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UNICEF is the United Nations Children's Fund. UNICEF is a children's rights organisation, dedicated to realising the Convention on the Rights of the Child for every child.

Together with our partners, we work in over 190 countries and territories to translate that commitment into practical action, focused on achieving our vision of a world where every child has a safe and healthy childhood and is able to fulfil their potential.

In places where children need us to work in an emergency capacity we are present before, during and after crisis. At home in Ireland, we raise funds for children, advocate for lasting change for children worldwide, and we work to change policy and raise awareness about children's rights.

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Cover photo: Play time! A smiley 3-year-old girl in Banteay Mean Chey, Cambodia loves going through the tunnel in her local playground. Playing is vital in a child's development and UNICEF helps deliver child-friendly spaces that give children much-needed time to learn new skills through play. © UNICEF/Khoy

This page: Kadidia holds her 10-day-old daughter Nahawa at a Health Center in Mali. Nahawa was born premature, weighing just 1.7kg and was treated by UNICEF-supported health workers. © UNICEF/Njiokiktjen VII Photo



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After a devastating tsunami destroyed her home in Indonesia in October 2018, 11-year-old Sophia was forced to sleep in a tent, shared with 9 family members and neighbours. Despite everything, her family is starting to rebuild their life and UNICEF is helping support Sophia's school with temporary structures and materials so she can return to her education. ©UNICEF/Wilander



Chairman's Report

Paul Connolly, Chairman.

Our mission is to be there for every child. Whoever she is. Wherever he lives. Whatever the circumstances. No matter the obstacles.

Over the past three decades, the world has seen remarkable progress in child survival, reducing the number of children worldwide who die before their fifth birthday by more than half. At current life expectancy rates, a child born in Ireland in December 2018 is likely to live until the 22nd century. Despite much progress, nearly half of all children born this year around the world will not have the same positive future. A child from Somalia today is unlikely to live beyond 2077. This year, together with our partners, we worked across 190 countries and territories, to fight for children's rights and the well-being of every child, in everything we do.

As we strive for a brighter future for infants around the world, we also know that by 2030 there will be 2 billion young women and men seeking better lives and opportunities through education and jobs. If these young people are prepared with the right skills for work, they will live out their full potential and lift up entire nations. But investments in learning and training are falling short and too many young people are not keeping pace with the evolving demands of employment. That's why UNICEF has launched **Generation Unlimited**.

Generation Unlimited is a unique global initiative which brings young people together with the private sector, governments, international and local organisations to tackle the urgent challenges faced by young people worldwide. We are connecting secondary-age education and training to a complex and fast-changing world of work. We are matching young people with job opportunities, fostering entrepreneurship and empowering a generation to fully engage with their societies as active citizens.

In Ireland, 2018 also saw the launch of a ground-breaking new CSR partnership, which will change the lives of 80,000 children across the world. In July, the **Primark X UNICEF** Multi-Country Corporate Alliance was launched as part of Primark's new global Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) strategy. This exciting high-value partnership will see Primark invest \$6 million over three years in education programmes in Cambodia, as well as on UNICEF's Emergency Response for children at risk in emergencies around the world. This ambitious partnership is another strong example of how UNICEF works together with corporate partners to deliver life-changing support to children around the world.

To further support our innovative approach to partnerships, 2018 also saw the expansion of our Business Advisory Council. This dynamic group of business leaders, led by UNICEF Ireland Board Member, Ambassador and business person Donncha O'Callaghan, provides the UNICEF Ireland Corporate Team with CSR advice, expertise and insight into their respective industries.

This year Donncha O'Callaghan deserves a very special mention. In an incredibly inspiring gesture, Donncha donated the entire proceeds of his testimonial dinner to UNICEF's work with children across the world. A truly extraordinary act by an extraordinary person. Donncha's commitment to UNICEF's cause is matched by his colleagues who serve on the Board of Directors of UNICEF Ireland. These committed directors give of their time, energy and expertise to ensure that UNICEF adheres to the very highest standards of financial accountability and corporate governance.

I would also like to acknowledge the commitment and energy invested by Executive Director Peter Power, and his talented and passionate team. It is due to everyone's shared endeavours that UNICEF Ireland can deliver on the new and exciting initiatives and partnerships I have mentioned. And it is thanks to these efforts, along with the wonderful generosity of our individual supporters, and existing partners such as Aer Lingus, the Cathal Ryan Trust and the One Foundation, that UNICEF Ireland raised over €9 million for children in danger around the world during 2018.

Paul Connolly, Chairman

Action for Children

In 2018 UNICEF responded to...

285
HUMANITARIAN
SITUATIONS IN
90 COUNTRIES



87
HEALTH
CRISES

63

NATURAL
DISASTERS

(hydro-meteorological)



17

NATURAL
DISASTERS

(geo-physical)



22

NUTRITION
CRISES



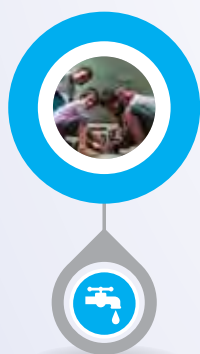
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SOCIO-POLITICAL CRISES



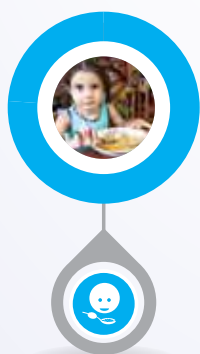
Humanitarian Results for Children in 2018

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million
people given
access to
safe water



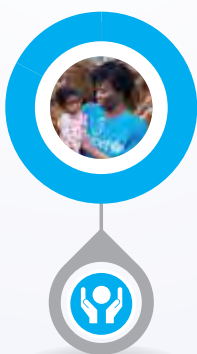
WATER

3.4
million
children provided with
treatment for severe
acute malnutrition



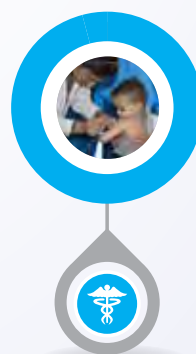
NUTRITION

3.6
million
children provided
with psychosocial
support



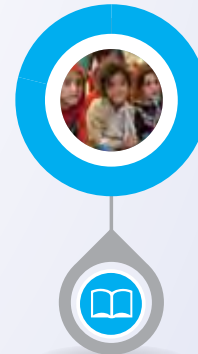
CHILD
PROTECTION

19.6
million
aged 6 months to
15 years vaccinated
against measles



HEALTH

6.9
million
children receive
formal and non-formal
education, including
early learning



EDUCATION

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Executive Director's Report

Peter Power, Executive Director.

Every child has the right to grow up in a safe and inclusive environment, where they can reach their full potential. Tragically, in 2018 devastating humanitarian emergencies across the world continued to rob so many children of their rights.

At the end of 2018, as we move into the 30th anniversary year of the United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child (CRC), one in every four children in the world is living in a country affected by conflict or disaster. And nearly 50 million children have been uprooted from their homes due to violence, poverty or natural disasters.

As the world's leading children's rights and humanitarian organisation, UNICEF is at the forefront of the global fight for children's rights. Each year, we use our global reach and unique levels of access to governments to fight tirelessly to be there for every child. No matter where they are.

Over the course of the last year, our emergency response teams have provided life-saving support to children across the world. In Bangladesh, we helped immunise nearly a million Rohingya refugee children and adults, forced to flee their homes in Myanmar.

In Yemen, UNICEF is one of the few humanitarian aid agencies left in a country ravaged by conflict and facing what is now the largest emergency in the world - with more than 22 million people in need of humanitarian assistance.

Likewise, in Syria and neighbouring countries, our teams continue to deliver life-changing education, health, child protection, water and sanitation services to millions of children and their families, nearly eight years after the start of the conflict.

Alongside these long-running emergencies, we are always ready to act when new disasters strike, such as the earthquake and tsunami which hit Indonesia in November.

In emergencies, our experience has told us that a speedy response is critical and our teams aim to have expert workers and life-saving supplies like water, food and hygiene kits mobilised within 24 hours. This is an incredible logistical challenge, which very few organisations can match.

Across the world UNICEF works for every child and the same is true here in Ireland. In October we launched our latest Report Card, this year focusing on Educational Inequality in rich countries. This showed that while Ireland ranks strongly at reducing educational inequality for the majority of children, there are still many who are at risk of being left behind. Whatever their background, no child should fall through the gaps and we are advocating strongly to ensure that every child has the right wraparound supports they need in school to achieve their highest potential.

It has been a very busy year and I would like to acknowledge the incredible dedication and commitment of my colleagues at UNICEF Ireland, often under very testing circumstances. We are also extremely grateful to our Board of Directors and Ambassadors for sharing so much of their time, energy and talents to help realise children's rights in Ireland and across the world. Finally, I would like to thank all of our incredible supporters for their generosity. Our work with children would be impossible without your support.


Peter Power, Executive Director

Vision & Mission

UNICEF was established after World War II, to help child refugees. Then, as now, our vision is a world where every child has a safe and healthy childhood. Our mission is to inspire people in Ireland to be champions for children by supporting, promoting and investing in the rights of every child in the world.

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A young girl, Daoussiya, is running barefoot on a dirt path towards a white UNICEF vehicle. She is wearing a red hooded jacket and grey shorts with orange and black patterns. She is holding a small blue and red object in her right hand. The vehicle has the UNICEF logo and the text 'Division d'Appui Communautaire' and 'Zinder' on its side. Other people are visible in the background.

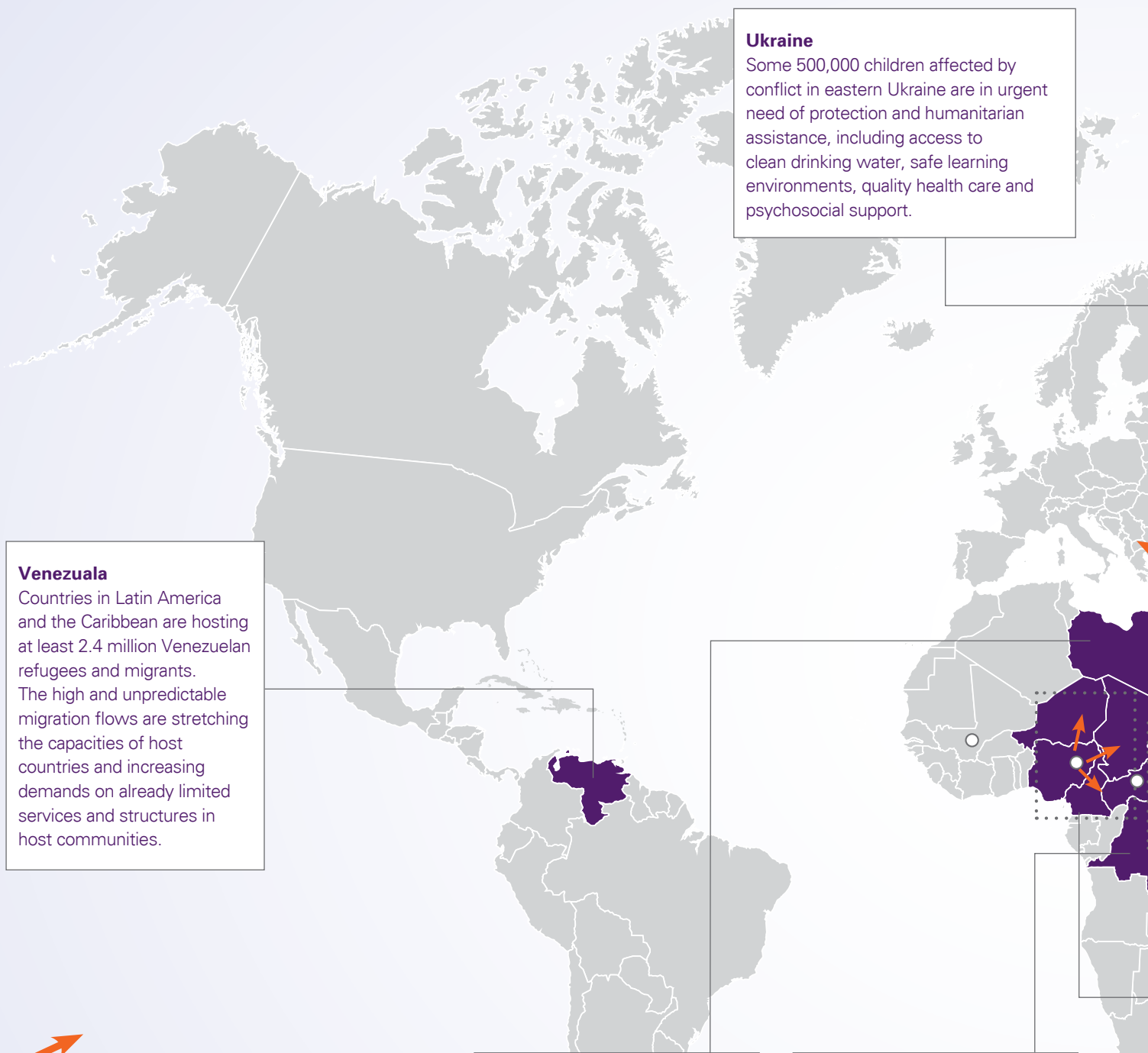
Daoussiya (7) runs to hug her mum in Niger. This is the first time they've seen each other in months. Daoussiya has spent the last four months begging on the streets of Algeria, forced to migrate because of poverty. UNICEF is working to reunite families separated by conflict and poverty across the region.

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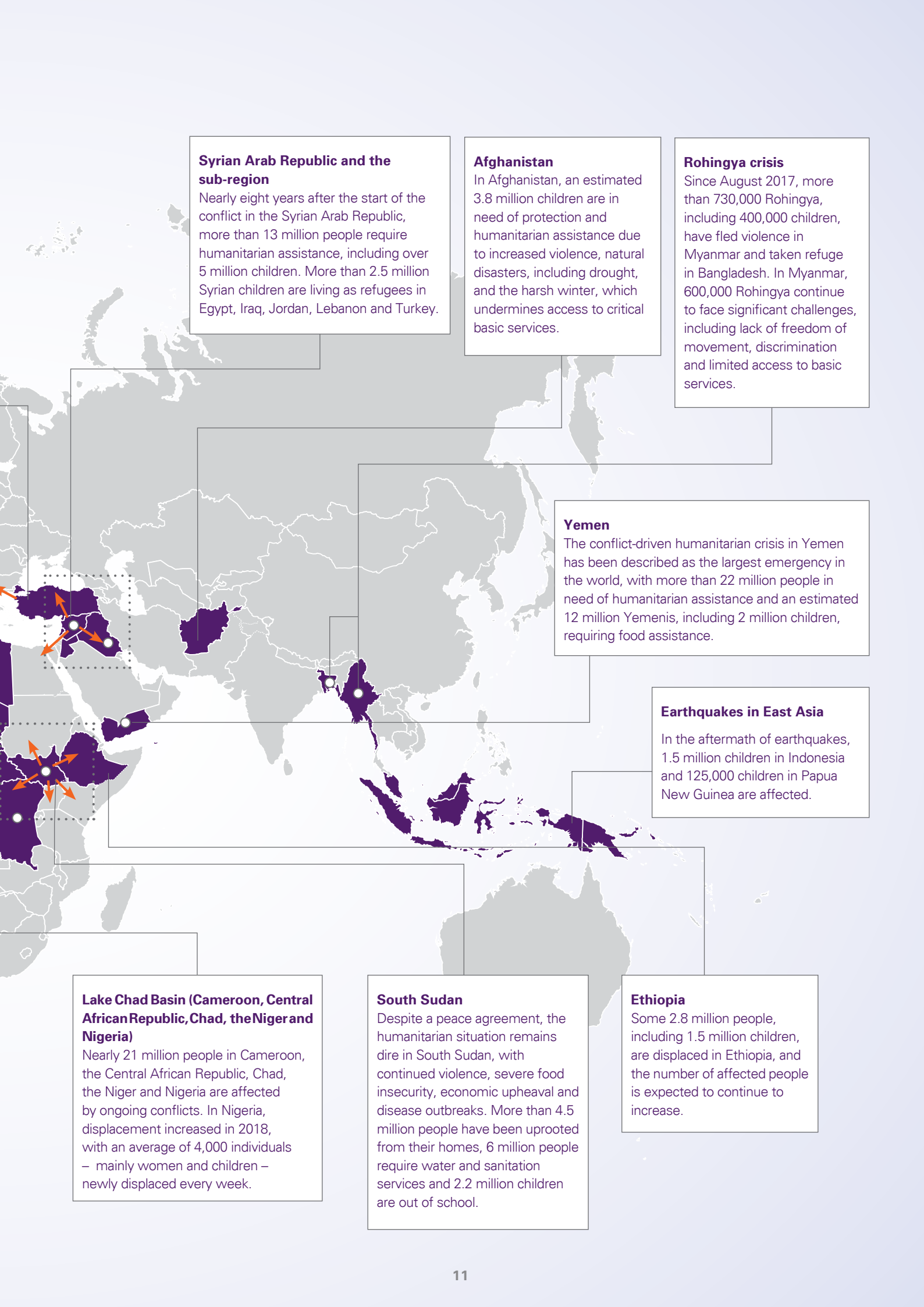
Children in Crisis

The map below highlights the global humanitarian situation at the end of 2018 and some of the major crises affecting children and their families.



Arrows represent the movement of people to neighbouring countries due to conflict.

This map is stylised and not to scale. It does not reflect a position by UNICEF on the legal status of any country or area or the delimitation of any frontiers. The dotted line represents approximately the Line of Control agreed upon by India and Pakistan. The final status of Jammu and Kashmir has not yet been agreed upon by the Parties. The final boundary between the Sudan and South Sudan has not yet been determined.



Syrian Arab Republic and the sub-region

Nearly eight years after the start of the conflict in the Syrian Arab Republic, more than 13 million people require humanitarian assistance, including over 5 million children. More than 2.5 million Syrian children are living as refugees in Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey.

Afghanistan

In Afghanistan, an estimated 3.8 million children are in need of protection and humanitarian assistance due to increased violence, natural disasters, including drought, and the harsh winter, which undermines access to critical basic services.

Rohingya crisis

Since August 2017, more than 730,000 Rohingya, including 400,000 children, have fled violence in Myanmar and taken refuge in Bangladesh. In Myanmar, 600,000 Rohingya continue to face significant challenges, including lack of freedom of movement, discrimination and limited access to basic services.

Yemen

The conflict-driven humanitarian crisis in Yemen has been described as the largest emergency in the world, with more than 22 million people in need of humanitarian assistance and an estimated 12 million Yemenis, including 2 million children, requiring food assistance.

Earthquakes in East Asia

In the aftermath of earthquakes, 1.5 million children in Indonesia and 125,000 children in Papua New Guinea are affected.

Lake Chad Basin (Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, the Niger and Nigeria)

Nearly 21 million people in Cameroon, the Central African Republic, Chad, the Niger and Nigeria are affected by ongoing conflicts. In Nigeria, displacement increased in 2018, with an average of 4,000 individuals – mainly women and children – newly displaced every week.

South Sudan

Despite a peace agreement, the humanitarian situation remains dire in South Sudan, with continued violence, severe food insecurity, economic upheaval and disease outbreaks. More than 4.5 million people have been uprooted from their homes, 6 million people require water and sanitation services and 2.2 million children are out of school.

Ethiopia

Some 2.8 million people, including 1.5 million children, are displaced in Ethiopia, and the number of affected people is expected to continue to increase.

A photograph of a baby sleeping peacefully in a light blue hammock. The hammock is suspended over a green and yellow patterned blanket. A white world map is overlaid on the left side of the image, showing the Americas and parts of Europe and Africa. The background is a solid purple color.

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is different

On the frontlines...

Active in more than 190 countries and territories, UNICEF worked to improve life-long outcomes for children in 2018.

UNICEF provided support for:



The birth of
27 million
babies in
health facilities

Programmes in critical
skills for learning,
personal empowerment,
active citizenship or
employability for about

2 million youth



About **4.8 million**
adolescent girls
participated in
interventions to
address child marriage



Cash transfer
programmes
that reached
more than
38 million
children



1.7 million
children on
the move
received
protection
services

Innovative thinking focuses attention

As the world prepares to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child in 2019, UNICEF continues to shine a light on child rights.

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178 countries took part in UNICEF's annual 'for children, by children' moment: World Children's Day, 20 November 2018. Ireland enjoyed one of the **highest** profile #KidsTakeOver events of the Taoiseach's office.

2

UNICEF secured commitments for children, through our **#ChildrenUprooted** Campaign, as the Global Compact on Refugees and the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration were adopted by Governments in 2018.

3

UNICEF promoted civic engagement programmes for about **6 million** adolescents in **102 countries**, including an estimated **500,000 adolescents** in conflict-affected or humanitarian contexts.

Yemen



9-month-old Yahya receives a malnutrition check at a treatment centre in Yemen. At the end of 2018 Yemen was on the brink of famine, with 400,000 severely malnourished children in need of urgent life-saving assistance. © UNICEF/Huwais

Yemen is one of the worst places to be a child.

More than four years of fighting has pushed the country to the brink of collapse.



The humanitarian crisis in Yemen has been described as **the largest emergency in the world**, with more than **22 million people** in need of humanitarian assistance.



Children are the primary victims of the crisis.

At least **one child dies every 10 minutes** in Yemen from malnutrition and preventable diseases.



Over 11 million children depend on humanitarian assistance just to survive.

The economy continues to deteriorate, with Yemen's currency losing nearly 50 per cent of its value. **Food prices have sky-rocketed and affected families struggle to buy the food they need.**

Acute malnutrition is rife, affecting almost **2 million children**

– among them nearly 360,000 severely acutely malnourished children fighting to stay alive.



The damage and closure of schools and hospitals is threatening children's access to education and health services.

At least 2 million children in Yemen are out of school, generating fears that the 4-year conflict could steal their futures and create a lost generation.



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UNICEF continues to work around the clock across Yemen to deliver vital assistance to children. A nationwide UNICEF-supported measles and rubella vaccination campaign protected almost 12 million children against measles and rubella. We also run programmes in water and sanitation, child protection, nutrition, education and more.



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Doa'a's Story



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When I looked at my daughter, I was pretty sure that she wouldn't survive. But I didn't give up.

”

- Hussein, her father

Baby Doa'a arrived at the health centre in critical condition. Less than a year old, Doa'a lives in a small four-room mud hut, with her parents, her six siblings and three other families. Her father Hussein works making rope beds, but her family struggle to afford the food they need.

Across Yemen, conflict has sent the price of food skyrocketing, causing widespread malnutrition and leaving children the most vulnerable. For young infants and babies like Doa'a the situation is even more precarious.

"When I looked at my daughter, I was pretty sure that she wouldn't survive. But I didn't give up. I borrowed money and took her to the nearest health centre. That is one hour by car. I was afraid that she would die before reaching the health centre," says Hussein.

Doa'a had been unable to breastfeed for some time and by the time she made it to the centre, she was in critical condition, severely malnourished and facing complications from pneumonia.

For her family it was an incredibly anxious time, waiting for news. "I was doubtful that Doa'a would return home," says her mother Zahra, herself receiving medical treatment for serious health problems.

Once Doa'a arrived the immediate priority for doctors at the UNICEF-funded Therapeutic Nutrition Centre was to stabilise her condition and make sure she received the right therapeutic food she needed to survive. Almost instantly, Doa'a began fighting back, responding well to treatment and soon becoming strong enough to return home.

For her eldest sister Mareiah (15), her amazing recovery was almost inconceivable and having her back at home meant so much.

"When Doa'a was discharged from the health centre. I didn't believe that she is alive until I saw her."

Doa'a's story is all too common for children in Yemen.


Conflict across the country means over 400,000 severely malnourished children are in need of urgent life-saving assistance.



UNICEF is on the ground, working in some of the most remote and challenging locations, to deliver life-saving aid to children like Doa'a.



Conflict in Syria



*Almost eight years
into the war in Syria,
the situation for
children remains dire.*



Across the country, nearly **70%** of children require humanitarian assistance, with more than **3 million** children under five in need of food and nutritional support.

Risking everything to find safety and security, over 2 million children have been forced to flee their homes.



Throughout the country, getting humanitarian assistance to children remains extremely difficult.

Ongoing conflict, insecurity, restrictions on movement and the imposition of deliberate constraints, including burdensome administrative procedures, only exposes the children of Syria to even further trauma and risks.

UNICEF is one of the few humanitarian organisations working inside Syria, as well as being present for refugee families in surrounding countries, including Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq, Turkey and Egypt.

Across Syria, we're working to protect children and give them hope for a happy future. In even the most remote

locations, our teams work to minimise the crisis' impact on children – by delivering life-saving health, nutrition, immunisation, water and sanitation services.

We're also providing education, psychosocial support and safe spaces for children to play and have some much-needed fun.

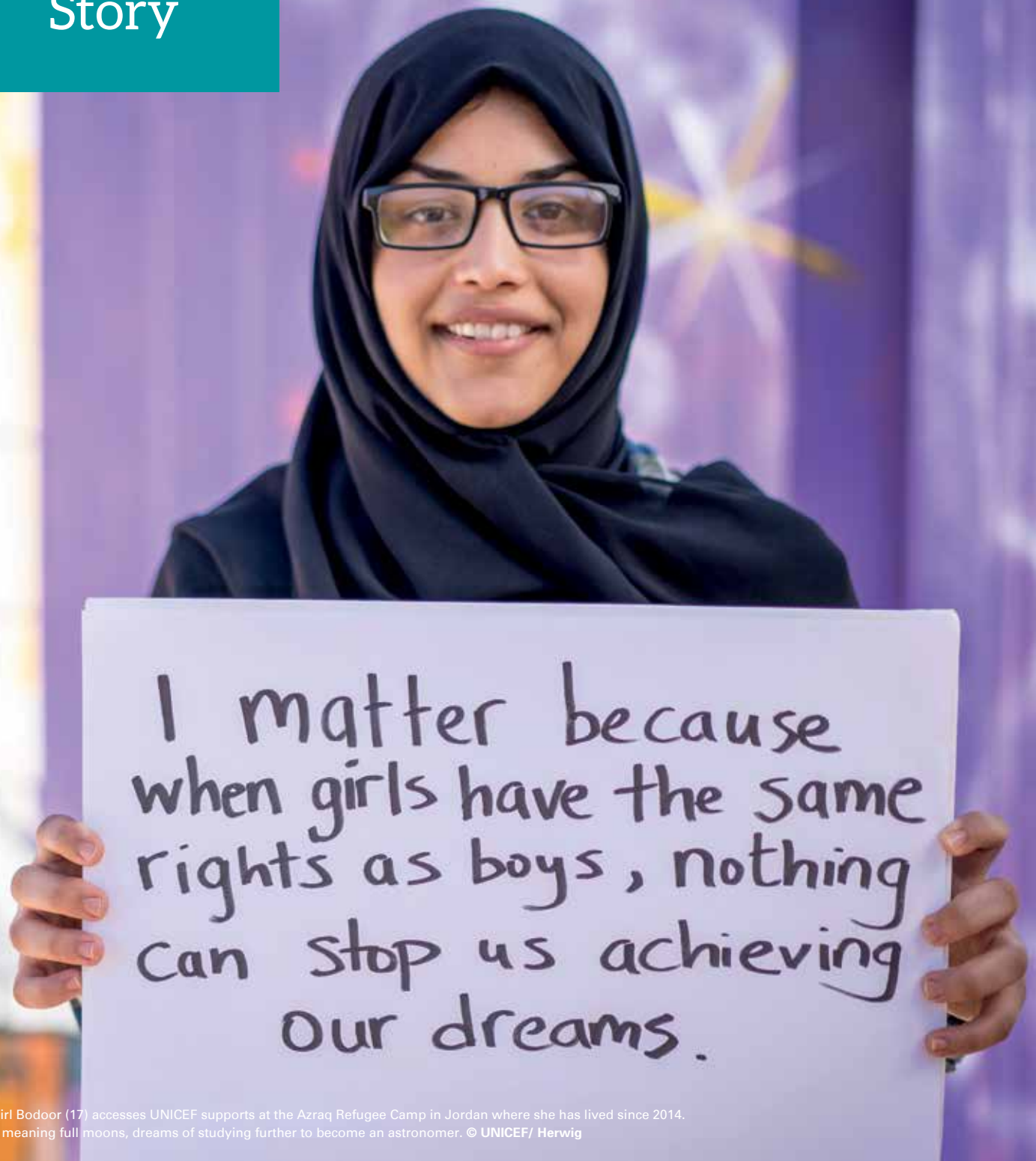
These efforts are critical, not only for defending the rights of children, but also for safeguarding their future.



One in three Syrian children have grown up knowing only crisis.

Zainab (9) with her brother Mohammad, 3 years. Her family are Syrian refugees and came to Jordan six years ago. She has just received her winter clothing kit from UNICEF and its partner Mateen. © UNICEF/Herwig

Bodoor's Story



Syrian girl Bodoor (17) accesses UNICEF supports at the Azraq Refugee Camp in Jordan where she has lived since 2014. Bodoor, meaning full moons, dreams of studying further to become an astronomer. © UNICEF/ Herwig

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*Why do people look at me like I'm a different species of human being? I didn't choose to become a refugee. I didn't choose to leave my country and live somewhere else, or in somebody else's country. **It wasn't my choice.***

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Bodoor and her classmates are preparing for their final exams. This student is lucky because she has her family's support and access to education. © UNICEF/ Herwig

Five years ago Bodoor (17) fled violence in Syria with her family. She now lives in the Azraq refugee camp in Jordan.

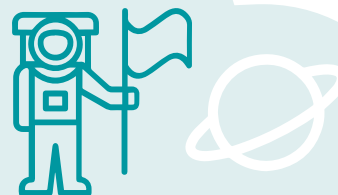
"I loved living in my country but I had to leave. If we stayed in Syria, we had no future or hope of education. When we travelled to Jordan we walked for nine hours over rocks by foot. At first, we didn't even have a floor in our house – there was only rocks and sand on the ground. There was no electricity, no water."

"I've adapted to my new life as best I can. It's difficult, but I have to be strong. I am lucky to go to school – many children didn't get that chance. My favourite subject is science, specifically astronomy. I've read all the books in the library about space and stars. When I look at the stars and sky, I feel comfortable and happy. It's my moment to escape from anything bad happening on earth."

"In our community, boys and girls are not treated equally. But there should be equality between boys and girls because there's no difference between us. They say studying is not good for girls or will not give them anything. But I say they are completely wrong."

"I want my dreams to be real. My dream is to be an astronomer because I like space. And an astronaut too. No one here has the same dream."

In our society no one has the same dreams and if I get this dream I would be the first woman from Syria to go to the moon. There is nothing impossible and I will try."



Bodoor attends a UNICEF-supported school and after-school remedial education programme. She is one of 22,000 children provided with water, sanitation, child protection, education, health and nutrition, and adolescent services by UNICEF in Azraq.

Rohingya crisis



A boy carries a bamboo pole, used for building basic shelters, through Cox's Bazar in Bangladesh. Almost 700,000 Rohingya refugees poured into the district following the outbreak of extreme violence in Myanmar. UNICEF and partners have set up a water treatment plant on the outskirts of the camp, delivering around 300,000 litres daily to children and families. © UNICEF/Brown

More than a year after hundreds of thousands of terrified Rohingya refugees fled targeted violence in Myanmar, there are now nearly 700,000 Rohingya in Bangladesh in dire need of humanitarian assistance and protection.

Over half of them are children.



These children have walked more than 40 kilometres to reach safety in Bangladesh.



Walking for days, many arrived sick, exhausted and in desperate need of clean water, food and shelter.

Over the last year, these children have made their home in makeshift camps without any certainty on whether they might ever be able to return home. They have seen the full force of the region's monsoon season. Its torrential rain and wind further disrupting their already limited opportunities to learn and play.

Tragically, children also face grave daily dangers in the cramped camps, with alarming reports of kidnappings, sexual exploitation, forced labour, child marriage and human trafficking.



UNICEF is on the ground helping to deliver life-saving supplies and services to Rohingya refugees.



The scale of the numbers is vast. So far we have helped immunize over 900,000 children and adults against cholera, and screened nearly 263,000 children for malnutrition.



Alongside healthcare, vaccinations and disease prevention, we're working to keep children in education and giving traumatised children safe spaces to play in.

“ This is a very dangerous place for children. ”

One day while Yasin (9), Ali (7) and their sister Rupchanda (13) were waiting for food at a distribution point in their camp, Rupchanda suddenly disappeared.

Announcements and searches were made throughout the camp, but Rupchanda was never found, and her family have been waiting anxiously for word for many months.

In one of the poorest, most disaster-prone areas of Bangladesh, approximately 400,000 Rohingya refugee children live in heavily congested camps.



Every day, these children live with dangers no child should ever face, with heart-breaking stories of exploitation, forced labour, child marriage and human trafficking all too common in the camps.

Before Rupchanda's disappearance, Yasin, Ali and Rupchanda had already known unspeakable tragedy. Their parents were killed in Myanmar, along with four of their siblings, when violence erupted, forcing them to flee to Bangladesh. After they escaped across the border the three children lived with their aunt and their uncle Nur Mohamed. Nur says he fears the worst for Rupchanda and other children in the camp.

***“Rupchanda was pretty, and intelligent.
I suspect somebody took her for some purpose.
Some other girls have gone missing too.
This is a very dangerous place for children.”***

UNICEF is supporting Yasin, Ali and their family and is working to combat the risks faced by children.



UNICEF and partners have established child protection programmes across the camps to reunite unaccompanied, separated or orphaned children with relatives or find them alternative safe accommodation.



Together for Children

UNICEF Ireland partners with young people to ensure leaders and policy-makers prioritise children's rights, and with leading organisations from the corporate world to fulfil those rights. Promoting and protecting the rights of every child, leads to a better world for everyone.

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Rohingya refugee children and women sit on a makeshift raft made of logs, bamboo poles and jerrycans as it is brought to shore after they crossed the Naf River, which marks the border between Myanmar and Bangladesh. UNICEF is on the ground helping to deliver life-saving supplies and services to Rohingya refugees. © UNICEF/Brown



Children in Ireland

**All children have a right to survive,
thrive and fulfil their potential
– to the benefit of a better world.**

UNICEF was created with the distinct purpose of working with others to overcome the obstacles that poverty, violence, disease and discrimination place in a child's path.

We advocate for measures to give children the best start in life, because the protection of children through care and the defending of their rights forms the strongest foundation for their future. UNICEF Ireland believes that every child has the right to an education, regardless of who they are, where they live, or how much money their family has. The world has changed, but children's needs have not. We promote the rights and wellbeing of every child, in everything we do.



Every child has the right to learn - Report Card 15 *An Unfair Start: Inequality in Children's Education in Rich Countries*



In October, Report Card 15 was launched to highlight the educational inequalities of rich nations.

This report, titled, *An Unfair Start: Inequality in Children's Education in Rich Countries*, ranked 41 member countries of the European Union and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development on the extent of educational inequalities at pre-school, primary and secondary school levels. At the launch of this report, UNICEF focused on the children in Ireland that were being left behind.

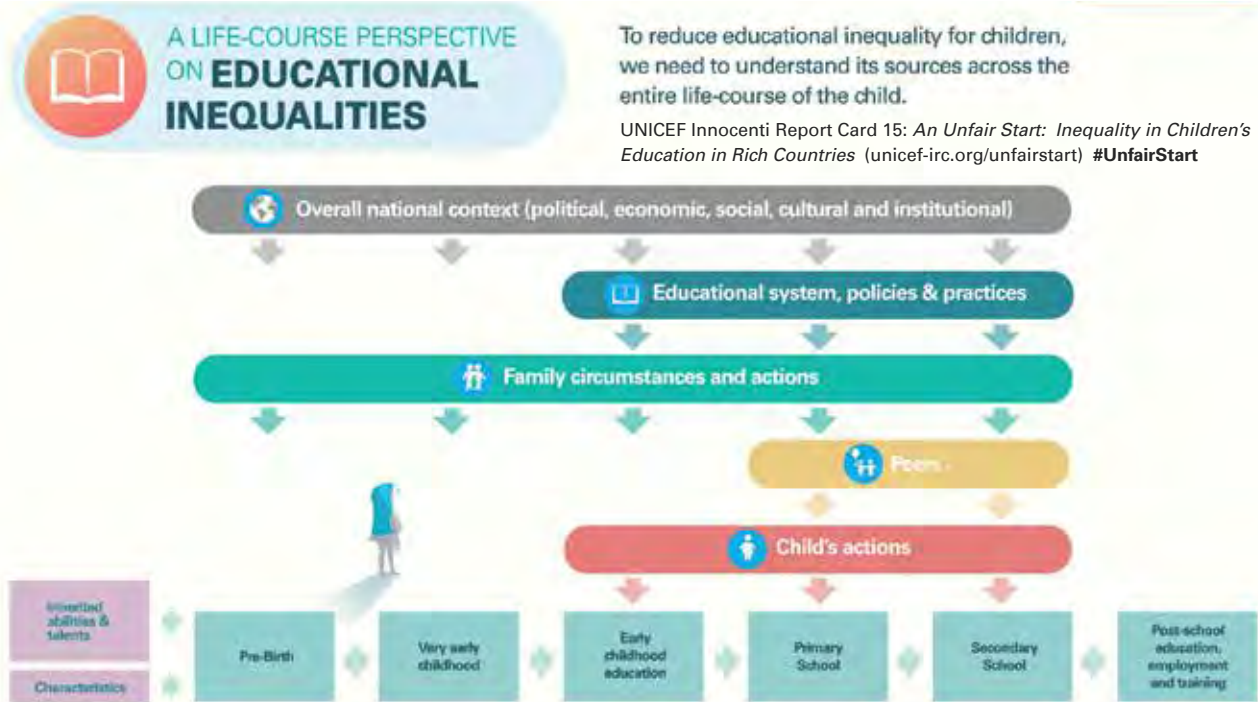
“While our schools produce good results for the many, there are some children, and often those most in need, who are falling through the gaps. We need to ensure that every child has the right wraparound supports they need in school to thrive and get the education they deserve.

Executive Director of UNICEF Ireland, Peter Power.

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Ireland ranked 2nd out of 41 wealthy nations
on **equal education of children.**

THE SOURCES OF EDUCATIONAL INEQUALITY



The Report Card launch offered a platform for Irish youth to have a voice on an international stage.

UNICEF Youth Advocate, Minahil Sarfarz (17) spoke on a panel at the Innocenti Live Launch event in Florence, to share her perspective as a refugee student from Pakistan. Irish teacher and educational policy expert, Fionnuala MacAonghusa also attended the event to speak about her direct work with Irish students and the challenges faced by children across the education system in Ireland.



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Since I came here as an immigrant and refugee, I know I had to do better than others. I had to work harder than others in order to achieve what I wanted and to be successful. This is how I learned the value of education.

UNICEF Youth Advocate
Minahil Sarfarz (17)

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Child rights education is a major component of the work at UNICEF Ireland.



Children have the right to a quality education that focuses on their rights to live peacefully, protect the environment and to respect others.

Educated young people are successfully changing their world through voicing their opinions and exercising their right to participate in global and national issues that matter most to them. UNICEF Ireland provides support for tomorrow's leaders through education and giving young people a platform to speak to policy and decision makers.



Sophie and Isabelle make a sign highlighting humanity's impact on wildlife during their UNICEF Activism training day on Climate Change. © Rankin

In 2018, UNICEF Ireland, with the support of Irish Aid, implemented the UNICEF Activism programme to hundreds of Irish students around Ireland.

The programme empowers young people to take action locally and globally by helping them better understand the social, cultural, political, and economic structures that affect their lives and the lives of others. Graduates of the programme have gone on to lead their own campaigns in their own homes, schools, and communities.

World's Largest Lesson and the Sustainable Development Goals



The 17 Sustainable Development Goals set out to achieve these three extraordinary things by 2030.



End extreme poverty



Fight Inequality and Injustice



Tackle climate change



Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment Richard Bruton attends the World's Largest Lesson Event at St. Fintan's National School in Sutton.
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We work on the Sustainable Development Goals and to achieve the progress promised in the United Nations Charter. We work to hold everyone accountable to the promises made for children. World's Largest Lesson introduces these goals to children and young people everywhere and unites them in action.

In November, the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment, Richard Bruton TD, visited St. Fintan's Primary School in Sutton for World's Largest Lesson. This year, the World's Largest Lesson was focused on action. St. Fintan's pupils explained their activism in class projects on the SDGs. Some classes participated in food drives, beach cleanups and many other campaigns to show their pledge to the SDGs.

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The decisions we make now to address the global challenges addressed by the Sustainable Development Goals will define the next century... World's Largest Lesson helps those taking part to bridge the gap between learning and action and inspires children and young people to explore the personal changes they can make to the world around them.

Richard Bruton TD
Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment

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World Children's Day | #KidsTakeOver

UNICEF's #KidsTakeOver winner Aoife Murphy, pictured with An Taoiseach Leo Varadkar, signs the guest book at the department of An Taoiseach, Government Buildings, Dublin, to mark World Children's Day, 2018. ©UNICEF/Kennedy



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Young people are facing great challenges like climate change, inequality and unemployment.

We want to play our part in deciding who is making the decisions, that ultimately will have a far greater impact on our generation than theirs. It is our future – we deserve our say!

Aoife Murphy
Youth activist and winner of UNICEF's Taoiseach #KidsTakeOver competition

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The highlight of UNICEF Ireland's youth engagement in 2018 was the **#KidsTakeOver** of the Taoiseach's office for World's Children's Day on November 20th.

Sixteen-year-old Aoife Murphy from Westmeath won a national competition to describe the one change she would like to see in her community, nation, or world. Spending the day with An Taoiseach Leo Varadkar and his officials, Aoife spoke passionately about her campaign to lower the voting age to 16 and why it is so important to listen to the voices of young people on issues that will have consequences for their future.

World Children's Day is a day 'for children, by children', when children from around the world takeover, as part of UNICEF's global #KidsTakeOver initiative, key roles in media, politics, business, sport

and entertainment to express their concerns about what global leaders should be focusing on. Aoife's takeover followed on wonderfully from the success of UNICEF's first Taoiseach #KidsTakeOver in 2017.

Aoife ran a campaign in her school and community to give young people a voice in their future and to advocate for change in the voting age. World Children's Day is a celebration of children all over the world and of all the progress we have made on children's rights, but it is also an opportunity to raise awareness about the issues faced by children both at home in Ireland and around the world.

World Children's Day | *European Parliament*

In November, the European Parliament invited children around Europe to participate in a three-day conference to discuss **'The Europe Kids Want'.**

UNICEF Ireland's youth ambassadors Jiang O'Neill (16) and Ebunoluwa Lawal (17) travelled to Brussels to represent the Irish youth voice at the parliament, meeting MEPs, EU leaders, officials, diplomats and other youth activists from across the EU.



Youth Ambassadors Ebun (17) and Jiang (16) represent Irish youth voices at the European Parliament in Brussels on World Children's Day. © UNICEF/Coffey-Nguyen

International Council Youth Forum

In November, some of UNICEF's most influential philanthropic partners gathered for UNICEF's annual International Council at the UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre (IRC) in Florence, Italy on the theme of: **For Every Child, Answers.**



Youth delegates gather at The International Council's Youth Forum in Florence, Italy

For the first time, the three-day event also included an International Youth Forum, bringing together young people from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Canada, Finland, Germany, Iran, Ireland, Liberia, Nepal and the United States. Organised by UNICEF Ireland, the International Youth Forum aimed to help young people, many of whom had experienced UNICEF's programmes in their countries, share their voice with council members, UNICEF's top executives and technical experts on issues that mattered to them and their communities.

The children travelled from their home countries to share their personal stories on how UNICEF's work had impacted their education, health, and well-being. The attendees took part in workshops, along with the children of council members, discussing UNICEF

programmes and the problems they address. Through this format, the children learned about their different cultures, religions, food, ways of life, opinions, and mind-sets.

In order to cultivate real and meaningful dialogue, the exchanges between the children were facilitated through a number of different mediums, including art exhibitions and discussion forums. The ideas they jointly proposed to the council helped raise the voices of children, highlighting their needs and opinions. In turn, the council members, who are committed UNICEF supporters, spoke about their intention to work together, as a collective, to achieve a greater impact for the children they met and the millions of children UNICEF reaches.

Working with Partners

UNICEF works with governments, civil society organisations and business to advance children's rights to survival, protection, development and participation. Together with our partners, we create innovative alliances that save lives and secure futures.

In 2018 UNICEF Ireland's proud tradition of collaborating with the private sector was key to the results we achieved.

**Thank you to all our partners
for their huge efforts for children.**

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IRELAND

Pictured are children from Thnout Khpous Primary School in Phnom Penh, Cambodia who are involved in the Primark funded education programme to enable vulnerable children attend and stay in school. © UNICEF Photo by US!



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Aer Lingus



Aer Lingus & UNICEF Ireland celebrated its
21 years
 of partnership in 2018,
 and almost

\$22m

raised for
 children
 around
 the world.



Through the 'Change for Good' on board collections, Aer Lingus cabin crew and guests raised almost **€1 million** in 2018 alone.

CHANGE FOR GOOD™

During the year, **four special collections** took place raising money for humanitarian emergency appeals for Rohingya refugees, India, and the crises in Yemen and Syria.

In March 2018, **four Aer Lingus cabin crew and UNICEF Change for Good ambassadors** travelled to Uttar Pradesh in India to see UNICEF programmes in action.





Hi everyone, my name is Nuala Byrne and I am an Aer Lingus cabin crew member and a UNICEF Change for Good ambassador.

As part of our Change for Good partnership with UNICEF, Aer Lingus cabin crew raise money for UNICEF's work with children around the world. Throughout the year, we collect on board donations from our generous guests, who give their leftover foreign currency to support children.

I love my job with Aer Lingus and have long wanted to become a UNICEF Change for Good ambassador. I felt so lucky in 2018 when I was chosen and visited UNICEF's programmes in India. The Aer Lingus and UNICEF partnership has raised over €22 million over the last two decades and I was really excited about seeing first-hand how guest donations are put to use. Along with three fellow ambassadors, I travelled to the province of Uttar Pradesh to visit schools and community groups and to speak to families. We saw first-hand how local people, with UNICEF's help, are educating and empowering mothers on the importance of basic hygiene, breastfeeding and immunisations. Their campaign to highlight the safety of vaccinations has been extremely effective and has helped India be polio free since 2014.

We also visited a UNICEF-supported Neonatal Clinic that has been so successful its approach is now being rolled out across communities by the local government. I found it so uplifting to see how donations are making such long lasting changes. We saw the same at a Nutrition Rehabilitation Centre in Firozabad. This was personally one of the toughest days. We witnessed severely malnourished children during all stages of their recovery and saw how their mothers were also being supported.

On our last day in India, we met UNICEF's Chief Field Officer and spoke about the scale of UNICEF's five-year plan in India. This includes, working with the government to increase immunisation rates from 62% to 90%, reducing child mortality, supporting an extra three million children to attend school, eliminating the common problem of open defecation and tackling stunted growth, through improved nutrition and sanitation.

Hearing this it really hit home just how much on board collections and our generous guest donations make an impact. Every child deserves a healthy childhood and I'm honoured to spread the word about children's rights as a UNICEF Change for Good Ambassador.

**Thank you for your kind donations,
I've seen first-hand the huge
difference it makes to children's lives.**

Nuala



Primark

2018 saw the launch of the **Primark X UNICEF Multi-Country Corporate Alliance** as part of Primark's new global Corporate Social Responsibility strategy. Primark, which operates as Penneys in Ireland, has over 350 retail stores worldwide. The partnership covers all of Primark's ten European markets, as well as its rapidly emerging US market.

This exciting high-value partnership will see Primark invest \$6 million over three years in education programmes in Cambodia, as well as on UNICEF's Emergency Response for children at risk in emergencies around the world. The ambitious partnership was launched to Primark's global workforce at Primark's Headquarters in the Arthur Ryan House in Dublin in July.



A key focus of the partnership is Employee Engagement. The July launch saw the unveiling of a global ambassador programme which features Primark staff from eight different countries sharing the stories and the impact the partnership has on children's lives with thousands of their fellow staff members around the world.



Being there in emergencies

Linked to the partnership's support of UNICEF's Sudden Onset Emergency Response programme, the ambassadors will use their passion for UNICEF's live-saving humanitarian work to inspire staff to take action within 24 hours of a new emergency anywhere in the world. Within 48 hours of an emergency, UNICEF and its partners are on the ground providing food, shelter and protection and Primark's funding allows UNICEF to respond rapidly and effectively to sudden and emerging humanitarian crises.



Education for all

The Primark X UNICEF partnership will also assist in building an education system that is more inclusive and one which will be able to help all children, particularly the disadvantaged, to access a quality education in Cambodia. Visiting UNICEF programmes in the field, ambassadors will personally meet the children whose lives have been impacted by the partnership, whether that is through improved access to education or through safer, cleaner and more accessible schools for all.



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Children read at a mobile library in Kratie Province, Cambodia.

Business Advisory Group

In 2018 the Business Advisory Council expanded, adding members with expertise from Finance to Retail. Members are focused on leveraging their networks for the benefit of the world's most vulnerable children.



Members of the Business Advisory Council also provide the UNICEF Ireland Corporate Team with advice, expertise and insight into their respective industries. The Council is Chaired by UNICEF Ireland Board Member, Ambassador and business person Donncha O'Callaghan.

Mary Dunphy is Senior Managing Director of Teneo Consulting. Previously Global CEO at CoderDojo, she was responsible for CoderDojo's growth worldwide from 200 coding clubs to 1,100 tech clubs in 65 countries. Mary was also a Partner at Accenture.

As a US diplomat, **Brett Bruen** specialised in using strategic communications during crisis and conflict. As Director of Global Engagement at The White House, Brett coordinated public diplomacy programmes and crisis communications. As President of The Global Situation Room, he now advises clients on risk and crisis management.

David Fitzsimons is CEO of Retail Excellence, which he was involved in establishing in 1995. Ireland's leading retail industry body, Retail Excellence represents 1,750 companies employing 110,000 people here. David also sits on global retail committees, including the NRF Global Retail Council.

Mark Gantly is a Senior R&D Director in the Software-Defined and Cloud Group at Hewlett Packard Enterprise (HPE). He has driven the development of HPE's Galway site as a multi-business

campus, specialising in software development. Mark is President of the American Chamber of Commerce for 2019.

Nick Weir is a Business Development Analyst at the Euronext Stock Exchange. Nick works to get the world's large institutional investment fund managers to list their respective funds in Ireland. Nick is also Commercial Manager at Shamrock Rovers Football Club.

Rani Dabrai is CEO and Founder of Moneypenny Group, an Irish consultancy specialising in the management of trade missions, supporting international entrepreneurial expansion and developing business growth strategies. Alongside Economist David McWilliams, Rani is co-Founder and Director of EconomicsWithoutBoundaries.com.

Siobhan Plunkett co-founded GSLS, an Irish Cash Logistic service provider. Siobhan previously worked with Brink's Ireland, Elonex Plc and NatWest Bank and sat on the Board of Women in Retail, with Retail Excellence Ireland.

World Barbers Day

A new initiative by Grafton Barbers was launched on September 16th. Over a 24-hour period barbers nationwide united to highlight UNICEF's work and in the process generated much-needed donations for UNICEF's programmes for children.

Corporate Lunch

UNICEF Ireland celebrated its 18th Annual Corporate Christmas Lunch in the Round Room at the Mansion House. Over 300 guests were part of a joyful occasion that saw vital funds raised for UNICEF programmes in over 190 countries and territories.

PMIS Ltd.

Raymond Poole, MD PMIS Ltd. introducing his #1hr4unicef programme at the PM Summit.



PMIS continues to support UNICEF through its mission to raise over €100,000. In 2018, UNICEF Ireland's team attended the PM Summit as the official charity partner.

Donncha O'Callaghan Testimonial



Ambassador Donncha O'Callaghan speaking at his testimonial dinner and inset (clockwise) Alastair Campbell with Paul O'Connell, Donncha and Jenny O'Callaghan, and a panel discussion featuring Andrew Trimble, Ronan O'Gara, Tommy Bowe and moderator Martin Bayfield.



In November, long-time UNICEF Ireland Ambassador and Board member Donncha O'Callaghan made the incredible gesture of donating the entire proceeds of his testimonial dinner to UNICEF's work with children across the world.

Honoured with a gala ball at the Intercontinental Hotel in Dublin, on the eve of Ireland's memorable victory over New Zealand at the Aviva Stadium, the testimonial brought together Donncha's family, friends and former teammates, as well as fellow UNICEF Ambassadors and hundreds of people from the sporting and business communities. On a night full of inspiring and good-humoured memories from Donncha's life, the testimonial was a special tribute to Donncha's extraordinary career in rugby and a celebration of his work for children with UNICEF. During his time as a UNICEF Ambassador Donncha has travelled far and wide to promote UNICEF's work to tackle poverty, combat malnutrition and improve education access for children around the world.

The testimonial was a fitting and moving recognition of a truly remarkable man.



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I've seen first-hand in the field Donncha's amazing connection with children, his empathy with the plight they face and his huge determination to support our work to help every child. No matter where they are in the world.

**UNICEF Ireland Executive Director,
Peter Power.**

Huge congratulations on what's been a magnificent 20 years. I can't think of too many more people who are more befitting of the night like this in their honour and it is a testament to you that the proceeds are going to charity.

**Donncha's former Ireland rugby
teammate Brian O'Driscoll.**

Donncha's contribution to UNICEF has been enormous. His highlighting of humanitarian crises, powerful advocacy of children's rights & contribution at Board level have meant our achievements are far greater with him on our team.

**UNICEF Ireland Chairman,
Paul Connolly.**

Partners for Development

Support from major donors, trusts and foundations is integral to the work that UNICEF does.

UNICEF Ireland manages key partnerships with some of Ireland's most important philanthropists.



The International Council



Photos: (at top)(l to r) Danielle Ryan of The Cathal Ryan Trust, pictured alongside Lye Ogunsanya, the One Foundation and Peter Power, Executive Director UNICEF Ireland (below right) Anne Mulcahy, The Cathal Ryan Trust and UNICEF Ireland Board Member, pictured with Cillian & Siobhán Ryan of The Cathal Ryan Trust; (at bottom) Danielle Ryan, The Cathal Ryan Trust, all at The International Council in Florence, Italy © UNICEF/Casati

In November 2018 UNICEF's International Council gathered for its second annual symposium in Florence, Italy. The council brings together many of UNICEF's most influential philanthropic partners to learn from each other, and interact with UNICEF's leadership, to guide the council's objectives and to help tackle some of the most pressing challenges facing children around the world.

Held in the UNICEF Office of Research - Innocenti, the theme of the 2018 International Council was *For every child, answers*. Council members and UNICEF staff explored how to use research and data to support the hardest to reach children. Council members shared their hope that, by working together as a collective, the Council could achieve greater impact than through individual efforts.



The Council's discussions, many led by Council members themselves, focused on topics including the global learning crisis, Generation Unlimited, the power of research in informing policy and practice, technology, financial innovation, 'cash and care' programmes, and future trends. For the first time, the Council also included an International Youth Forum, bringing young people together from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Canada, Finland, Germany, Iran, Ireland, Liberia, Nepal and the United States. This allowed for first-hand accounts of the impact donors have on the lives of the children UNICEF supports and works with.



The International Council was attended by several members of the Ryan family from Ireland who are key long term partners of UNICEF Ireland.

The Cathal Ryan Trust



Photos: New mother Verónica, gave birth to her son, Liam, 2 weeks before this photo. She is meeting with Midwife, Paola Aragon Cuenca, who explains postnatal care for herself and her new-born baby boy. © UNICEF/Njiokiktjien



In 2018, the Cathal Ryan Trust entered the second year of its partnership with UNICEF to address the needs of adolescent girls in Peru.

Through the programme, indigenous women in the Ucayali region are being provided with resources to reduce educational inequalities, violence and early pregnancy among school-age girls.

The Trust has committed to spending \$2.5 million over a five-year period throughout rural areas in the Peruvian Amazon. Indigenous women and young girls in the Ucayali region face extremely high levels of social exclusion and violence. The Trust's objectives are to help young girls become more empowered in their communities and support them to attend and secure a quality secondary education.

For these adolescent indigenous girls, the Trust's support provides access to environments that protect them from physical and sexual violence. They also become better recognised by society, and the Peruvian State, as subjects of law and are able to fully exercise their citizenship.

This programme aims to improve the living conditions of 60,000 adolescents, with emphasis on 30,000 vulnerable young women.

The Trust has previously worked with conflict-affected children in Sri Lanka, investing \$11.2 million over three years. The Trust has completed a three-year programme in South Africa, which saw the investment of \$3.6 million in UNICEF-supported youth work – helping protect and empower vulnerable young people.

The One Foundation



15 young people from Za'atari Refugee Camp travelled to the Fab Lab in Irbid to learn and be inspired by the start-ups hosted there. This is part of the UNICEF X ONE Humanitarian Changemakers Lab - a new partnership to equip vulnerable youth in Jordan and to promote entrepreneurship and jobs. © UNICEF/Herwig

After first working together in 2015 to tackle the humanitarian crisis created by the war in Syria the One Foundation and UNICEF Ireland have expanded their partnerships in recent years.

After initially funding life-saving programmes, such as health, nutrition, water and child protection services, for Syrian refugees in Jordan, the foundation's work gradually expanded into addressing the negative long-term effects of the war – going beyond meeting the basic needs of the children and young people living as refugees. The One Foundation sought to support programmes that created career paths for future generations in Syria, Lebanon, and Jordan. In collaboration with children living in the Za'atari refugee camp in Jordan, the Humanitarian Changemaker Labs were developed. These are designed to benefit not only young people living in the camp, but also young people in surrounding communities.

Now, under the programme 400 students living in Za'atari, as well as children in the Azraq camp, undergo 12 weeks of training in human-centred design, leading to a two-day entrepreneurship mentoring and innovation competition, called Start-Up Za'atari. At this event 40 start-ups are identified for incubation through the next phase of the programme.

“What the One Foundation is doing to rebuild lives and support the long-term health of communities affected by war is inspiring. There is no other foundation in the world who is working with UNICEF on a programme like this one in Jordan.”

Peter Power,
Executive Director, UNICEF Ireland.

The UNICEF X One Humanitarian Changemaker Labs will run 2018-2020, with the hope that, from its success, new partners can be brought on board to secure the sustainability of this programme.

The most recent UNICEF X ONE partnership has centred on providing life-saving support to the children, adolescents and families displaced in the La Guajira and Norte de Santander regions of eastern Colombia. The children and families living near the Colombian and Venezuelan border, many of who have crossed from Venezuela, are in critical need of urgent support.

Thanks to the One Foundation, UNICEF is delivering vital water, sanitation, education and child protection services to thousands of children and their families during this very turbulent period in the region.



Children play with a toy they built in a workshop at the UNICEF-supported Friendly Space in Cucuta, Colombia © UNICEF/Arcos. (Bottom right) UNICEF Communication for Development specialist Andrea de la Torre interacts with children at the Cucata rest centre for walkers leaving Venezuela by foot. (Bottom left) Young people participate in the 'Start-Up Za'atari' event in Jordan © UNICEF/Herwig



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Syrian children stand in a refugee camp close to the Lebanese-Syrian border. The camp was recently hit by a winter storm, bringing heavy rain, flooding, strong winds, snow and cold temperatures. Makeshift refugee settlements are particularly vulnerable during the harsh winter months in the region. UNICEF works with partners to deliver critical water and sanitation services as well as distributing of blankets and winter clothes for children, and other supplies. © UNICEF/Haidar



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Directors' and other information

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Anne Mulcahy (Appointed 28 June 2018)
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Directors' Annual Report

for the year ended 31 December 2018

The Directors present their Directors' Annual Report, combining the Directors' Report and Trustees' Report, and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018.

The company is a registered charity and hence the report and results are presented in a form which complies with the requirements of the Companies Act 2014 and, although not obliged to comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP in accordance with FRS 102, effective January 2015), the organisation has implemented its recommendations where relevant in these financial statements.

Objectives and Activities

UNICEF Ireland is a company limited by guarantee not having a share capital. Its principal activity is to provide assistance to and work for the long-term improvement in the lives of children living in the world's poorest countries by supporting UNICEF programmes aimed primarily at protecting children through immunisation, education, nutrition, health and the long-term eradication of poverty as well as emergency relief. It is the policy of UNICEF Ireland to retain limited reserves and to transfer all cash collected directly to UNICEF in order to most efficiently and expeditiously facilitate the achievement of its activities.

Directors

The Directors who served throughout the year, except as noted, were as follows:

Paul Connolly

Alma Carroll Ryan

Andrew Weld Moore

Anne Mulcahy (Appointed 28 June 2018)

Donncha O'Callaghan

Ivor Fitzpatrick

Joe Canning

Sinead Kelly

Tom Hayes

Una Molony

Directors regularly review the membership of the Board and the Audit and Risk Committee to ensure that the necessary skills and perspectives needed for effective governance are in place, taking account of the desirability for gender and skills balance aiming to embrace the diversity of the Irish population.

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Future Developments

UNICEF Ireland will continue to work to increase funding for UNICEF programmes in 2019. We have developed a strategic plan in conjunction with UNICEF HQ for the years 2018 to 2021. Our strategy continues our focus on growing Regular Resources through increasing our market share in regular giving.

We also have an increased focus on growing Corporate Philanthropic giving recognising the potential growth of income as companies embrace their CSR responsibilities. We intend to continue our strategy of ensuring UNICEF is the go to development agency in emergency situations.

Our strategy has been largely influenced by the global Sustainable Development Goals.

In the Goals, thanks in part to the influence of UNICEF, world leaders have recognised that healthy, safe, educated and empowered children and young people are key to achieving a peaceful, prosperous and sustainable world.

Much has been achieved in recent years, for example, reductions in childhood mortality and chronic malnutrition levels, and improved access to education. However, more needs to be done for children in danger across the world.

Our vision is For Every Child, A World of Opportunities and our mission is to inspire people in Ireland to be champions for children by supporting, promoting and investing in the rights of every child in the world.

UNICEF globally promotes the rights of every child, everywhere, focusing on the most disadvantaged and excluded children and seeking to deliver on the Sustainable Development Goals.

UNICEF Ireland supports UNICEF's global remit.

Post Statement of Financial Position Events

There have been no significant events since the year end.

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

There are a number of factors which may materially adversely affect our ability to achieve our objectives, in particular, UNICEF Ireland is dependent on voluntary donations. UNICEF Ireland has appropriate controls in place to manage these risks and to enable execution of UNICEF Ireland's plan.

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Achievements and Performance

Maximise income for children

In 2018 we raised €9.705 million for children in danger, just over a 7.8% increase on 2017. We continued our focus on recruiting regular donors in a very challenging environment. Giving through direct debit now brings in just over €2.4 million per annum.

Our corporate partnerships brought in €3.041 million to support our work for children, a nominal decrease of €55.3K on 2017. Income from major donors performed satisfactorily raising just over €1.3m.

We continued to implement our strategy for becoming the market leader for children in emergencies, delivering on being faster, bolder and more successful for children.

UNICEF Ireland advocated for the domestic and international rights of children throughout 2018. The rights of refugee and asylum-seeking children were promoted during the negotiations of the Global Compacts and through UNICEF's #ChildrenUprooted Campaign, which highlights the impact of displacement on children and the need to combat racism and xenophobia.

During the latter half of the year, UNICEF's Report Card series, which provides a comparative analysis of the well-being of children in the EU and OECD countries, provided focus on the level of education inequality in Ireland.

World Children's Day was celebrated with the Taoiseach Leo Varadkar. Youth advocate Aoife Murphy spent the day with him advocating to lower the voting age to 16.

Irish Aid continued to support our work with young people.

Financial Review

Income

In describing our activities and achievements we have reported that UNICEF Ireland's total income for 2018 was €9.705m. This represents an increase in income of €672K compared to the €9.033m raised in 2017.

Costs of Generating Funds

Development Agencies re-invest resources each year in generating increased income for the following year. In 2018 UNICEF Ireland spent 20% per €1 raised through fundraising on fundraising activities. This covers the cost of raising funds through mail campaigns, supporting our existing donors, recruiting new donors and is lower than required with UNICEF Ireland's legal agreements with UNICEF Global.

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Charitable Expenditure

Of the total income raised in 2018, €7.043 million was remitted to UNICEF HQ and used in UNICEF programmes throughout the world.

Charities Regulatory Authority (CRA)

UNICEF Ireland are in full compliance with CRA statutory requirements and is fully engaged with the regulator.

DÓCHAS

UNICEF Ireland is a member of Dóchas, which is the umbrella body for International Aid Agencies and Development Organisations in Ireland.

Charities Institute Ireland

UNICEF Ireland is a member of The Charities Institute Ireland which promotes self-regulation for fundraising and the sector in Ireland. As a member UNICEF Ireland adheres to the highest standard of good practice with our fundraising. UNICEF Ireland is committed to ensuring that we continue to operate to the highest standards as and when fundraising guidelines and regulations change.

Reserves

The total reserves at the year-end amounted to €410,000 which represents an increase of €90,000 since 2017. UNICEF Ireland policy on reserves is to maintain the lowest level possible to ensure all funds raised are used to help children. We plan to increase reserves slightly over the next number of years, as per guidelines issued by UNICEF HQ.

Changes in Assets

The changes in fixed assets during 2018 are set out in note 10 to the financial statements. The net value of fixed assets is minimal, and it is the policy of UNICEF Ireland to continue to hold minimal assets. The cash at bank held by the company at the year-end amounted to €2.351m. This was due to timing of large receipts. These funds have subsequently been transferred to UNICEF HQ for use in programmes.

Volunteers

Our volunteers contribute in many important ways to UNICEF Ireland's success and achievements. Volunteers including our Directors, Ambassadors and high-profile supporters donated thousands of hours of their time in 2018.

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Structure, Governance and Management

UNICEF Ireland is a charitable company limited by guarantee and governed by a Board of Directors. There were 10 Directors on the Board in 2018.

The memorandum and articles of association of UNICEF Ireland provide that the number of Directors consists of no less than 3 and not more than 12 elected Board Members, who are concurrently Directors under Company Law.

The Board of Directors meets 6 times a year to ensure that UNICEF Ireland has a clear vision, mission and strategic direction and is focused on achieving them. This involves monitoring and acting to ensure that performance and impact is achieved, as well as being the guardians of our fundamental values and ethos. For example, the Board reviews and approves the medium-term strategic plans and biennial plans of the organisation, receives and examines reports on the organisation's financial affairs, monitors programmatic and fundraising activities, and considers policies and procedures in areas such as risk management and legal and regulatory compliance.

In addition, the Board of Directors approves of ongoing joint strategic planning reviews between UNICEF Ireland and the global UNICEF organisation.

A Board Sub-Committee namely an Audit and Risk Committee of 3 members met once in 2018 with delegated authority to consider strategic and operational matters, including governance and finance, and make recommendations to the Board. This Committee also considers internal and external audit related matters and oversees the effectiveness of UNICEF Ireland's risk management processes, specifically the preparation and ongoing monitoring of the organisation's risk register.

The Executive Team has been delegated responsibility for the day-to-day management of UNICEF Ireland and comprises the Executive Director supported by a Deputy Executive Director.

UNICEF Ireland supports the training of the Directors and they receive onboarding briefings from UNICEF HQ on their legal responsibilities and duties. All new Directors undergo an induction programme that includes meetings with the Executive Director.

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Auditors

On 13 December 2018 the company's audit firm 'SG Chartered Accountants & Advisors Limited' changed their name to Vistra Assurance (Ireland) Limited trading as Vistra Ireland.

The auditors, Vistra Ireland, have indicated their willingness to continue in office in accordance with the provisions of Section 383(2) of the Companies Act 2014.

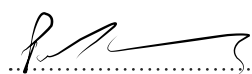
Statement on Relevant Audit Information

There is no relevant audit information of which the statutory auditors are unaware. The Directors have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and they have established that the statutory auditors are aware of that information.

Accounting Records

To ensure that adequate accounting records are kept in accordance with Sections 281 to 285 of the Companies Act 2014, the Directors have established appropriate books to adequately record the transactions of the company. The Directors also ensure that the company retains the source documentation for these transactions. The accounting records are maintained at the company's office at 33 Lower Ormond Quay, Dublin 1.

Signed on behalf of the Board



Paul Connolly | Director

Date: 2nd May 2019



Tom Hayes | Director

Date: 2nd May 2019

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Directors' Responsibilities Statement for the year ended 31 December 2018

The Directors are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable Irish law and Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland including the accounting standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council.

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the net income or expenditure of the charity for that year. In preparing these financial statements the Directors are required to:


- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the Charities SORP (effective January 2015) in accordance with FRS 102 has been followed;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Directors confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the financial statements.

The Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting standards generally accepted in Ireland and with Irish Statute comprising the Companies Act 2014, and all Regulations to be construed as one with those Acts. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the company's website. Legislation in the Republic of Ireland governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors



Paul Connolly | Director



Tom Hayes | Director

Date: 2nd May 2019

Date: 2nd May 2019

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of UNICEF Ireland

(A company limited by guarantee, not having a share capital)

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of UNICEF Ireland ('the company') for the year ended 31 December 2018 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account), the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and the related notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies set out in note 1. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is Irish Law, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Accounting and Reporting by Charities; Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP in accordance with FRS 102, effective January 2015).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the company as at 31 December 2018 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland"; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2014.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (Ireland) (ISAs (Ireland)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of financial statements in Ireland, including the Ethical Standard issued by the Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority (IAASA), and the Provisions Available for Small Entities, in the circumstances set out in note 2 to the financial statements, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which ISAs (Ireland) require us to report to you where:

- the Directors use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the Directors have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

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Other information

The Directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our Auditor's Report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2014

Based solely on the work undertaken in the course of the audit, we report that:

- the information given in the Director's Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- in our opinion, the Directors' Report has been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2014.

We have obtained all the information and explanations which we consider necessary for the purposes of our audit.

In our opinion the accounting records of the company were sufficient to permit the financial statements to be readily and properly audited. The financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

Based on the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified any material misstatements in the Directors' Report.

The Companies Act 2014 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion, the disclosures of Directors' remuneration and transactions required by sections 305 to 312 of the Act are not made. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of UNICEF Ireland

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Respective Responsibilities

Responsibilities of Directors for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement, the Directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to the going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the company or to cease operation, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

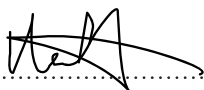
Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditor's Report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (Ireland) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the IAASA's website at: <[www.iaasa.ie/getmedia/b2389013-1cf6-458b-9b8f-a98202dc9c3a/Description of auditor's responsibilities for audit.pdf](http://www.iaasa.ie/getmedia/b2389013-1cf6-458b-9b8f-a98202dc9c3a/Description_of_auditor's_responsibilities_for_audit.pdf)> The description forms part of our Auditor's Report.

The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

Our report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 391 of the Companies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's shareholders those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditor's Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume any responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's shareholders, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Neil Squires for and on behalf of
VISTRA IRELAND

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Audit Firm
32 Merrion Street Upper
Dublin 2, Ireland

Date: 2nd May 2019

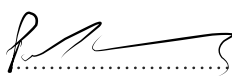
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Statement of Financial Activities

(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account) for the year ended 31 December 2018

		UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL	TOTAL
		2018	2018	2018	2017
	NOTES	€	€	€	€
Incoming Resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
<i>Voluntary Income</i>	5	4,826,734	4,878,333	9,705,067	9,006,261
Activities for generating funds					
<i>Government grants</i>	4	-	-	-	25,500
Other incoming resources					
<i>Deposit Interest</i>		329	-	329	860
Total incoming resources		4,827,063	4,878,333	9,705,396	9,032,621
Resources Expended					
<i>Costs of Generating Funds</i>	6	1,859,266	704,246	2,563,512	2,383,642
<i>Grant expenditure</i>		8,507	-	8,507	36,705
		1,867,773	704,246	2,572,019	2,420,347
Net Incoming Resources available for charitable application	3	2,959,290	4,174,087	7,133,377	6,612,274
Resources Expended on Charitable Activities					
<i>Specific UNICEF programmes</i>	8	2,869,290	4,174,087	7,043,377	6,522,274
Total Resources Expended		4,737,063	4,878,333	9,615,396	8,942,621
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		90,000	-	90,000	90,000
Net movement in funds for the year		90,000	-	90,000	90,000
Reconciliation of funds					
<i>Balances brought forward at 1 January 2018</i>		320,000	-	320,000	230,000
Balances carried forward at 31 December 2018		410,000	-	410,000	320,000

Approved by the Board of Directors on 2nd May 2019 and signed on its behalf by


 Paul Connolly
 Director


 Tom Hayes
 Director


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Balance Sheet

as at 31 December 2018

	NOTES	2018 €	2017 €
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	10	28,283	29,412
Current Assets			
Debtors	11	812,708	57,198
Cash and cash equivalents		2,350,744	2,879,206
		3,163,452	2,936,404
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12	(2,781,735)	(2,645,816)
Net Current Assets		381,717	290,588
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		410,000	320,000
Funds			
General fund (unrestricted)		410,000	320,000
Total funds	16	410,000	320,000

Approved by the Board of Directors on 2nd May 2019 and signed on its behalf by



Paul Connolly
Director



Tom Hayes
Director

The notes on pages 63 to 74 form part of the financial statements.

UNICEF Ireland

Cash Flow Statement

for the year ended 31 December 2018

	NOTES	2018 €	2017 €
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net movement in funds		90,000	90,000
Adjustments for:			
<i>Depreciation</i>		14,559	32,742
		104,559	122,742
Movements in working capital:			
<i>Movement in debtors</i>		(755,510)	(16,482)
<i>Movement in creditors</i>		(13,120)	(330,421)
Cash generated from operations		(644,071)	(224,161)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments to acquire tangible assets		(13,430)	(24,219)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Movement in balance due to UNICEF HQ		150,423	1,650,713
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		(527,078)	1,402,333
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January 2018		2,877,822	1,475,489
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December 2018	20	2,350,744	2,877,822

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP in accordance with FRS 102, effective January 2015) and with generally accepted accounting principles in Ireland and Irish statute comprising the Companies Act 2014. They comply with the financial reporting standards of the Accounting Standards Board, as promulgated by Chartered Accountants Ireland. The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the charitable company's financial statements.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income or capital is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the company is legally entitled to it, its financial value can be quantified with reasonable certainty and there is reasonable certainty of its ultimate receipt. Entitlement to legacies is considered established when the company has received a distribution by the executors. Income received in advance of due performance under a contract is accounted for as deferred income until earned. Grants for activities are recognised as income when the related conditions for legal entitlement have been met. All other income is accounted for on an accrual basis.

Resources Expended

All resources expended are accounted for on an accrual basis. Charitable activities include costs of services and grants, support costs and depreciation on related assets. Costs of generating funds similarly include fundraising activities. Non-staff costs not attributed to one category of activity are allocated or apportioned pro-rata to the staffing of the relevant service. Finance, HR, IT and administrative staff costs are directly attributable to individual activities by objective. Governance costs are those associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Funds

The Charity maintains restricted and unrestricted funds. Restricted Funds represent income received that can only be used for particular purposes, as specified by the relevant donor. Such purposes are within the overall aims of the Charity. Unrestricted Funds represent income received that can be used for various purposes at the discretion of the Charity to further its overall objectives.

Grants

Grants, being contributions towards the operating expenditure are accounted for using the performance model by crediting the statement of financial activities in the period in which the services are delivered. Grants received towards capital expenditure are credited to the statement of financial activities when received or receivable, whichever is earlier, subject to performance related conditions being met, unless they relate to a specific future period in which case they are deferred. Grants are recognised when there is evidence of entitlement and their receipt is probable.

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Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions, during the year, which are denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rates of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. The resulting exchange differences are dealt with in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Pensions

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company. Annual contributions payable to the company's pension scheme are charged to the income and expenditure account in the period to which they relate.

Taxation

No liability to corporation tax arises as the company is registered for charitable purposes.

Financial Instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the transaction price, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where it is recognised at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, with any changes recognised in income or expenditure, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designated hedging relationship. Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised in income or expenditure immediately.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets or either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised in income or expenditure immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

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Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or at valuation, less accumulated depreciation. The charge to depreciation is calculated to write off the original cost or valuation of tangible fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives as follows:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment	10% Straight line
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Computer equipment	33% Straight line
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Leasing

Rentals payable under operating leases are dealt with in the income and expenditure account as incurred over the period of the rental agreement.

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2. PROVISIONS AVAILABLE FOR SMALL ENTITIES

In common with many other charitable companies of our size and nature, we use our auditors to assist with the preparation of the financial statements.

3. NET INCOMING RESOURCES

	2018	2017
	€	€
Net Incoming Resources are stated after charging/(crediting):		
Depreciation of tangible assets	14,559	32,742
(Deficit)/surplus on foreign currencies	(269)	471
Auditors' remuneration	10,763	8,670

4. GOVERNMENT AND OTHER GRANTS

	Total 2018	Total 2017
	€	€
Irish Aid	-	19,000
ECHO	-	6,500
	-	25,500

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5. ANALYSIS OF INCOMING RESOURCES

	UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED	TOTAL	TOTAL
	2018	2018	2018	2017
	€	€	€	€
Incoming resources from generated funds:				
Direct Marketing	858,843	288,799	1,147,642	896,876
Corporate Partnerships	845,936	2,195,021	3,040,957	3,096,262
Emergencies	120,284	265,384	385,668	149,317
Major Donations	294,099	1,366,243	1,660,342	1,677,519
Other Donations	2,707,572	762,886	3,470,458	3,186,287
Totals	4,826,734	4,878,333	9,705,067	9,006,261

6. ANALYSIS OF RESOURCES EXPENDED

	OTHER COSTS UNRESTRICTED	DIRECT COSTS RESTRICTED	TOTAL	TOTAL
	2018	2018	2018	2017
	€	€	€	€
Costs of generating funds:				
Direct Marketing	68,697	23,100	91,797	114,218
Corporate Partnerships	15,275	39,528	54,803	96,340
Emergencies	4,613	27,101	31,714	4,851
Donations	24,724	381,398	406,122	339,665
Support & Administration expenses (note 7)	1,745,957	233,119	1,979,076	1,828,568
Totals	1,859,266	704,246	2,563,512	2,383,642

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7. ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT AND ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES

	Programme & Communication	Administration	Fundraising	TOTAL 2018	TOTAL 2017
	€	€	€	€	€
Staff costs (note 9)	226,439	203,520	577,359	1,007,318	1,383,359
Operating & Production expenses	30,269	161,073	708,646	899,988	359,426
Financial charges	-	3,080	30,269	33,349	39,274
Compliance & Support services	19,823	18,598	-	38,421	46,509
Totals	276,531	386,271	1,316,274	1,979,076	1,828,568

8. SPECIFIC UNICEF PROGRAMMES

	UNRESTRICTED 2018	RESTRICTED 2018	TOTAL 2018	TOTAL 2017
	€	€	€	€
Nutrition	-	91,894	91,894	11,355
Education	-	1,678,848	1,678,848	1,401,591
Health	-	718,304	718,304	379,939
WASH	-	133,215	133,215	116,508
Multi-thematic programmes	2,869,290	1,551,826	4,421,116	4,612,881
Totals	2,869,290	4,174,087	7,043,377	6,522,274

All of the above amounts are transferrable to UNICEF. Any amount that has not yet been transferred before the year end is included in the Creditors balance (see note 12) in the financial statements and then transferred after the year end.

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9. EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION

Number of Employees: The average number of persons employed (including Executive Director) during the year was as follows:

	2018 Number	2017 Number
Management	2	3
Fundraising	11	19
Advocacy and programmes	2	1
Communications	1	1
	16	24

	2018 €	2017 €
The staff costs comprise:		
Wages and salaries	859,103	1,215,583
Social security costs	87,335	120,907
Pension costs	35,830	17,680
Training and recruitment	25,050	29,189
	1,007,318	1,383,359

The Executive Director has a contract with UNICEF Ireland under which he is paid an annual salary of €154,000 plus contribution to pension, health insurance and motor expenses. No other Directors are paid a salary, fees or any other remuneration by UNICEF Ireland. There was one other employee who received remuneration in excess of €70,000 during the year.

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10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Computer equipment	TOTAL
	€	€	€
Cost			
At 1 January 2018	55,561	217,442	273,003
Additions	3,097	10,333	13,430
At 31 December 2018	58,658	227,775	286,433
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2018	42,915	200,676	243,591
Charge for the year	2,274	12,285	14,559
At 31 December 2018	45,189	212,961	258,150
Net book value			
At 31 December 2018	13,469	14,814	28,283
At 31 December 2017	12,646	16,766	29,412

10.1 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS PRIOR YEAR

	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Computer equipment	TOTAL
	€	€	€
Cost			
At 1 January 2017	54,263	194,521	248,784
Additions	1,298	22,921	24,219
At 31 December 2017	55,561	217,442	273,003
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2017	40,905	169,944	210,849
Charge for the year	2,010	30,732	32,742
At 31 December 2017	42,915	200,676	243,591
Net book value			
At 31 December 2017	12,646	16,766	29,412
At 31 December 2016	13,358	24,577	37,935

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11. DEBTORS

	2018	2017
	€	€
Other debtors	801,161	39,000
Prepayments and accrued income	11,547	18,198
	812,708	57,198

All debtor amounts above are due within 12 months.

12. CREDITORS

	2018	2017
	€	€
Amounts falling due within one year		
Bank overdrafts	-	1,384
Trade creditors	28,428	120,594
Amounts due to UNICEF (Note 22)	2,591,111	2,440,688
Taxation and social security costs (Note 13)	64,140	49,608
Pension Accrual	1,052	-
Accruals	97,004	33,542
	2,781,735	2,645,816

13. TAXATION AND SOCIAL SECURITY

	2018	2017
	€	€
Creditors:		
PAYE	45,681	33,363
PRSI	18,459	16,245

14. PENSION COSTS - DEFINED CONTRIBUTION

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. Pension costs amounted to €35,830 (2017 - €17,680).

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15. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	FIXED ASSETS - CHARITY USE	CURRENT ASSETS	CURRENT LIABILITIES	TOTAL
	2017	2017	2017	2017
	€	€	€	€
Restricted income				
UNICEF HQ	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted income				
General Funds	28,283	3,163,452	(2,781,735)	410,000
	28,283	3,163,452	(2,781,735)	410,000

16. ANALYSIS OF MOVEMENT OF FUNDS

	Balance - 1 Jan 2018	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Balance - 31 Dec 2018
	€	€	€	€
UNICEF HQ	-	4,878,333	(4,878,333)	-
Unrestricted income				
General Funds	320,000	4,827,063	(4,737,063)	410,000
Total Funds	320,000	9,705,396	(9,615,396)	410,000

17. STATUS

The company is limited by guarantee not having a share capital.

The liability of the members is limited. Every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of its being wound up while they are members or within one year thereafter for the payment of the debts and liabilities of the company contracted before they ceased to be members and the costs, charges and expenses of winding up and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributors among themselves such amount as may be required, not exceeding €1.

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18. IRISH GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTION TO UNICEF IN NEW YORK

UNICEF Ireland has again been instrumental in securing a contribution from the Irish Government of US\$18.7 million compared with the year to December 2017 of US\$21.6 million. As the Government donation is made directly to UNICEF in New York, it is therefore not reflected in these financial statements.

19. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The company had no related party transactions that are required to be disclosed under FRS102.

20. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2018	2017
	€	€
Cash and bank balances	2,250,753	2,829,202
Bank overdrafts	-	(1,384)
Cash equivalents	99,991	50,004
	<u>2,350,744</u>	<u>2,877,822</u>

21. POST-BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There have been no significant events affecting the Charity since the year end.

22. DUE TO UNICEF

	2018	2017
	€	€
Balance owed at start of year	2,440,688	789,975
Funds to be transferred to UNICEF	7,043,377	6,090,887
Less funds remitted to UNICEF	(6,892,954)	(4,440,174)
Balance owed at end of year	<u>2,591,111</u>	<u>2,440,688</u>

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23. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 2nd May 2019.



A student stands in the ruins of one of his former classrooms, which was destroyed in 2015, at the Aal Okab school in Saada, Yemen. Students now attend lessons in UNICEF centres nearby. © UNICEF/Clarke for UNOCHA

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