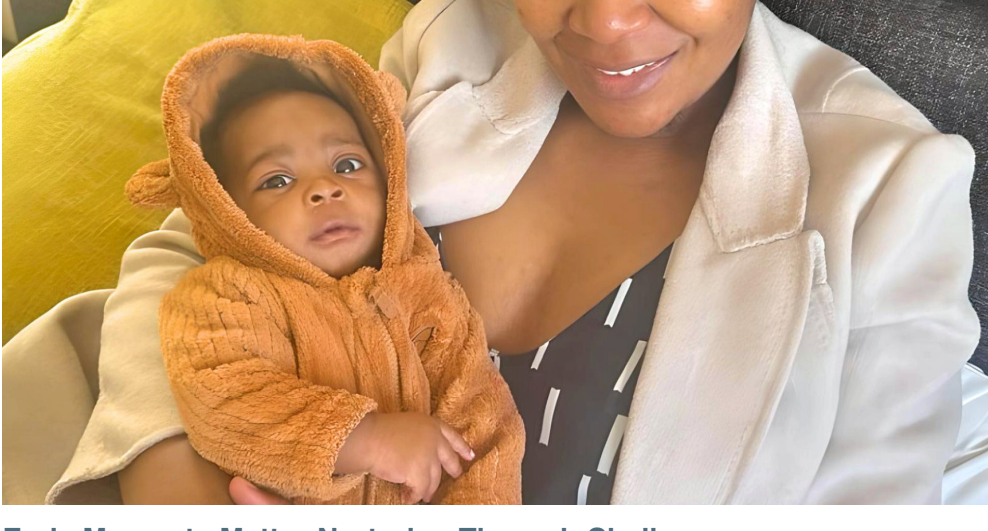
Child President holds informative discussion with UNICEF Representative

Zimbabwe's Child President, Neville Mavu, recently visited the UNICEF Representative Dr. Tajudeen Oyewale to have a heart-to-heart discussion on issues around young people and adolescents.



U-Reporter participates in the Africa Youth Climate Assembly

At the recent ended Africa Climate Week, U-Reporter Desire Nyagura attended the Africa Youth Climate Assembly (AYCA) where he narrated how climate change is contributing to water scarcity and has led to a rise in sexual abuse of girls while in water queues as they wait up to 10 pm to access water, compromising their safety.



Early Moments Matter-Nurturing Through Challenges

As part of our Early Moments Matter campaign, UNICEF took a journey with Ministry of Health and Child Care's Nutritionist Chj Chikanda to document her personal experience of breastfeeding for the first six months while juggling her demanding career.



Understanding drug use and substance abuse by Zimbabwean adolescents and young people

As the issue of drug and substance abuse continues to be an issue facing adolescents and young people, UNICEF, Government, and key partners conducted a webinar to identify evidence to gather evidence and identify gaps in tackling the scourge.



Building resilience in vulnerable communities around Zimbabwe

UNICEF travelled with FAO and the Ministry of Lands, Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Rural Development into Matabeleland South Province to assess the European Union supported Enhanced Resilience for Vulnerable Households in Zimbabwe (ERVHIZ) programme to observe resilience projects in Agriculture, WASH and nutrition.