

DELIVERING LIFE-SAVING SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN URGENT NEED

Each year, UNICEF responds to around 200 emergencies that affect an estimated 535 million children worldwide. We are on the ground before, during, and after emergencies, working to reach children and families with lifesaving aid and long-term assistance. UNICEF's unique size enables us to reach children in the most remote and challenging areas. We work in war zones, disaster zones and regions that are inaccessible by road.

When an emergency strikes, our staff on the ground react quickly. Emergency specialists evaluate the immediate need, focusing on children and mums, and UNICEF's life-saving supplies are on hand and ready to be sent out across the world. We work alongside local and international partners, including governments, UN agencies and civil society. These partnerships help ensure that the rights of children are protected during emergencies - the time when they are the most vulnerable.

Even when an emergency is no longer front page news, UNICEF will still be there to ensure no child is left behind. Following emergency relief efforts, we are committed to helping communities rebuild, and improve conditions for children. UNICEF has helped save more children's lives than any other humanitarian organisation by providing emergency relief, health care and immunisations, safe water and sanitation, nutrition, education and more.

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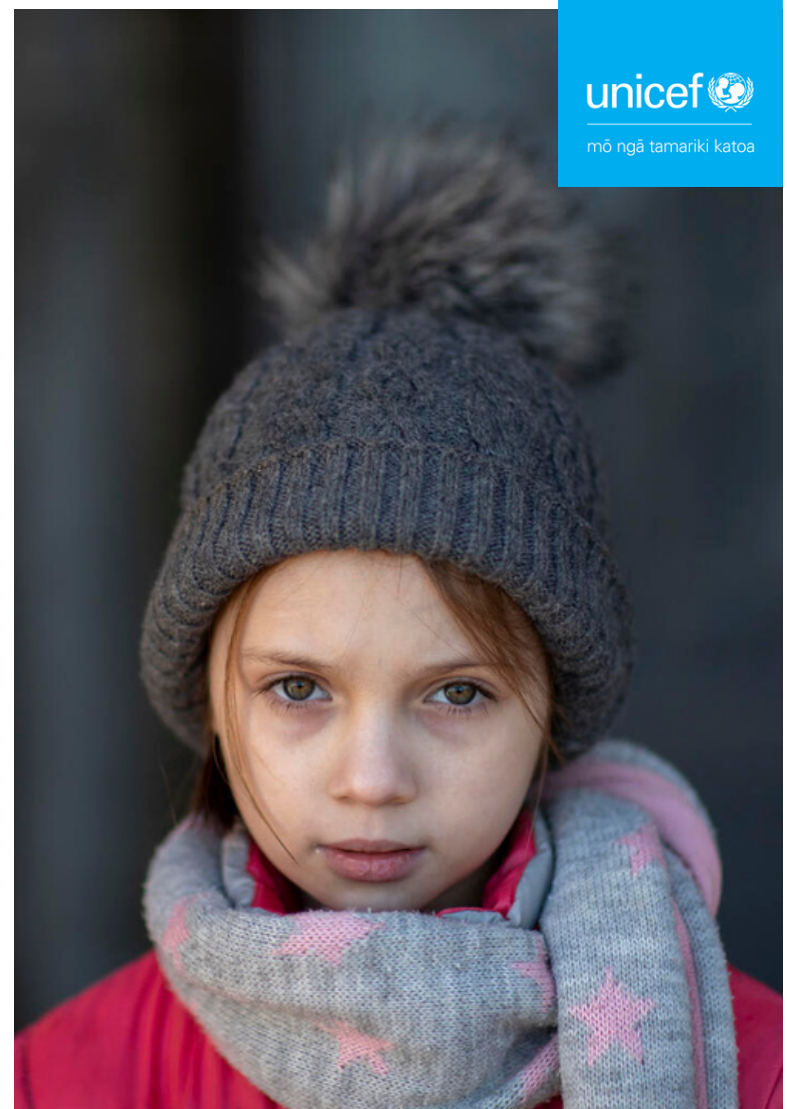
We have emergency supplies stored around the world, and train communities so that they know what to do when disaster strikes. We also assist with early warning systems such as text-messaging alerts, evacuation drills and early warning systems. UNICEF supports local authorities' emergency preparedness and response efforts by pre-positioning critical supplies to cover immediate needs.

RESPONSE, RECOVERY & RESILIENCE

Getting things back to normal is a vital part of recovery, so we aim to get children back into education as soon as possible. We also help with the rehabilitation of schools, and ensure that as communities are rebuilt, they are better prepared for when the next disaster comes. UNICEF also integrates its humanitarian response with longer-term resilience building efforts, by strengthening the capacities of local health facilities to deliver quality health care services, including primary healthcare in communities, emergency life-saving trauma care, as well as providing essential services to affected populations through mobile health teams.

Our emergency response teams are on the ground as soon as possible, delivering aid to families in the worst-affected areas. In 2020, Tropical Cyclone Harold tore through the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Fiji, and Tonga. For our Pacific neighbours, climate emergencies are all too familiar but now with the COVID-19 pandemic, our response teams have to follow strict guidelines to protect the Pacific Islands from COVID-19 outbreaks.

[Learn more about our response to recent emergencies on the following page.](#)



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LIFESAIVING SUPPORT FOR TONGA

In January 2022, Tonga was devastated by the violent eruption of Hunga Tonga Hunga Ha’apai. Not only were communications, infrastructure and food crops severely damaged - there was also a large risk of contamination from ashfall, most notably to Tonga’s water-supply and air quality. As a result, there was an urgent need for water and emergency food supplies. UNICEF is leading the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) response in Tonga alongside partners enabling children and families to access safe drinking water as a top priority. Due to Tonga's border closure as a result of COVID-19, we worked closely with our established partners on the ground in order to provide assistance safely. It is through these networks that we were able to continue to disinfect and rehabilitate the current water systems in affected communities, schools, and health care facilities.

UNICEF shipped emergency supplies to Tonga to support the most vulnerable children and families. These supplies included:

- Water, sanitation & hygiene kits, including soap, sanitary products, purification tablets and portable water quality testing kits.
- Health kits containing basic medicines + diagnostic and medical equipment.
- Tents to accomodate make-shift clinics and temporary learning spaces.
- Psychological first aid and psychosocial support along with child-friendly spaces.
- Recreational & Early Childhood Development kits with board games, stationery, books and puzzles.



UKRAINE CRISIS

UNICEF has been in Ukraine for 25 years, supporting children on both sides of the contact line. As the conflict dramatically escalates, our teams will stay and deliver emergency assistance for the 7.5 million children in urgent need. UNICEF is supporting local authorities’ emergency preparedness and response efforts by pre-positioning critical supplies to cover the immediate needs of internally displaced people in nine strategic municipalities in the east, centre and west of the country. UNICEF also continues to integrate its humanitarian response with longer-term resilience building efforts, by strengthening the capacities of local health facilities to deliver quality health care services, including primary healthcare in communities, emergency life-saving trauma care, as well as essential services to affected populations through mobile health teams in Kramatorsk, Novohrodivka, Mariupol, Mariinka, Bakhmut.

UNICEF is working across Ukraine to rapidly scale up life-saving programmes to ensure there is immediate help for children and families in need:

- Trucking safe water to conflict-affected areas where water systems are barely functioning.
- Pre-positioning health, nutrition, hygiene and emergency supplies as close as possible to communities in need, providing protection from violence, exploitation and abuse,
- Providing mobile mental health and psychosocial support units.
- Supporting the establishment of a contingency medical stock to ensure the continuity of health services provision.



CRISIS RESPONSE IN INDIA

In March 2021, India was hit by a devastating second wave of COVID-19 cases. Public health services were disrupted nationwide. Hospitals and health centres struggled to keep up with the high volume of patients. As an added burden, there was a massive shortage of hospital beds, oxygen concentrators and other essential supplies. UNICEF launched an emergency campaign to support India's urgent need for lifesaving medical supplies, while also sending our experts to support essential workers and local communities. And it wouldn't have been possible without our amazing donors. It is crucial we all work together during times of crisis. Not only do we call on the support of generous New Zealanders, but other local organisations. By teaming up with Vodafone, donations to our COVID-19 India campaign went three times further.

As of September 2021, UNICEF had procured and delivered over 3,844 pieces of electrical cold chain equipment (refrigerators, freezers and solar equipment) and over 210,000 pieces non-electrical cold chain equipment (cold box, vaccine carriers, toolkits) to the Government of India.



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