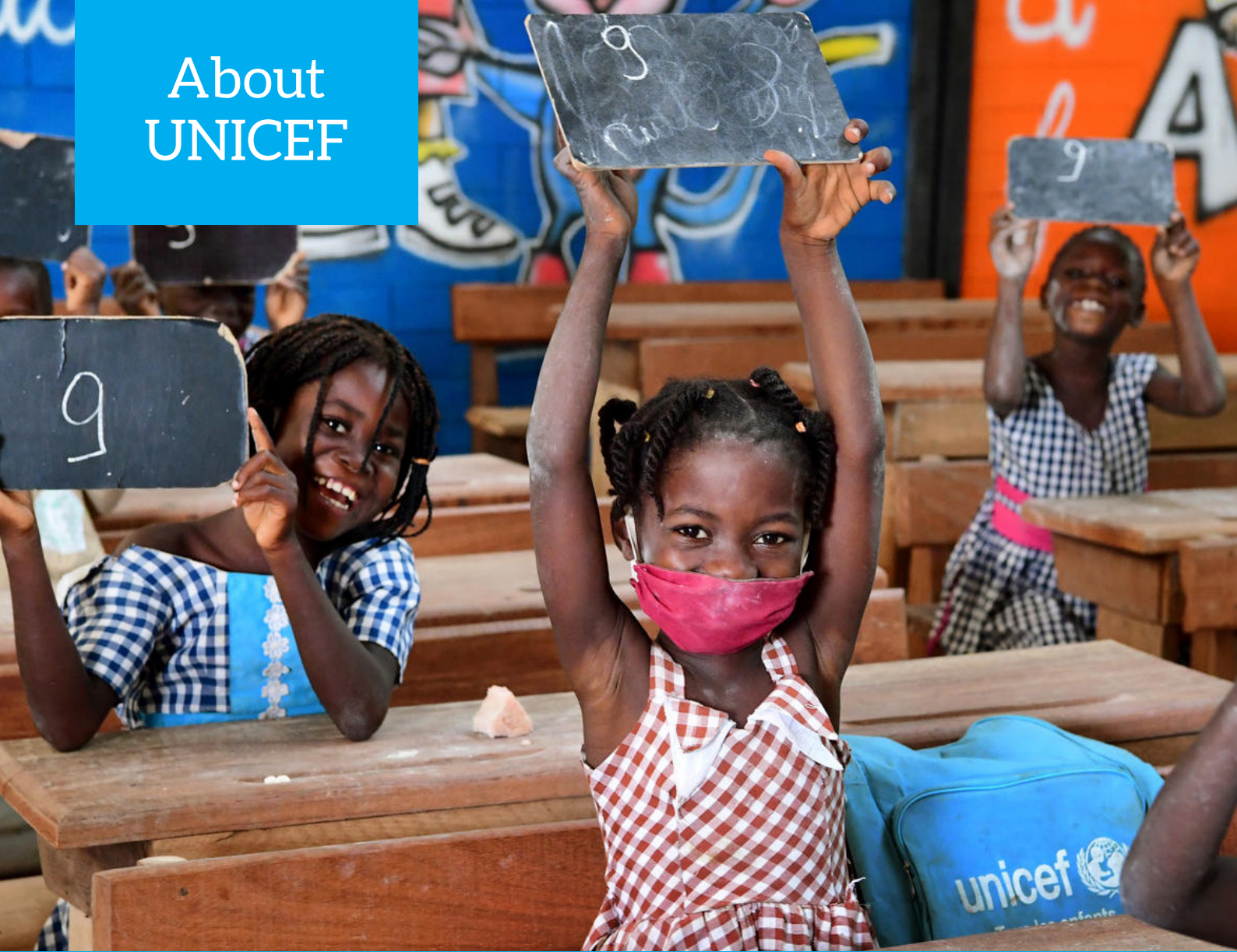




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About UNICEF



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.

UNICEF Ireland is one of 33 independent, non-profit National Committees around the world that fully support UNICEF's mission to advance the rights and well-being of children and youth. UNICEF Ireland's role is to raise funds for UNICEF, advocate for lasting change for children worldwide, and we work to change policy and raise awareness about children's rights.

For more information about UNICEF and its work visit: www.unicef.ie

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Cover photo: A girl plays in the playground of her school in Niamey, the capital of Niger. She has just received her new UNICEF school backpack. The provision of school kits remains essential as they allow children from disadvantaged areas to attend school without the burden of buying supplies. © UNICEF/Dejongh

This page: Children attending classes in Toumodi-Sakassou, in the centre of Côte d'Ivoire. After the shutdown of schools during COVID-19, primary children return to class wearing masks, washing their hands regularly and keeping a social distance. © UNICEF/Dejongh

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We're ready for the storm now! I'm taking all my teddy bears outside to play with the snow," Lara (4) has just received her warm winter clothing kit from UNICEF in Mafrq, Jordan. UNICEF is providing 45,000 locally-produced winter clothing kits for the most vulnerable children around Jordan. © UNICEF /Al-Safadi





Chairman's Report

Paul Connolly

2020 brought the first global crisis of our time. The World was tested when the COVID-19 pandemic spread indiscriminately through populations now closely connected by globalisation. For children, the COVID-19 pandemic brought school closures, increased vulnerability to abuse, mental health strains and loss of access to vital services. But not all children were affected equally. The pandemic exposed deep inequalities, with the worst consequences felt by children in the poorest countries and those already disadvantaged.

Decades of progress for children have been reversed and our ambitious targets to achieve the sustainable development goals by 2030 have been put in jeopardy.

The only way out of COVID-19 is through vaccination, UNICEF's specialist area. Our global systems and infrastructure were designed to help the world overcome this crisis. As the largest procurer of routine vaccines in the World, UNICEF's expertise was called upon to 'supply the crisis' in 2020, and that work continues today.

At home in Ireland, as the crisis deepened, our longest standing corporate partner, Aer Lingus, did the State a great service by transporting vast quantities of vital Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). At the same time, UNICEF's Supply Division was carrying out a similar exercise on a global scale. We utilised our vast global supply chain to pre-position emergency humanitarian supplies in countries before the worst effects of the pandemic hit. Aer Lingus' steadfast support for UNICEF contributed greatly to building up this global supply chain over the last 20 years and we are very grateful to the company for the support. We wish Aer Lingus every possible success in the challenging aviation environment.

It was also a year for us to appreciate anew the power and value of vaccines as the worldwide race to find a medicine that would stop COVID-19 began.

Despite freight disruptions in 2020, we found innovative ways to deliver over 2 billion vaccine doses to children in over 100 countries, as we would in a normal year.

Alongside that work, UNICEF procured and delivered COVID-19 diagnostic equipment and therapeutics during 2020. As vaccine candidates began to emerge it became clear that UNICEF would play a key role in the global distribution of vaccines.

UNICEF joined COVAX as the key implementing partner, in an initiative led by WHO, CEPI and GAVI, the Vaccine Alliance. The World's 92 poorest countries will rely upon COVAX for their supply of vaccines. UNICEF is proud to put an infrastructure we have spent decades constructing at the disposal of the global vaccine effort.

Throughout 2020 UNICEF also responded to 455 humanitarian situations in 152 countries, beyond COVID-19.

On November 20, we celebrated World Children's Day by hosting a virtual meeting between An Taoiseach Micheál Martin and winner of our #KidsTakeOver competition, Ruairí Holohan (15) from Drogheda, Co. Louth. Ruairí made a lasting impression on the Taoiseach when he issued his clarion call for the reform of education to better protect the rights of LGBTQ+ youth.

Throughout, UNICEF Ireland's Executive Director, Peter Power and his team worked from home, overcoming a myriad of challenges to successfully engage both public and private sectors as they diligently worked to fundraise, advocate and communicate about the rights and needs of children.

Finally, I wish to acknowledge my colleagues on the Board of Directors who supported the organisation during one of its most challenging years. The board worked closely with the Executive Director to ensure that UNICEF's pre-existing high levels of corporate governance were in full compliance with the new Charities Regulatory Authority Governance Code, details of which you will find set out in this report.

My thanks to all who made the year a success.

Paul Connolly, Chairman

2020 - At a Glance

This year, UNICEF marked its **75th anniversary**. In many ways, it is sadly fitting that UNICEF marked this milestone during an unprecedented global pandemic. UNICEF was created amid another historic crisis in the aftermath of World War II.



During the year, UNICEF responded to **455 humanitarian situations in 152 countries**.

In response to the pandemic, Supply Division shipped **half a billion** items of personal protective equipment to **138 countries**.



On the ground, UNICEF provided water, sanitation and hygiene materials and worked to **prevent the spread of the disease** through **community education**.

We supported children in remote learning, and we worked hard to maintain basic services like nutrition and routine immunisation, but decades of progress were lost.



Meanwhile, the COVID-19 pandemic pushed **142 million more children into poverty**.



Behind all of this work were **15,000 dedicated UNICEF staff members** around the world.

These are some of the key points to note on the situation for children in 2020, and UNICEF's response.

WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE

UNICEF provided critical water, sanitation and hygiene services and supplies to 58 million children in **153 countries**.

NUTRITION

COVID-19 disruptions in food systems and health and nutrition services risk leaving **44 million children hungry**.

CHILD PROTECTION

1.8 billion children live in 104 countries where violence prevention and response services are disrupted.

HEALTH

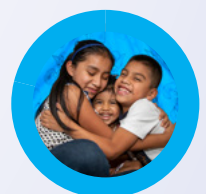
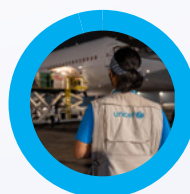
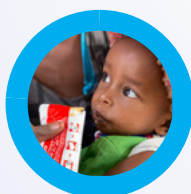
80 million children under 1 risk missing out on life-saving routine vaccines in 68 countries.

EDUCATION

94 per cent of students suffer school closures. UNICEF supported 300 million with remote learning.

CASH BASED TRANSFER

UNICEF reached over **130 million children in 93 countries** with its supported cash-transfer programmes.





Executive Director's Report

Peter Power

2020 was a year like no other. The world ached as loss and devastation touched everyone. For UNICEF, the focus was on the children, both close to us and far away, impacted by an emergency perceived by many to be an adult crisis.

By mid-March, along with governments throughout the world, the Irish Government had ordered the closure of school buildings amid the first lockdown. Schools did not reopen until the following September. The importance of schools to society quickly became clear as families adjusted to their new circumstances, working and schooling from home, amid fears about an increase in domestic violence, and negative coping strategies.

Lockdowns, initially designed as a short-term measure, caused the suspension of the routine services children depend upon worldwide, such as healthcare and nutrition programmes, while a spike in unemployment drove millions of families into poverty, and children's development, well-being and safety were all put at risk. UNICEF Ireland worked to explain that COVID-19 was a child's rights crisis as hunger and disease soared.

2020 was a challenging year for the organisation. I would like to pay tribute to all of our staff for their resilience and adaptability as we changed our business practices. In particular the change to predominantly digital fundraising was a success for the organisation. Despite some concerns about the capacity of Irish people to support our mission during a pandemic I am pleased to say that these concerns were allayed when the Irish public demonstrated, once again, their commitment to social justice and humanitarian aid. As the crisis in Yemen deteriorated sharply our emergency appeal found support from the public, eventually breaking records and becoming our most-supported appeal of all time.

With a renewed focus on immunisation, and an increased funding need, the team developed new channels for fundraising. A Vaccine Fund was developed for Major Donors and Foundations and UNICEF's Get a Vaccine Give a Vaccine campaign was scaled up for Corporate engagement.

2020 also brought an opportunity to tackle vaccine hesitancy, something we had watched grow with concern over previous years as the take-up of the measles vaccine, and others, slowed in Ireland. As 2020 drew to a close and announcements were made that the first COVID-19 vaccines had been successfully developed the sense of relief that flooded the country brought home the importance of life-saving immunisation. In 2021 this excellent initiative morphed into a major public fundraising campaign.

Change is never easy, but having emerged from the crisis of 2020 in better shape than ever, UNICEF Ireland looks confidently to the future better equipped for a digital marketplace and never more relevant.

I would like to thank UNICEF Ireland's Board of Directors for their constant support and encouragement during a challenging year and our team of Ambassadors for generously investing their time and skills to promoting the work of the organisation. Lastly, to our supporters, you have journeyed with us and we are enormously grateful for the faith you demonstrated in us by staying the course in this year of years.

Thank you.

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.

Governance

UNICEF Ireland has always adhered to the highest standards of corporate governance. Never has it been more important for our stakeholders and donors to have absolute confidence that UNICEF'S corporate governance is best in class. UNICEF globally also reaches the highest standards of governance for a complex organisation with a presence in over 190 countries. In 2020, UNICEF Ireland invested heavily in ensuring that its pre-existing high levels of corporate governance were in full compliance with the new Governance Code for charities in Ireland, as provided for by the Charities Regulatory Authority.

The CRA also set additional higher and more onerous standards of corporate governance for complex organisations. UNICEF Ireland is proud to confirm to our stakeholders and donors that the organisation is in full compliance with these highest standards. In October 2020, the Board of Directors signed a comprehensive Compliance Record Form detailing over 120 actions the organisation has taken to comply with the CRA Governance Code.

The organisation also adopted several other governance initiatives throughout the year including signing up to the UNICEF Global Principles of Good Governance which represent the gold standard of corporate governance for NGOs throughout the world. UNICEF Ireland played an important part in the formulation of these new principles.

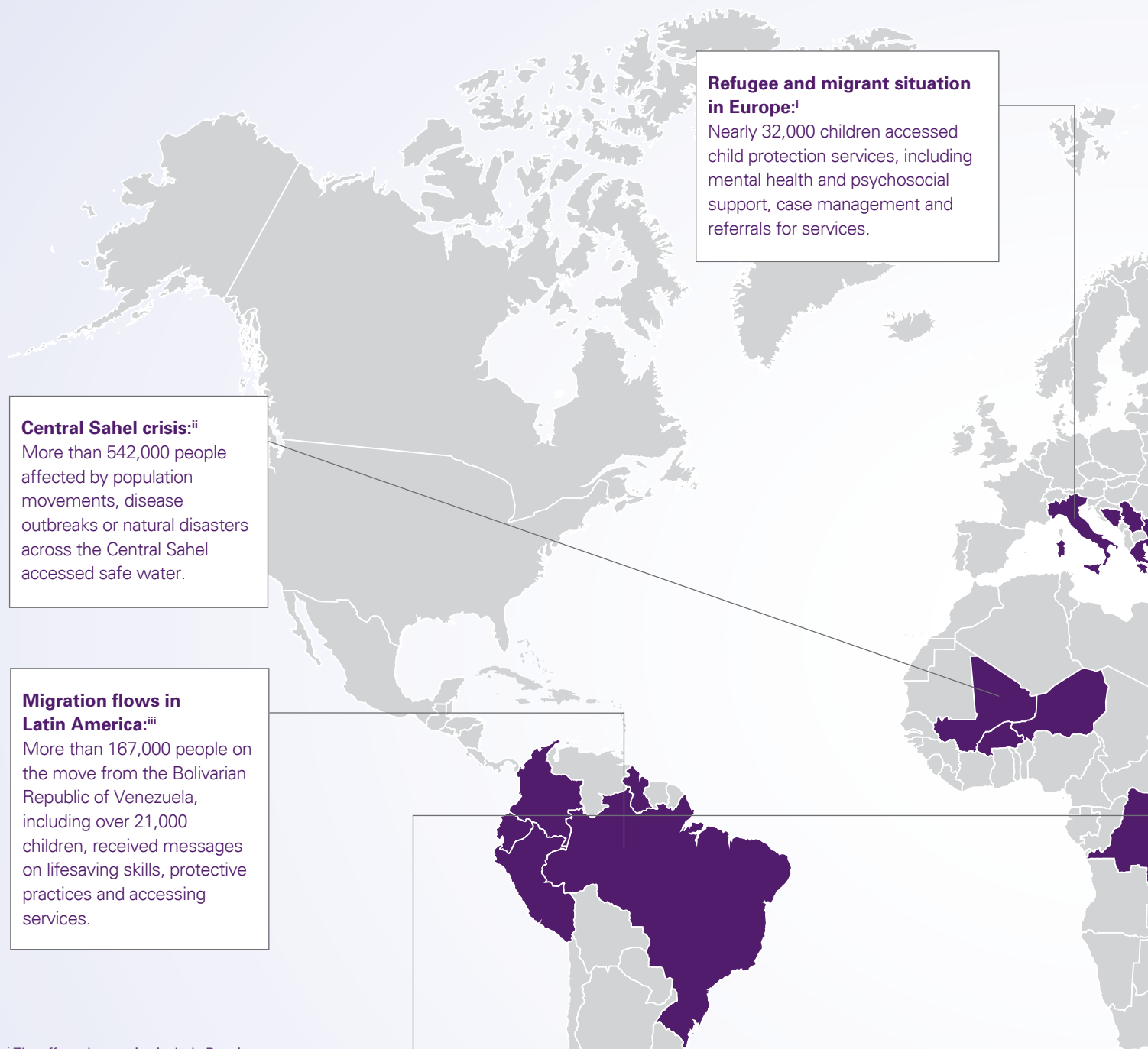
2020 also saw UNICEF Ireland subscribe to the Charities Institute of Ireland "Triple Lock" governance standard. We also revised our protocols and policies to ensure the highest standards of child safeguarding consistent with being a child rights humanitarian organisation.



In Bangladesh, Mohammed (15) is seen in the lumber room of the woodworking shop in Court Bazar, in the Cox's Bazar district. UNICEF has partnered with Bangladeshi NGO BRAC to offer teens who did not finish school a vocational training program in the "host community" of the towns closest to the Rohingya refugee camps. © UNICEF/LeMoyne

Children in Crisis

Key results from humanitarian responses



ⁱ The affected countries include Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Greece, Italy, Montenegro and Serbia.

ⁱⁱ The affected countries include Burkina Faso, Mali and the Niger.

ⁱⁱⁱ The affected countries include Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Panama, Peru and Trinidad and Tobago.

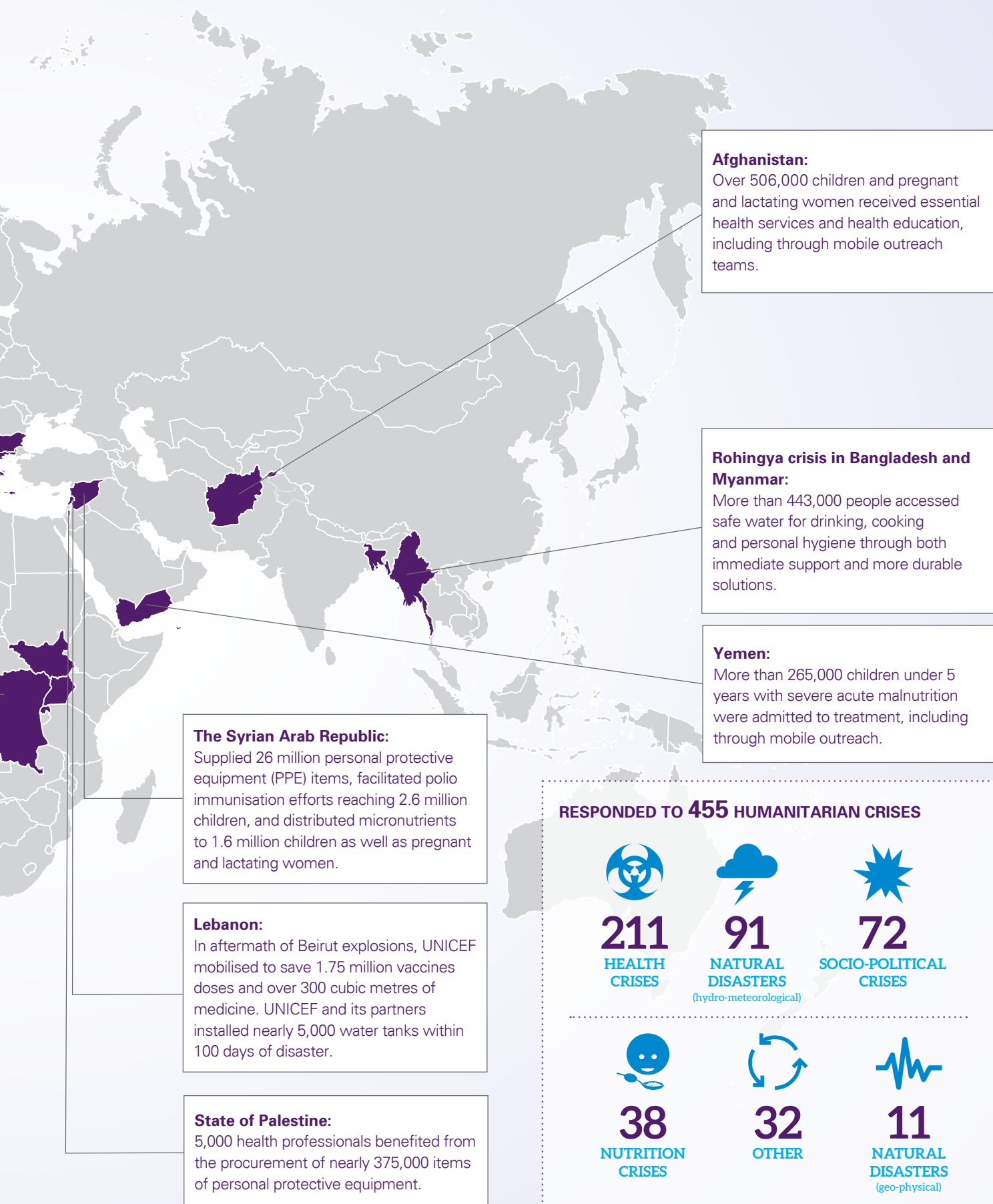
^{iv} The affected countries include Burundi, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, South Sudan and Uganda.

Ebola outbreaks in the Democratic Republic of the Congo:^{iv}

Since 2018, 39.3 million at-risk people were reached through community engagement, advocacy, interpersonal communications, public animations, radio, door-to-door outreach, church meetings, schools and other approaches.

This map is stylized 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 by India and Pakistan. The final status of Jammu and Kashmir has not yet been agreed by the Parties. The final boundary between the Republic of the Sudan and the Republic of South Sudan has not yet been determined.

This map highlights some of the key results achieved by UNICEF and partners in some of the major humanitarian responses in 2020.



A photograph of a large industrial warehouse where UNICEF workers are packing supplies. In the foreground, a worker in a blue uniform and a clear face shield is moving a large cardboard box. The box has the UNICEF logo and the text 'FROM UNICEF SUPPLY DIVISION'. In the background, several other workers in blue uniforms are working along a long conveyor belt that is filled with cardboard boxes. The warehouse has high ceilings with industrial lighting and equipment. A purple banner in the top left corner contains the text 'UNICEF is different'.

UNICEF is different

GLOBAL SUPPLY HUBS THROUGHOUT 2020

\$260.8 million

\$133.01 million Shanghai
\$123.62 million Copenhagen
\$3.13 million Dubai
\$0.64 million Panama City
\$0.28 million Brindisi
\$0.16 million Accra

180,889 kits

PACKED AND SHIPPED

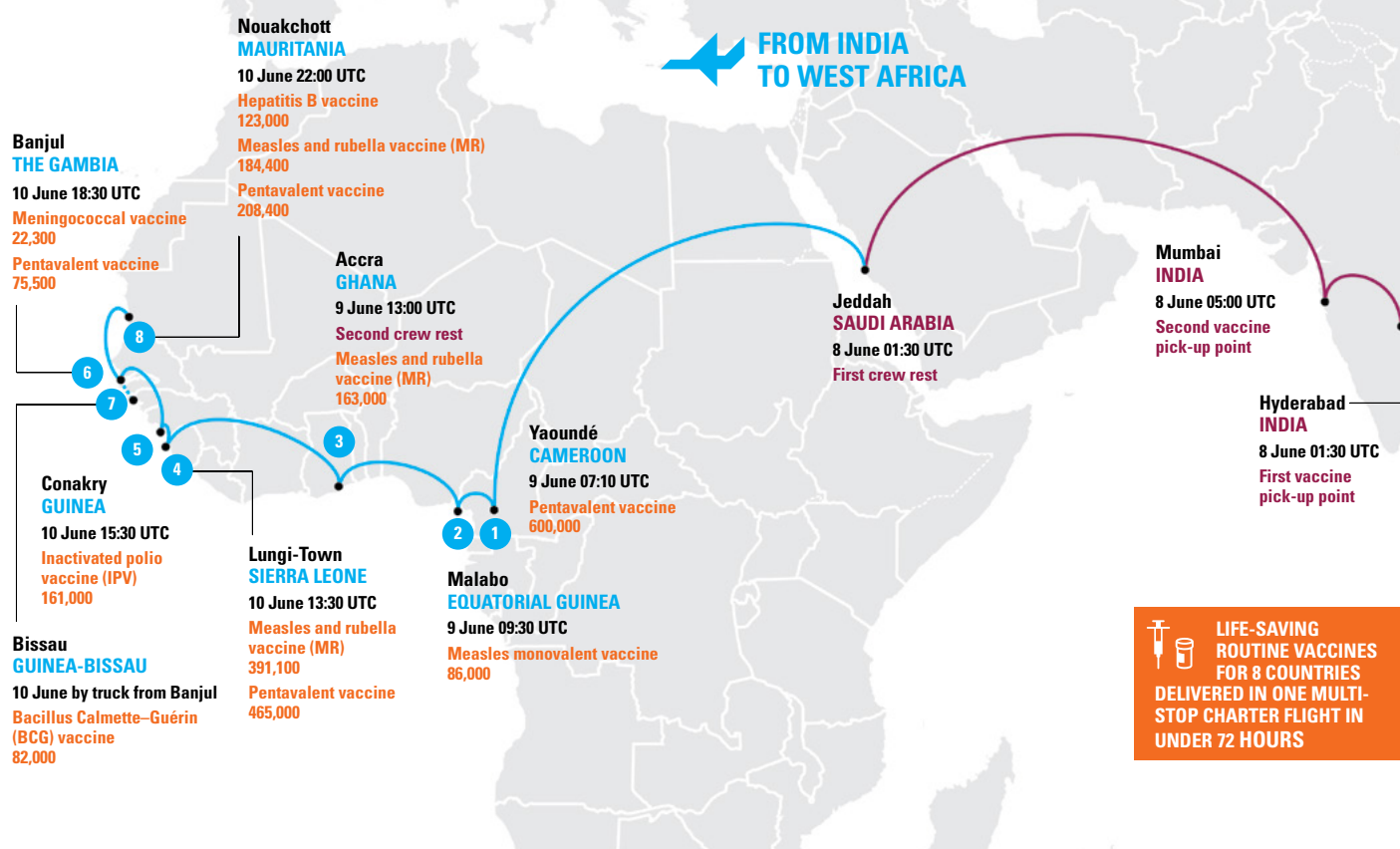
162,826 Copenhagen
16,859 Dubai
706 Accra
498 Panama City

TO **85 COUNTRIES AND AREAS**

Life-saving supplies are packed in emergency kits to be dispatched from the world's largest humanitarian warehouse, the UNICEF Global Supply Hub in Copenhagen. Their journey to the arms of children and their families, teachers and health workers begins here. © UNICEF/Mansour

Supplying at scale

Journey of a multi-stop charter flight



In 2020 the value of the goods and services that UNICEF procured on behalf of countries rose to its highest in the organisation's history: \$4.468 billion.

Driven in part by the exponential demand for COVID-19 related supply items, this figure represented a nearly 17 per cent increase compared to 2019, and a 27 per cent increase since 2016.

As the COVID-19 pandemic evolved, so did the challenges. Each day brought new complexities, ranging from soaring demand and prices for supplies to border closures, export bans and disrupted global freight capacity. Month after month, our teams addressed these emerging challenges with innovative strategies and solutions.

Among the many key highlights, we:

- Achieved a landmark alignment of stakeholders around a logistics strategy for the COVID-19 response.
- Devised solutions to maintain deliveries of vaccines for routine immunisation, such as multi-stop charter flights using a single aircraft to deliver vaccines to hard-to-reach countries.
- Scaled up an oxygen therapy project to deliver oxygen equipment for COVID-19 patients around the world.
- Leveraged decades of experience in vaccine procurement and logistics to assume the role of lead Procurement Agency for the COVAX Facility.



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On 8 August 2020 in Beirut, Lebanon, UNICEF staff member Viken joins local community efforts to clean up the streets in the areas most devastated by the massive explosion that took place on 4 August.



100,000
children in need



23
Primary Health Care
Centres damaged



Schools of
135,000
children damaged

On 8 August 2020 in Beirut, Lebanon, a view of the port area devastated by the massive explosion that took place on 4 August. © UNICEF/UNI357480/OCHA



COUNTRY PROFILE | Lebanon

Just after 6pm on Tuesday 4 August, a catastrophic explosion tore through Beirut, killing almost 200 people, injuring more than 6,500, including 1,000 children, and leaving many traumatised and in shock.

The blast is estimated to have directly impacted 9,700 buildings within a three kilometre radius of the epicentre, displacing 300,000 people, around two-thirds of all residents living in the area.

Rapidly over-stretched hospitals and health services were overwhelmed, and critical infrastructure – including Beirut's main port – destroyed or disrupted.

2020 Results for children in Lebanon



Designed and rolled out an Emergency Cash Grant to over 70,000 people.

Provided 45,700 children under 5 with essential nutrition supplements including Vitamin A.

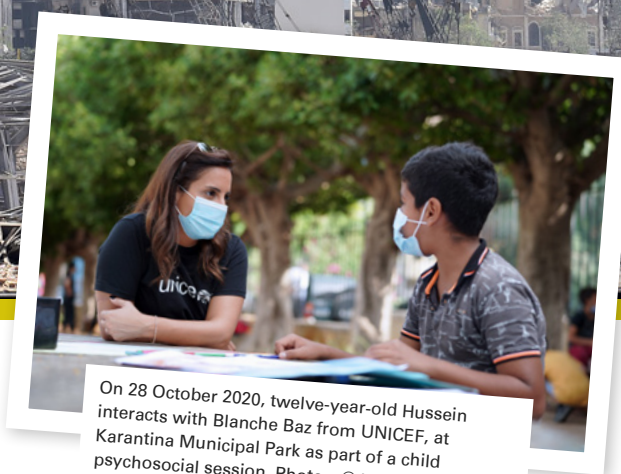


Connected 20,000 people with access to safe water.

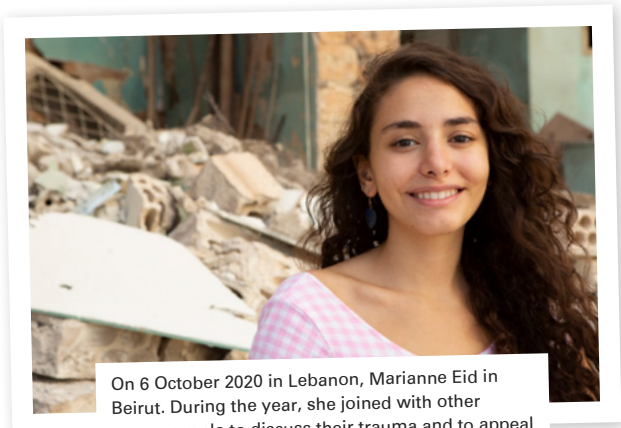
Distributed critical humanitarian supplies and COVID-19 protection and hygiene items worth 3.7 million US dollars.



Over 35,000 people benefited from community-based mental health supports.



On 28 October 2020, twelve-year-old Hussein interacts with Blanche Baz from UNICEF, at Karantina Municipal Park as part of a child psychosocial session. Photos: © UNICEF/Choufany



On 6 October 2020 in Lebanon, Marianne Eid in Beirut. During the year, she joined with other young people to discuss their trauma and to appeal to those struggling to get help. © UNICEF/Masri

Syria



A mum and her children, displaced multiple times by violence, are pictured outside their tent in winter conditions. People in Syria have endured now ten years of war © UNICEF



4,700,000
children in need
of humanitarian
assistance



11,000,000
people in need



6,183,919
internally displaced
people (IDPs)



490,000
children in need in
hard-to-reach areas



COUNTRY PROFILE | SYRIA

The scale, severity and complexity of humanitarian needs worsened in 2020 due to the economic downturn, rising cost of commodities, and devaluation of local currency, all compounded by the socio-economic impact of COVID-19 and ongoing hostilities.

This led to devastating consequences for already-vulnerable populations across the country, and particularly for displaced populations and returnees in the northwest – where there were ongoing hostilities - and northeast of Syria.

UNICEF continued to ensure uninterrupted access to protection, health, immunisations and nutrition services. UNICEF made sure that learning continued and schools resumed functioning with safety measures after reopening, and WASH services were also scaled up while communities were advised on how to stop the spread of COVID-19.



Irish woman Ettie Higgins
who has worked for UNICEF
in Syria, Jordan and
Lebanon © UNICEF/Lyons



IMPACT STORY | SYRIA

Devoting a career to a war crisis

- Ettie Higgins

Syria endured its tenth year of war in 2020. Ettie Higgins worked with UNICEF in Syria from 2012 and 2014, before moving to Jordan.

I have spent most of the 10 years of Syria's conflict stationed in the Middle East, witnessing the impact of war from both inside and outside the country. The numbers are hard to comprehend. Over 7.5 million children are in need of humanitarian assistance across the region; 6 million children have been born into war.

However, with thanks to the generous support of the Irish public in their donations, programmes to support Syrian children have continued through these years – from providing education, water and basic nutrition to providing psychosocial support and life skills programmes for children and youth.

I have had the privilege to work alongside Syrian refugees and their generous Jordanian hosts, seeing great progress for children in the refugee camps and in host communities. Children attend school, have access to clean water, health and social services.

The early days of the Syria crisis were some of the hardest, before the refugee camps were established. Families who fled the country were desperate for shelter and protection, with wave after wave of traumatised people making their way across borders, where they were welcomed by their neighbours in Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey, literally, with open arms.

The trauma those survivors carried with them, the destruction they had seen, and the loved ones lost will always be with these communities. Some children carry the trauma – and in some cases life-changing injuries, with them for life.

One little girl I worked with in Jordan lost her leg, her Dad, and four of her five siblings in the war. She, her Mum and her little brother now make up the family unit. We helped her to get a prosthetic leg and got her back into school. But the support she and her Mum need is much more comprehensive than that. A child protection team works with the family to get her the psychosocial support she needs to be able to integrate back into the community, and to look ahead and recognise that the family can have a bright future, despite this very difficult start.

The onset of the pandemic spread fear across the refugee camps and children told us, just as the war had come to their homes, this time it was COVID-19 threatening their childhood.

The smaller, informal tented settlements – often at the side of a road - are where we find the most vulnerable children. Together with the team and communities themselves, UNICEF immediately kickstarted a nationwide programme – delivering essential hygiene materials, millions of bars of soap, and activity bundles to keep children learning and occupied at home during the long months of lockdown.

While the early infection control measures certainly helped to protect families for a time, community transmission meant it eventually became impossible to prevent the spread of the virus. It was a crisis on top of a crisis that we really didn't need, and that we didn't have the funds for either.

Unfortunately, eventually COVID-19 did make its way into the refugee settlements in Jordan, but together with the Ministry of Health and other partners, outbreaks were largely contained.

IMPACT STORY

Yemen

In Abyan, Yemen, families displaced by insecurity collect basic hygiene kits following social distancing guidelines. The hygiene kits contain soap and buckets helping families practice good hand-washing techniques and hygiene amid COVID-19. © UNICEF/UNI324884/



24.3 Million
people in need



12.2 Million
children in need



1.71 Million
children internally
displaced



October 2020, a member of the Communication for Development team brings information about the importance of vaccination against neonatal tetanus to Altawahi district, Aden, Yemen. © UNICEF/UN0396927/Fahdl

COUNTRY PROFILE | YEMEN

In Yemen, 2020 saw the on-going conflict intensify, with clashes across 43 active frontlines affecting millions of Yemenis all across the country.

In this year, 4.4 million Yemenis were living as internally displaced people. Children suffered from disease outbreaks, natural disasters, and socio-political and economic contexts.

COVID-19 shaped much of 2020, impacting service and programme delivery. More than a quarter of Yemenis confirmed to have the disease died, five times the global average.

YEMEN AS 100 CHILDREN



42 ARE AT RISK OF MALNUTRITION

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2020 RESULTS FOR CHILDREN IN YEMEN

UNICEF treated **231,062** children under 5 with severe acute malnutrition.



On 4 April 2020 in Yemen, Hayat Ali Amkam (9) collects water in the Omar Bin Yasser camp in Aden. © UNICEF/UNI324946

When Yemen experienced a circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 1 outbreak, 7.2 million children were vaccinated against polio.



12-year-old Anas cuts iron in a workshop in Taizz, Yemen in September, 2020. Anas has been the only breadwinner in the family since the death of his father. Millions of Yemeni children are out of school, often because they have lost a parent. © UNICEF/UN0455066/AI-Quliah

UNICEF delivered 26 million routine vaccine doses, and cold chain equipment such as solar-powered refrigerators.

Monira's story: Overcoming malnutrition



After recovering from malnutrition, Monira sits with her father in front of a house in the area supported by UNICEF. © UNICEF/2018



Monira stands with some of the other children from her village. UNICEF is supporting children across the region to recover from malnutrition. © UNICEF/2018



Monira who has recovered from malnutrition is sitting on the window of her house in the targeted area supported by UNICEF. © UNICEF/2018

Three-year-old Monira has regained her vitality and energy after benefitting from therapeutic feeding. Monira lives in the Al-Haymah district in Sana'a governorate, Yemen. For seven months her life was in danger as she developed a critical health situation triggered by malnutrition. There are hundreds of thousands of malnourished children in Yemen and the numbers keep increasing, due to the deteriorating humanitarian situation and poverty.

Monira's father recalls:

"We had lost hope, and we thought that she would not live any longer after her health deteriorated. Quickly, Monira stopped moving and playing with other children. She lost her glow of happiness as her body weakened and we were feeling helpless, unable to meet her basic needs. I didn't have the money to take her to the hospital and provide her with a proper treatment."

"I have been without a job for a long time because of the conflict, and I couldn't provide enough food for my family. If the medical team at the health facility in Al-Hayma hadn't visited, my daughter would be dead by now."

Monira's father adds.

When her family brought her in to the clinic, Monira was suffering from severe complications, such as acute pneumonia, fever and movement restrictions. After a week of follow-up and supervision by the medical team, her health significantly improved. After her discharge, the medical staff visited her at home until she passed the critical stage. During their last visit, the team were happy to see that Monira was feeling better and playing with her friends outside the family house.



Together for Children

UNICEF supports young people to realise their right to have their voices heard on matters that affect their lives. UNICEF works with political leaders, policy-makers and business to promote and protect the rights of every child.

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September 2020, children learn on tablets in a new classroom in Tamantay, a village in Kassala State, Sudan, on their first day of e-learning. © UNICEF/UNI366076/Bos

Together for Children



An Taoiseach Micheál Martin holds a Zoom meeting for World Children's Day with UNICEF's Ruairí Holohan © MerrionSt

2020 was all about responding to the COVID crisis. A big part of UNICEF Ireland's focus was working with young people to improve their mental health during this period and to protect learning – both important elements of children's wellbeing.

Prior to the outbreak of COVID-19, important work to engage young people in the political process was carried out and later in the year that work continued, despite public health restrictions.

General Election

Ahead of February's General Election UNICEF Ireland developed resources for young people and engaged young people in a takeover of UNICEF's Twitter for a discussion with the political parties on the key issues for youth.

During government formation talks UNICEF Ireland successfully advocated for the retention of the Department of Children and Youth Affairs.



Young people involved in UNICEF Ireland's Transition Year Activism Training take part in a #TwitterTakeover with political leaders during the 2020 General Election. © UNICEF/Irry

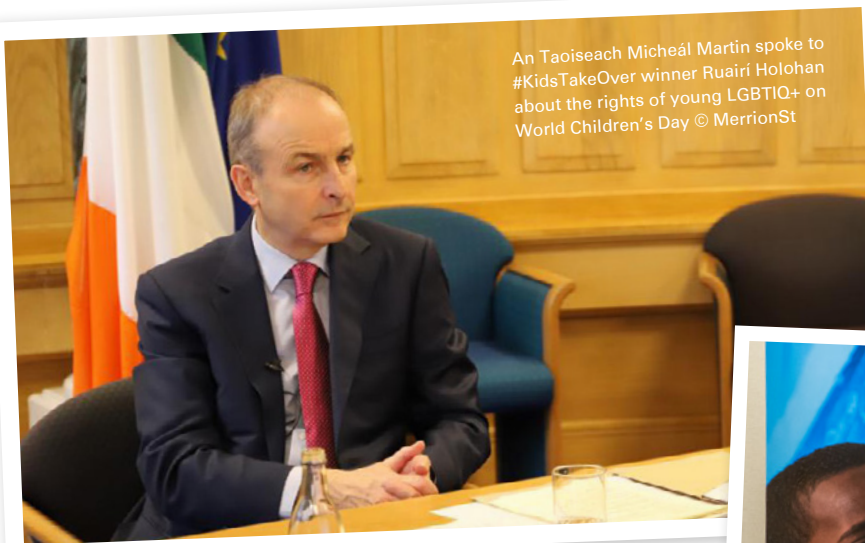
COVID-19 response

When COVID-19 reached Ireland in the Spring of 2020, UNICEF Ireland carried out a situational analysis to see where we could add value in the national conversation that was taking place about rights.

UNICEF Ireland ensured that the voices of young people were heard and that they were part of decisions that were being made that would impact their lives including on State examinations and the reopening of schools.

UNICEF Ireland formed an Education Coalition for the safe reopening of school along with ISSU, NPCPP, and IGC. We shared UNICEF materials around the safe reopening of schools with government stakeholders.

Together for Children



Mental health

Moving into the digital space during lockdown, UNICEF Ireland's youth engagement team worked to find outlets for young people on social media, motivated by a concern about mental health. Interactive activities were organised, in conjunction with young people, including quizzes, lives and webinars, including a popular Facebook Live with Irish woman and UNICEF Jordan Communications Lead Claire McKeever, who responded to young people's questions about life in Jordan's refugee camps.

Youth activism

UNICEF Ireland's activism workshops were redesigned so that they could be delivered online, thus ensuring there was continued support for students' activism work during lockdown. This work, which was supported by Irish Aid's Worldwide Global Schools Grant, benefitted hundreds of students across 25 schools.

In September, UNICEF released its latest look at child well-being in OECD and EU nations, including Ireland. Report Card 16 - *Worlds of Influence: Understanding what shapes child well-being in rich countries* was launched in Ireland by the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, Roderic O'Gorman TD and young people. UNICEF Ireland's focus on the report's findings in the area of Irish teenagers' life satisfaction was widely covered by top-tier media, including an RTÉ Morning Ireland radio interview for teenagers Charles Gallagher and Kim Bartak, ensuring once again that the voices of young people were heard.



World Children's Day

The theme for World Children's Day 2020 was 're-imagining the world post-COVID'.

In November, Ruairi Holohan from Drogheda in Co. Louth met with An Taoiseach Micheál Martin, via Zoom, for #KidsTakeOver on World Children's Day. This was the fourth annual takeover of Taoiseach's office and once again brought important focus to the issue of children's rights.

Ruairi spoke to the Taoiseach about his views on the need to reform the education system in order to protect the rights of young LGBTIQ+ people. The Taoiseach promised Ruairi that he would take his views forward, and even felt his story could contribute to a European-level discussion.

Elsewhere, Minister Roderic O'Gorman and Minister Norma Foley held Zoom meetings with young people to discuss youth issues, while sister UN agency in Ireland, the International Organisation for Migration (IOM), organised similar meetings between young people and the Ministers for Justice, Helen McEntee TD and Foreign Affairs, Simon Coveney TD.

Special thanks to all the Young Changemakers who participated in these events.

Together for Children



Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, Roderic O'Gorman TD pictured with Charles Gallagher, UNICEF Ireland Executive Director Peter Power, and Kim Bartak, at the launch of Report Card 16.
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World's Largest Lesson

World's Largest Lesson provides millions of children and their teachers all over the world with resources to learn about, and take action on, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

For the 2020 event, Minister for Education Norma Foley TD took part along with post-primary students from Castleisland Community College, Kerry, supported by UNICEF Ireland.

UNICEF Ireland is working with the Government to ensure young people have engagement in the climate debate.

Rights Respecting School

Improving the world for children is inextricably tied up with improving schools. Through our pilot Rights Respecting Schools Award, we supported schools in Ireland to create safe and inspiring places to learn.

Five primary and two post primary schools across Cork and Dublin achieved a bronze award for their commitment to placing the Convention on the Rights of the Child at the heart of their school ethos.

Each of these schools set up a student-led steering group to involve the children in decisions being made in the running of the school. The steering groups also led on the development of action plans to shape their learning environments into spaces where both children and adults feel respected and act responsibly.

UNICEF Ireland received an EU grant to formalise and scale up this successful programme over the next two years.



Members of the student-led steering group in St Vincent's Secondary School, Cork.
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On 9 April 2020, in Yemen, Muna (10) and her friend Rahf fill a jerry can at a water point in the Al Sha'ab camp in Aden. Muna and her family fled fighting in Taiz. Muna's school was closed in 2020, because of COVID-19. © UNICEF/UNI324049/

Individual Giving



UNICEF's work for children is funded entirely through voluntary contributions. For the world's children 2020 was the year that brought extreme challenge and threatened to undo years of progress. But our supporters came together, they donated their time and gave generously to ensure our life-saving work for children could continue in the midst of a global crisis.

Individual Giving

We welcomed Paddington's Postcards

Paddington's kindness, tolerance and perseverance in the face of adversity or marmalade related mishaps make him the perfect champion for children and an ideal symbol of what UNICEF stands for.

The kindness of strangers is needed now more than ever, with children's rights at risk of being eroded every day, as a result of war, climate destruction, famine and disease.

Paddington's link to refugee children is well-known, with author Michael Bond once explaining that the bear's story was partly inspired by his memories of seeing Jewish children arriving at Reading Station in England, having escaped from Germany on the Kindertransport.

This much-loved tale of a bear who must leave his native land to find a new family and home in a strange country resonates now as strongly as it did when it was first published – and perhaps even more so, as a result of this partnership with UNICEF.

By donating to Paddington's Postcards, UNICEF supporters donate €12 a month and in return receive a monthly pack from Paddington Bear with stickers, postcards, fact cards, and a signed personalised postcard – all as a bear sized thank you.

With help from Paddington, and our new donors, UNICEF can continue to build a world where every child is happy and safe.



Ankush (right) and Rekha Nanoma play with their two children at home in the Dungarpur District of Rajasthan, India. Ankush learned more about the importance of playing, interacting and spending time with his son after home visits by Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA) workers. © UNICEF/Kolari

Emergencies

2020 was a challenging year for children. Conflicts, natural disasters, hunger, and disease outbreaks in the midst of a global crisis put children's lives in danger.

We thank all of our supporters who responded to our humanitarian appeals throughout the year. Your support helped provide lifesaving supplies and support to vulnerable children.



Paddington's monthly pack for children contains stickers, postcards, fact cards, and a signed personalised postcard. © UNICEF

From emergency food to children in Yemen to emergency supplies in the aftermath of the Beirut explosion our supporters made a huge difference.

Global Parents

1,088 individuals across the country made the incredible decision to join our community of Global Parents.

LEGACY

Jeremiah Twomey



In 2020, UNICEF Ireland was honoured to receive its largest ever legacy gift of over €350,000 from Co. Cork farmer Jeremiah (Jerry) Twomey. Mr Twomey, who passed away in 2019, donated the proceeds of the sale of his farm to four charitable organisations, including UNICEF Ireland. UNICEF Ireland would like to take this opportunity to honour Mr. Twomey by sharing a little bit about the man.

Jerry Twomey was born on the 4th October 1934 into a farming family at Coolfadda, Bandon, Co. Cork. As one of a family of 12, Jerry went to live with his maternal aunt, Margaret, in Peafield, Ballinadee at a young age, spending the remainder of his life there, near Kinsale, on a farm overlooking the River Bandon.

Jack Collins, who was married to Jerry's aunt Margaret and owned the farm in Ballinadee, was very close to Jerry and made him feel very much at home there, eventually passing the farm along to him. Nonetheless, times were tough in post-war Ireland and Jerry relied on family, faith and sport.

Although he never married himself, Jerry had a real grá for children and had an incredible relationship with his many nephews and nieces. His home became the favourite meeting point for the Twomey clan and his visits to their houses were a source of great excitement.

Jerry had a huge interest in all types of sport but especially the local team, Courcey Rovers, and Cork GAA. Christy Ring was a hero of his and he was never happier than when the Cork hurlers lifted the Munster or All-Ireland titles. The bi-annual trip to Fitzgerald stadium to meet Kerry in the football was also a highlight, driving back early to park up, go to Mass in the Cathedral, back to the car for sandwiches and then on to the stadium in the hope that this year they'd turn over the old enemy in their home patch.

Jerry was a man of deep faith and had a strong sense of the need to help others. Although he wasn't wealthy and had to work extremely hard just to sustain the farm, he supported various charity appeals and was always moved by the humanitarian crises he learned about through TV reports.

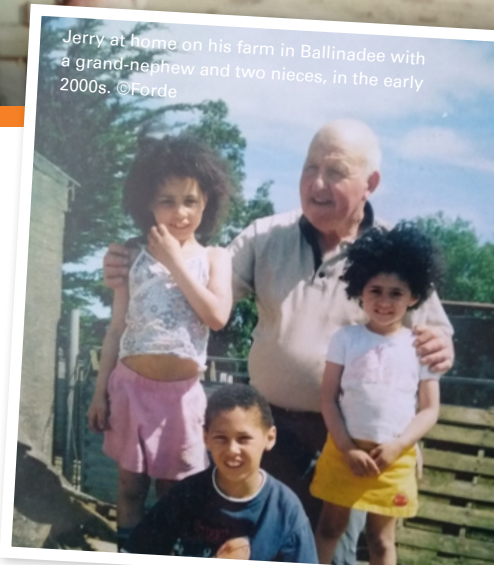
From the earlier noughties, Jerry spoke about wanting to leave a legacy to charity, perhaps feeling that as he had been given the farm he wanted to ensure that something good came from that act of generosity.

During the 90s he made a once-in-a-lifetime trip to his nephew Don Forde in Lesotho, where Don worked as a teacher. While there, he enjoyed the many similarities between the Ireland he remembered of the 1940s and 50s and Lesotho, particularly around agriculture. However, he also witnessed extreme poverty. He was struck by the ability of people to be happy in the most difficult of circumstances. He had a special affinity for children and having discussed what he had seen and the various options open to him, he decided that a donation to UNICEF would make the biggest difference to children in poorer parts of the world.

Jerry's family say he would like to be remembered as a person who cared for others and who tried to make life better for people in need, especially children.

UNICEF Ireland would like to thank Jerry, as well as his sister Lena Forde, and his nephew Don Forde, for sharing the details of his life with us. Jerry's generosity has changed the lives of children.

To learn more about our legacy programme, contact Sarah Moyles at UNICEF Ireland.



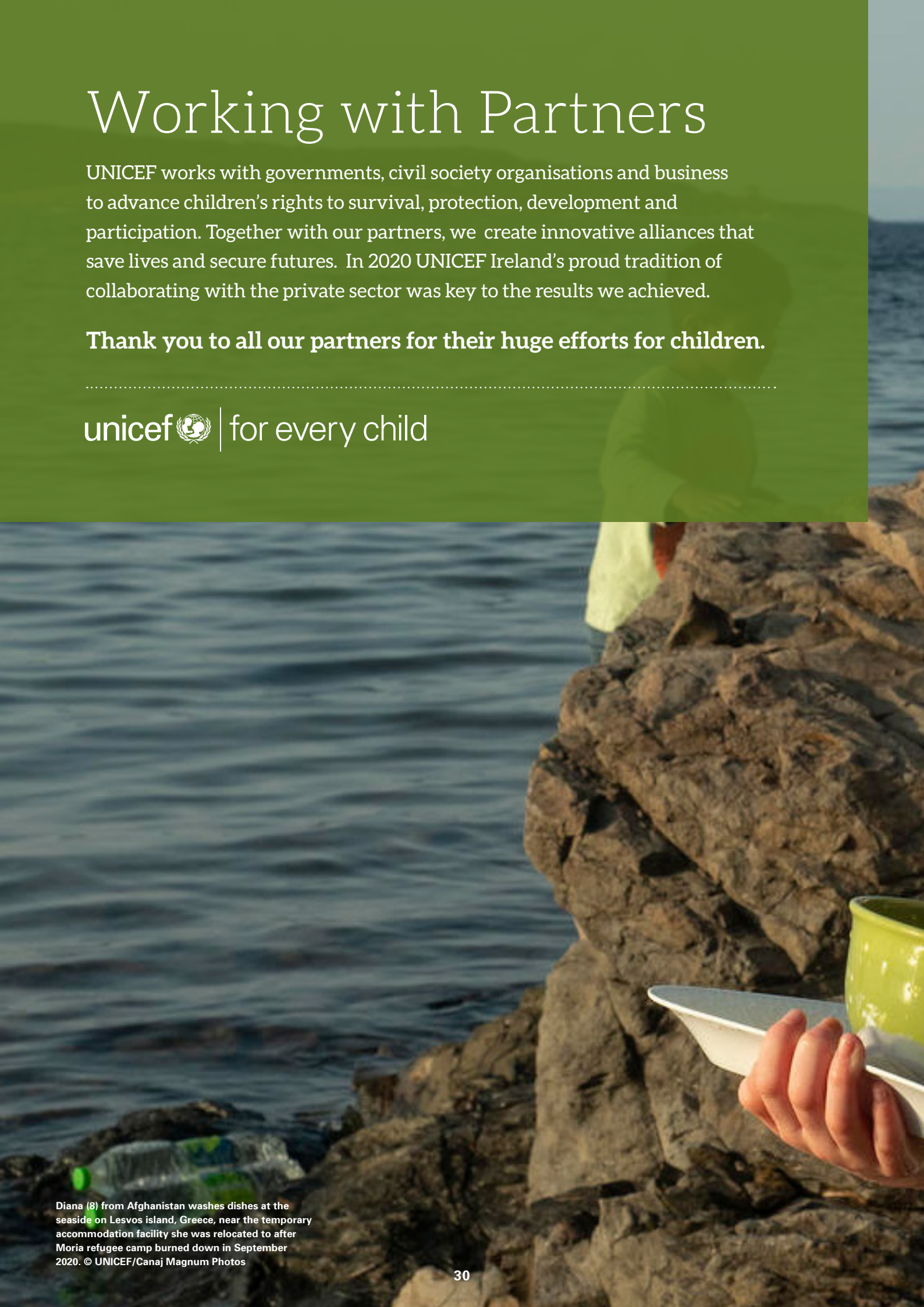
Jerry at home on his farm in Ballinadee with a grand-nephew and two nieces, in the early 2000s. ©Forde

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 2020 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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A young girl is washing dishes on a rocky shore next to the sea. She is holding a white plate and a green bowl. The sea is in the background, and there is a plastic bottle on the rocks in the foreground.

Diana (8) from Afghanistan washes dishes at the seaside on Lesbos island, Greece, near the temporary accommodation facility she was relocated to after Moria refugee camp burned down in September 2020. © UNICEF/Canaj Magnum Photos



Aer Lingus



Aer Lingus and UNICEF celebrated **23 years of partnership** in 2020 and almost **\$23m** raised for children around the world.

Through the 'Change for Good' on board collections, Aer Lingus cabin crew and guests raised over **€225,000** for children in 2020.

CHANGE  GOOD™

Overview

In 2020, lockdowns and travel restrictions posed significant challenges for all of us. In March, on-board collections were put on hold and although we could not raise funds through these collections, we continued our longstanding partnership with Aer Lingus. While we planned for the future and re-imagined our partnership post COVID-19, we looked to the past to celebrate the incredible success of 'Change for Good' and the impact Aer Lingus and guest donations have had on children's lives.

Since 1998 'Change for Good' has raised almost \$23 million to support UNICEF's work for children around the world. In that time, we have seen child mortality reduced by half, and have worked to ensure the life-saving benefits of vaccines are now reaching 85% of the world's children. This is an incredible achievement for the world's children, made possible with the support of partners like Aer Lingus.

Impact

The funds raised through guest donations in 2020 can cover the cost of vaccinating 3.5 million children against polio.



One-year-old Marcelo is vaccinated in a health centre in Venezuela during a vaccine campaign against Polio, Yellow Fever, Tetanus Toxoid and BCG. © UNICEF/Urdaneta



Front row: (left to right) Sinead Fegan, UNICEF's Gabriel Pereira, Nik Robinson, middle row: Alan McHugh, Anita Browne, Michelle Murphy, back row: Amy Mulligan, Frances Buckley, UNICEF Ireland's Tina Ibisevic in Mozambique. © UNICEF



Nik Robinson, senior cabin crew for Aer Lingus and UNICEF 'Change for Good' Ambassador. © UNICEF

'Change for Good' Ambassadors

We extended our partnership and offered all Aer Lingus staff the opportunity to become 'Change for Good' Ambassadors. In February 2020, Alan McHugh and Frances Buckley joined cabin crew Amy Mulligan, Anita Browne, Nik Robinson and Michelle Murphy on a field visit to Mozambique to see firsthand how their efforts and guest donations transform children's lives.



(left to right) 'Change for Good' Ambassadors and Aer Lingus cabin crew Anita Browne, Michelle Murphy, Nik Robinson, Amy Mulligan, Frances Buckley visit a school damaged by Cyclone Idai in Beira, Mozambique. © UNICEF



(left to right) Frances Buckley, Alan McHugh, Amy Mulligan, Former Aer Lingus CEO Sean Doyle, Michelle Murphy, Nik Robinson, Anita Browne at an event appointing of 'Change for Good' Ambassadors. © UNICEF

My name is Nik Robinson. I work as senior cabin crew at Aer Lingus and I am part of the UNICEF 'Change for Good' Ambassador team.

On 14th March 2019, Cyclone Idai made landfall in the port city of Beira, Mozambique. Six weeks later, Cyclone Kenneth affected northern Mozambique. As a result of the two cyclones, 2.5 million people needed humanitarian aid. Classrooms, health centres and crops were destroyed, in addition to a cholera outbreak.

Myself and the Ambassador team participated in a field trip in February 2020 to witness the amazing work undertaken by UNICEF in Mozambique.

We visited a resettlement camp at Mandruzzi, that housed almost 1,000 families. There was a health screening unit where we witnessed a malnourished 18-month-old baby and her mother, both living with HIV. The camp provided health care, education on food preparation and nutrition, community development and tent building, a pre-school for the camp's children and clean water and sanitation.

The cyclones destroyed 3,504 classrooms in Mozambique. Some schools were used to house those who lost their homes, which resulted in less classes for the children. Many schools are temporary structures that needed urgent upgrading. We witnessed the completion of a new style classroom, under a standardised model, that are built to withstand winds of up to 180km per hour. This would mean the continuation of children's education in any future tropical storms or cyclones - all funded by UNICEF.

At a health centre, located in another resettlement camp, we witnessed an immunisation programme to vaccinate children against diphtheria and polio. At the centre, we witnessed five infants who were screened, which included weighing and documenting their progress.

It was incredible to experience and witness the amazing work that UNICEF does in Mozambique. For me, the most vivid memory was when the team and I visited a rural hospital where we witnessed the worst cases of child malnutrition. Even though this was upsetting to witness, it reinforced my drive to support UNICEF further through raising awareness with my colleagues at Aer Lingus and by raising more funds from guest donations on board through the 'Change for Good' programme.

Alan Mc Hugh, Change for Good Ambassador

The opportunity to be involved has been humbling, rewarding and hugely enjoyable. Our field trip to Beira in Mozambique in February 2020 seems a lifetime ago with all that has unfolded since, but the lessons and opportunities that were presented to us were incredible. The work UNICEF were completing and planning in the region was life changing for all we met and this experience really grounded the efforts and contributions of our customers and colleagues across Aer Lingus throughout the life of the partnership. We might not be flying as much as we'd like since, but we are continuously planning for opportunities to refresh and enhance the Aer Lingus and UNICEF partnership going forward. Being a part of this storied relationship is a gift and is one we are all honoured and determined to provide a positive contribution towards.

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Primark

UNICEF is grateful for the support of Multi-Country Corporate Alliance (MCA) Partner Primark.



This partnership is a key pillar of Primark's global Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) strategy.

Primark, which operates as Penneys in Ireland, has over 396 retail stores worldwide. The partnership covers all of Primark's 12 European markets, as well as its rapidly emerging US market.

This high-value partnership has enabled UNICEF to mobilise resources for children over a three-year timeframe, and has significantly raised awareness about the need to improve the lives of children throughout the world. The initial Primark/UNICEF partnership focused on three thematic areas:

- Education and Water, Sanitation and Hygiene in Cambodia
- Emergency Response throughout the world



Cambodia

The Education Programme in Cambodia involves an investment of \$4.5 million by Primark to transform the lives of 80,000 children by funding removal of corporal punishment from classrooms, providing a scholarship programme for girls, education supports for children with disabilities, water, sanitation and hygiene facilities for schools and upstream advocacy work with Government.



Emergency Responses

Under the Emergency Response Programme, \$1.5 million has been provided for response to humanitarian crises at scale throughout the world, thereby ensuring UNICEF can be there for children before, during and after the next emergency. These funds have been deployed in Indonesia, Mozambique and for COVID-19 response. UNICEF provides a predictable, effective and timely response to emergencies as they occur throughout the world.

In early 2020 Primark responded with support for UNICEF's global efforts for the COVID-19 pandemic.



HSE

In 2020, UNICEF Ireland scaled up an existing 'Get a Vaccine – Give a Vaccine' programme running since 2017 with the Saolta University Hospital Group in Galway. Under this programme, vaccines are donated to children in need of routine immunisation against life-threatening diseases like measles and polio for every flu vaccine received by a healthcare worker. The programme has a proven impact on staff take-up of flu vaccine.

During the COVID-19 pandemic UNICEF Ireland worked with new HSE partners to ward off the risk of a winter flu season arriving alongside a possible second wave of COVID-19. The campaign was warmly received by the healthcare sector and grew exponentially. We were glad to work with new partners like the University of Limerick Hospital Group and HSE Mid-West Community Healthcare.

Also this year, work began to repurpose this campaign for the COVID-19 vaccination roll-out to adults in low and middle-income countries that UNICEF was beginning to plan for.



HubSpot

All children have the right to go to school and learn, regardless of who they are, where they live or how much money their family has.

In 2020 HubSpot supported UNICEF's global education work, providing learning opportunities to prepare children and adolescents with the knowledge and skills they need to thrive.

HubSpot selected UNICEF's global thematic education fund as the beneficiary of a donation for each course completed on its inaugural World Certification Day.

HubSpot wants to see education be accessible and equitable for all.



Virtual Corporate Lunch

Due to restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic the Annual Corporate Lunch was re-imagined as a virtual event.

Our *Leading Business through COVID-19* webinar provided unique insights to the response by business and humanitarian sector to the pandemic.

Keynote speakers included, Sean Doyle, CEO of British Airways and formerly of Aer Lingus, Dónal Moriarty of Aer Lingus and Eva Kadilli, Director of UNICEF Supply Division.

The webinar highlighted UNICEF's response to COVID-19, and how UNICEF is putting its massive supply and procurement operation behind the global roll-out of COVID-19 vaccines.



Sean Doyle, British Airways CEO and former CEO of Aer Lingus was the keynote speaker at UNICEF Ireland's Virtual Corporate Lunch in 2020.

Global Partners

One in three people in the world are in danger of sickness and disease because they don't have access to proper sanitation. Children are dying from preventable illnesses, like diarrhea.

UNICEF and Domestos believe that everybody has the right to access clean and safe sanitation facilities. UN Sustainable Development Goal 6 states that everyone must have access to sanitation by 2030. Our partnership supports global efforts to ensure that this goal is met.

Together we are fighting to give more people access to proper sanitation.

UNICEF would like to thank all of our corporate partners. Whether you partnered with us for the first time in 2020 or are celebrating an anniversary of with us, we are grateful for your generosity. Your support enriches UNICEF's capacity to deliver for children.

Partnership Opportunities

At UNICEF we believe corporate partnerships are key to realising the rights of children.

UNICEF is supported entirely by voluntary contributions from governments, individual donors and companies. Support from our corporate partners makes a significant contribution to our work.

There are a variety of ways in which companies can work with UNICEF, including corporate donations, employee fundraising, customer engagement and cause-related marketing. Together we can build a bespoke programme that targets your company's priority objectives.

UNICEF is focused on building long term partnerships with the business community to provide the maximum reward for both parties.

If you are interested in learning more about our corporate partnerships please contact: **Owen Buckley, Corporate Partnerships Manager | Owen@unicef.ie or (01) 878 3000**



The One Foundation



Since 2015, The One Foundation has worked with UNICEF to improve the lives of refugees fleeing the Syria conflict by supporting youth and adolescent development in refugee camps in Jordan and Lebanon.

The One Foundation's support for UNICEF focused on creating career paths and futures for young people in Syria, Lebanon and Jordan, whose lives have been torn apart by 10 years of war.

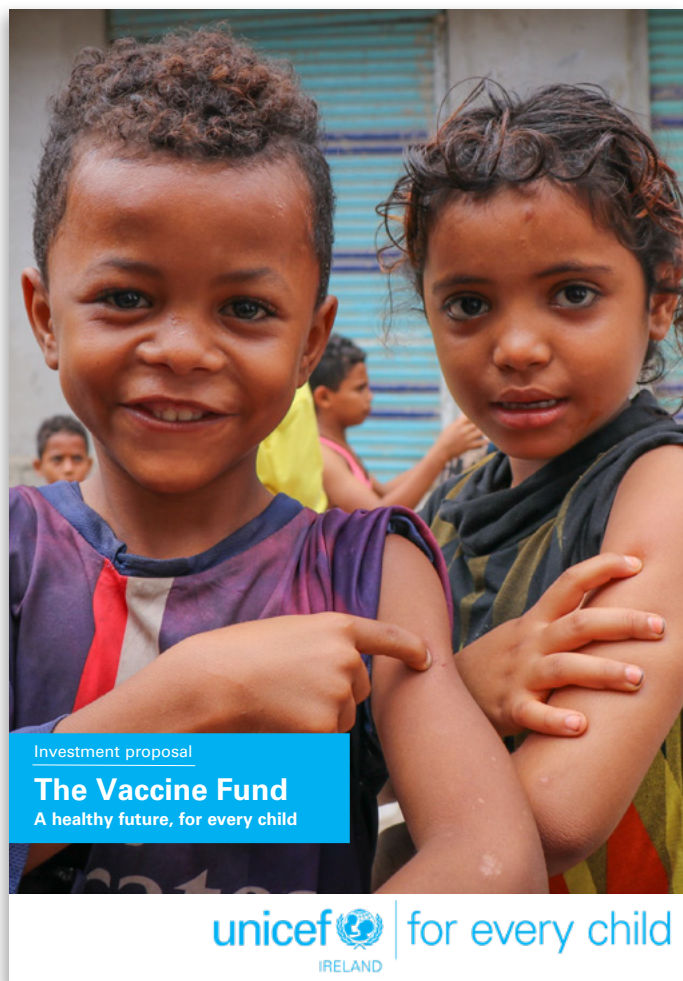
The One Foundation and UNICEF co-created the innovative 'Humanitarian Changemaker Labs' in the Za'atari refugee camp in Jordan. In 2020 the COVID-19 pandemic had a severe impact on the lives of young people in the Za'atari refugee camp, arising from the long-term closure of all UNICEF supported schools in the camp.

The One Foundation provided critical funding for internet data packages for young people so that they could continue their education via remote learning. UNICEF greatly appreciates the support of The One Foundation.

In addition, The One Foundation has supported a highly innovative UNICEF programme aimed at developing new methodologies to deliver humanitarian aid in emergency situations through the use of drone technology. In 2020, The One Foundation became a founder supporter of the African Drone Academy which has been developed by UNICEF's programme in Malawi, in cooperation with the National Civil Aviation Authority in Malawi. This exciting programme not alone allows UNICEF to test new innovative technologies to deliver humanitarian aid but also continues The One Foundation's proud tradition of empowering youth and adolescents throughout the world. We look forward to continued collaboration with the One Foundation in the future.



Vaccine Fund



To make a life-saving difference for children, UNICEF needs partners. Partners that believe in the power of science and creativity. Partners that want to drive impact at a global scale. And partners that respect the uniqueness and rights of every child, while making a life-changing difference for millions. That's why the Vaccine Fund was created.

Investment from members of the Vaccine Fund makes a life-saving difference to children across the world. Through their support of UNICEF's world-leading vaccination programmes in over 100 countries, and their support of UNICEF's work to support the COVAX facility and its global distribution of COVID-19 vaccines.

To become a Vaccine Fund member, an individual or company pledges from €25,000 per year for two years. By pooling their investment together, members can achieve greater impact and make their support go further for children.

As part of their support for the Vaccine Fund, members learn about their impact and deepen their understanding of the scale and power of UNICEF's work with vaccines, by connecting with fellow members, accessing informative and insightful materials and joining exclusive national and global events.

To learn more about how to become involved in UNICEF Ireland's Vaccine Fund, contact Danny Smits, Major Donor and Foundations Manager on danny@unicef.ie

2020 saw the launch of UNICEF's Vaccine Fund. The Vaccine Fund provides individuals and businesses the opportunity to help tackle the COVID-19 pandemic, while also protecting some of the world's most vulnerable children and helping them to realise their potential.

Alongside the immense task of tackling COVID-19 through support for UNICEF's COVAX efforts, the pandemic is also disrupting critical child vaccination services for other deadly preventable diseases. Vaccines are the most cost-effective child health intervention there is, and immunisation saves 2 to 3 million lives each year. Yet every day, 15,000 children under the age of five still die around the world, many from vaccine-preventable diseases.





For World Children's Day, a global day of action at UNICEF for children and by children. 9 Guatemalan artists, with the help of 25 girls and boys, together painted an artistic mural on October 26 and 27, 2020 at La Aurora International Airport, Guatemala City. © UNICEF/Mussapp

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Report and Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 December 2020

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September: Children in Pibor use a homemade boat to navigate flood waters after heavy rains hit the Upper Nile, Lakes and Jonglei areas. UNICEF focused on water and sanitation, health and child protection, including family tracing and reunification. © UNICEF/UNI374760/Ryeng

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Directors' and other information

Directors

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Donncha O'Callaghan
Ivor Fitzpatrick
Joe Canning
Sinead Kelly
Tom Hayes
Una Molony
Aine Flanagan (Appointed 11 February 2021)
Caroline Dowling (Appointed 11 February 2021)

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Directors' Annual Report

for the year ended 31 December 2020

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 2020.

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 (SORP) as issued by the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales in October 2005 (updated in 2008), 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

Andrew Weld-Moore

Donncha O'Callaghan

Ivor Fitzpatrick

Joe Canning

Sinead Kelly

Tom Hayes

Una Molony

Aine Flanagan (Appointed 11 February 2021)

Caroline Dowling (Appointed 11 February 2021)

Directors regularly review the membership of the board and the Audit Risk & Governance 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 2021. We have developed a strategic plan in conjunction with UNICEF HQ for the years 2018 to 2021. Our current 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. We are developing a new Strategy for 2022 to 2025 which will align with the global UNICEF strategy.

Our current 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.

Events after the end of the financial year

The global economic slowdown as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic is still ongoing and whilst there is a general expectation that the impact on our operational and financial performance should diminish as the year goes on, it is still difficult to ascertain the full extent of that impact at this time.

We believe that our existing cash and cash equivalents and cash flow from operations will be sufficient to fund our operations and capital expenditures for at least the next 12 months.

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 2020 we raised €8.684 million for children in danger. This was almost identical to 2019 and an exceptional performance taking into consideration the challenges presented by 2020.

We continued our focus on recruiting regular donors in a very challenging environment. Giving through direct debit brought in just over €3m for the first time in our history.

Corporate partnerships and major donors raised over €1m to support our work for children.

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 with emergency giving coming to a total of just under €1.5m.

Financial Review

Income

In describing our activities and achievements we have reported that UNICEF Ireland's total income for 2020 was €8.684m. This was a decrease of 1% compared to the income of €8.745m in 2019.

Costs of Generating Funds

Development agencies re-invest resources each year in generating increased income for the following year. Over the past five years UNICEF Ireland has spent an average of 23 cents 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. A five-year rolling average more clearly shows our core underlying costs as it minimises the impact of one-off or exceptional events such as humanitarian emergencies or fundraising activities that yield income over a longer period than a single financial year. This means that at least 73 cents in every Euro is put to use straight away on our work for Children. The rest is used to ensure we can raise another Euro and continue to fund our urgent work. Crucially this makes up 96% of every donation, meaning every gift not only works straight away, but continues to give to children long into the future. The remaining 4% is used for administration and ensures UNICEF adheres to the highest governance standards.

Charitable Expenditure

Of the total income raised in 2020, €6.065m 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 Governance Code.

DÓCHAS

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

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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 €590,000 which represents an increase of €90,000 since 2019. 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 2019 are set out in note 11 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 €2.34m. This was due to the timing of the receipt of a large grant.

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 2020.

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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 eight Directors on the Board in 2020.

The constitution of UNICEF Ireland provide that the number of Directors consists of no less than three and not more than twelve elected Board Members, who are concurrently Directors under Company Law.

The Board of Directors meets six times per 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 the Audit, Risk & Governance committee which consists of three members met twice in 2020 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 on-boarding 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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Directors' Annual Report

for the year ended 31 December 2020

Auditors

The auditors, Vistra Ireland, (Chartered Accountants) 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

In accordance with section 330 of the Companies Act 2014, so far as each of the persons who are directors at the time this report is approved are aware, 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 they 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



Tom Hayes | Director

Date: 29 JUNE 2021

Date: 29 JUNE 2021

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Directors' Responsibilities Statements for the year ended 31 December 2020

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: 29 JUNE 2021

Date: 29 JUNE 2021

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 2020 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 2020 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.

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of UNICEF Ireland

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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 members 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 members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Date: 29th June 2021

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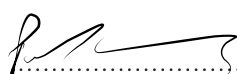
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Statement of Financial Activities

(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account) for the year ended 31 December 2020

		UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL	TOTAL
		2020	2020	2020	2019
	NOTES	€	€	€	€
Incoming Resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary Income	6	4,841,085	3,843,295	8,684,380	8,729,590
Activities for generating funds					
Government grants	5	-	-	-	15,000
Other incoming resources					
Deposit Interest		221	-	221	218
Total incoming resources		4,841,306	3,843,295	8,684,601	8,744,808
Resources Expended					
Costs of Generating Funds	7	2,243,099	279,721	2,552,820	3,295,962
Grant expenditure		6,877	-	6,877	8,269
		2,249,976	279,271	2,529,697	3,304,231
Net Incoming Resources available for charitable application		2,591,330	3,563,574	6,154,904	5,440,577
Resources Expended on Charitable Activities					
Specific UNICEF programmes	9	2,937,529	3,127,375	6,064,904	5,350,577
Total Resources Expended		5,187,505	3,407,097	8,594,601	8,654,808
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		(346,198)	436,198	90,000	90,000
Net movement in funds for the year		(346,198)	436,198	90,000	90,000
Reconciliation of funds					
Balances brought forward at 1 January 2020		500,000	-	500,000	410,000
Balances carried forward at 31 December 2020		153,802	436,198	590,000	500,000

Approved by the Board of Directors on 29th June 2021 and signed on its behalf by



Paul Connolly
Director



Tom Hayes
Director

The notes on pages 56 to 65 form part of the financial statements


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Balance Sheet


as at 31 December 2020

	NOTES	2020 €	2019 €
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	11	25,498	22,755
Current Assets			
Debtors	12	164,716	1,947,017
Cash and cash equivalents		2,340,015	398,494
		2,504,731	2,345,511
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	(1,940,230)	(1,868,266)
Net Current Assets		564,501	477,245
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		590,000	500,000
Funds			
General fund (unrestricted)		590,000	500,000
Total funds	17	590,000	500,000

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Cash Flow Statement

for the year ended 31 December 2020

	NOTES	2020 €	2019 €
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net movement in funds		-	90,000
Adjustments for:			
<i>Depreciation</i>		12,316	13,687
		12,316	103,687
Movements in working capital:			
<i>Movement in debtors</i>		1,782,301	(1,134,309)
<i>Movement in creditors</i>		768,762	(8,865)
Cash generated from operations		2,563,379	(1,039,487)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments to acquire tangible assets		(15,059)	(8,159)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Movement in balance due to UNICEF HQ		(606,799)	(904,604)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		1,941,521	(1,952,250)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January 2020		398,494	2,350,744
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December 2020	20	2,340,015	398,494

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Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 December 2020

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 are 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
- Computer equipment - 33% Straight line

LEASING

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

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

The directors consider the accounting estimates and assumptions below to be its critical accounting estimates and judgements:

Going Concern

The directors have prepared budgets and cash flows for a period of at least twelve months from the date of the approval of the financial statements which demonstrate that there is no material uncertainty regarding the company's ability to meet its liabilities as they fall due, and to continue as a going concern. On this basis the directors consider it appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis. Accordingly, these financial statements do not include any adjustments to the carrying amounts and classification of assets and liabilities that may arise if the company was unable to continue as a going concern.

Useful Lives of Tangible Assets

Long-lived assets comprising primarily of property, plant and machinery represent a significant portion of total assets. The annual depreciation charge depends primarily on the estimated lives of each type of asset and, in certain circumstances, estimates of residual values. The directors regularly review these useful lives and change them if necessary, to reflect current conditions. In determining these useful lives management consider technological change, patterns of consumption, physical condition and expected economic utilisation of the assets. Changes in the useful lives can have a significant impact on the depreciation charge for the financial year. The net book value of Tangible Fixed Assets subject to depreciation at the financial year end date was €25,498 (2019: €22,755).

3. 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.

	2020 €	2019 €
4. Net Incoming Resources are stated after charging/(crediting):		
Depreciation of tangible assets	12,316	13,687
Auditors' remuneration	10,800	10,839

5. GOVERNMENT AND OTHER GRANTS

	2020 €	2019 €
Irish Aid - World Wise Global Schools Programme	-	15,000
	-	15,000

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6. ANALYSIS OF INCOMING RESOURCES

	UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED	TOTAL	TOTAL
	2020	2020	2020	2019
	€	€	€	€
Incoming resources from generated funds:				
Direct Marketing	791,055	1,086,569	1,877,624	1,162,634
Corporate Partnerships	325,579	134,261	459,840	2,867,795
Emergencies	-	1,485,431	1,485,431	358,056
Donations	3,724,451	1,137,034	4,840,869	4,341,105
Totals	4,841,085	3,843,295	8,684,380	8,729,590

7. ANALYSIS OF RESOURCES EXPENDED

	UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED	TOTAL	TOTAL
	2020	2020	2020	2019
	€	€	€	€
Costs of generating funds:				
Direct Marketing	100,510	132,417	232,927	146,772
Corporate Partnerships	16,516	-	16,516	37,968
Emergencies	-	147,304	147,304	39,588
Donations	896,855	-	896,855	1,657,221
Support & Administration expenses (note 8)	1,229,218	-	1,229,218	1,414,413
Totals	2,243,099	279,721	2,522,820	3,295,962

8. ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT AND ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES

	Programme & Communication	Administration	Fundraising	TOTAL 2020	TOTAL 2019
	€	€	€	€	€
Staff costs (note 10)	107,588	231,137	531,635	870,360	1,047,486
Operating & Production expenses	9,145	93,379	152,155	254,679	309,824
Financial charges	-	-	64,805	64,805	41,370
Compliance & Support services	-	39,374	-	39,374	15,733
Totals	116,733	363,890	748,595	1,229,218	1,414,413

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9. SPECIFIC UNICEF PROGRAMMES

	UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED	TOTAL	TOTAL
	2020	2020	2020	2019
	€	€	€	€
Nutrition	-	800,000	800,000	214,992
Education	-	420,500	420,500	1,668,169
Health	-	-	-	207,299
WASH	-	124,195	124,195	124,196
Multi-thematic programmes	2,937,529	1,782,680	4,720,209	3,135,921
Totals	2,937,529	3,127,375	6,064,904	5,350,577

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 13) in the financial statements and then transferred after the year end.

10. EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION

Number of employees

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

	2020 Number	2019 Number
Management	3	3
Fundraising	8	10
Advocacy and programmes	2	2
Communications	1	1
Totals	14	16

The staff costs comprise:	2020 Number	2019 Number
Wages and salaries	756,035	902,508
Social security costs	72,615	96,571
Pension costs	39,865	38,075
Training and recruitment	1,845	10,332
Totals	870,360	1,047,486

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 €90,000 to €100,000 during the year.

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11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures, fittings and equipment €	Computer equipment €	TOTAL €
Cost			
At 1 January 2020	61,131	233,461	294,592
Additions	-	15,059	15,059
At 31 December 2020	61,131	248,520	309,651
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2020	47,540	224,297	271,837
Charge for the year	2,328	9,988	12,316
At 31 December 2020	49,868	234,285	284,153
Net book value			
At 31 December 2020	11,263	14,235	25,498
At 31 December 2019	13,591	9,164	22,755

11.1 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS PRIOR YEAR

	Fixtures, fittings and equipment €	Computer equipment €	TOTAL €
Cost			
At 1 January 2019	58,658	227,775	286,433
Additions	2,473	5,686	8,159
At 31 December 2019	61,131	233,461	294,592
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2019	45,189	212,961	258,150
Charge for the year	2,351	11,336	13,687
At 31 December 2019	47,540	224,297	271,837
Net book value			
At 31 December 2019	13,591	9,164	22,755
At 31 December 2018	13,469	14,814	28,283

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12. DEBTORS

	2020	2019
Other debtors	142,266	1,932,816
Prepayments and accrued income	22,450	14,201
Totals	164,716	1,947,017

All debtor amounts above are due within 12 months.

13. CREDITORS

	2020	2019
Amounts falling due within one year	€	€
Trade creditors	47,627	56,277
Amounts due to UNICEF (Note 24)	989,708	1,686,507
Other creditors	76,169	-
Taxation and social security costs (Note 14)	66,708	58,817
Pension Accrual	1,420	1,420
Accruals	57,002	65,245
Deferred Income	701,596	-
	1,940,230	1,868,266

The repayments terms of trade creditors vary between on demand and thirty days. No interest is payable on trade creditors. The terms of the accruals are based on the underlying contracts. Other amounts included within creditors not recovered by specific note disclosures are unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand.

14. TAXATION AND SOCIAL SECURITY

	2020	2019
Creditors:	€	€
PAYE/USC	44,800	33,323
PRSI	21,908	25,494

15. 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 €39,865 (2019 - €38,075).

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16. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	FIXED ASSETS (Charity use)	CURRENT ASSETS	CURRENT LIABILITIES	TOTAL
	€	€	€	€
Restricted Income				
UNICEF HQ	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted Income				
General Funds	25,498	2,504,731	(1,940,230)	590,000
	25,498	2,504,731	(1,940,230)	590,000

17. ANALYSIS OF MOVEMENTS ON FUNDS

	BALANCE 1 JAN 2020	INCOMING RESOURCES	RESOURCES EXPENDED	BALANCE 31 DEC 2020
	€	€	€	€
UNICEF HQ	-	3,843,295	(3,407,097)	436,198
Unrestricted Income				
General Funds	500,000	4,841,306	(5,187,504)	153,802
Total Funds	500,000	8,684,601	(8,594,601)	590,000

18. 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.

19. FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

Total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	2020	2019
	€	€
Land and Buildings		
Due:		
Within one year	20,625	82,500
Between one and five years	2,625	103,125

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

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20. IRISH GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTION TO UNICEF IN NEW YORK

UNICEF Ireland has again been instrumental in securing a contribution from the Irish Government of US\$21.1 million compared with the year to December 2019 of US\$19.4 million. As the Government donation is made directly to UNICEF in New York, it is therefore not reflected in these financial statements.

21. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

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

22. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2020	2019
	€	€
Cash and bank balances	1,782,977	298,537
Cash equivalents	557,038	99,957
Totals	2,340,015	398,494

23. EVENTS AFTER THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR

The worldwide spread of the COVID-19 virus has resulted in a global economic slowdown and is expected to continue to disrupt general business operations until the disease is contained. The ultimate extent of the impact of COVID-19 on our operational and financial performance will depend on certain developments, including the duration and spread of the outbreak, impact on our customers and our sales cycles, and the effect on our partners and employees, all of which are uncertain and cannot be predicted. We believe that our existing cash and cash equivalents and cash flow from operations will be sufficient to fund our operations and capital expenditures for at least the next 12 months.

24. DUE TO UNICEF

	2020	2019
	€	€
Balance owed at the start of the year	1,686,507	2,591,111
Funds to be transferred to UNICEF	6,064,905	5,350,577
Less funds remitted to UNICEF	(6,761,704)	(6,255,181)
Totals	989,708	1,686,507

25. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 29th June 2021.



In Madagascar, a family left homeless after January floods uprooted tens of thousands in the north-east of the country, focuses on the future. © UNICEF/UNI308098/

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