

# EVERY CHILD

HOW YOUR GIFTS SAVE LIVES

BIRMA BRAVES LANDSLIDES  
TO DELIVER COVID-19  
VACCINES IN NEPAL

YOUR GIFT OF WATER PROTECTS  
AMINA IN YEMEN

JERRY LEAVES HIS FARM  
AND A FUTURE TO THE  
WORLD'S CHILDREN



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# WELCOME

Thank you for standing by children for another year



COVID-19 has changed many things, but your unwavering support for children has stayed the same, as the happy stories in this newsletter show. In this edition, we take you to Syria, Yemen, India and Haiti to show you how, even in the most difficult circumstances, your gifts transform children's lives.

Thank you for supporting the global effort to end the COVID-19 pandemic by helping us deliver the world's biggest-ever vaccination campaign. Thank you too for continuing to recognise the bright and boundless capacity of every child you help. What you do for children is very special. Thank you.

Peter

Peter Power,  
Executive Director

## 2021 was the year you gave children so much



**22.4**  
million  
children and  
women given  
essential  
healthcare



**2.4**  
million  
children treated  
for severe acute  
malnutrition



**34**  
million  
people provided  
with safe and  
sufficient water



**110.7**  
million  
children given  
access to  
education



**14.9**  
million  
households  
reached with  
humanitarian  
cash transfers

# 2021

The year COVID-19 continued to make children's lives so much harder

Last year saw nine humanitarian crises threaten millions of children's lives. The pandemic made it harder for us to respond, but thanks to you, we were there for every one of those crises. We never gave up on children, going every last mile to reach every last child.

## You joined us early in the race to end the pandemic

The stakes were high, and you put your trust in UNICEF – the organisation given charge of the largest and fastest vaccination programme the world has ever seen.



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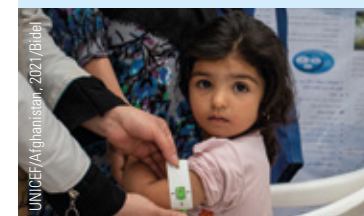
## You gave vaccines

Birma braves landslides to get your COVID-19 vaccines to people in Nepal.



## You gave water

You're making sure Amina has clean water to drink in Yemen.



## You gave food

Fatima is recovering from malnutrition in Afghanistan – thanks to you.



## You gave warmth

Syrian refugee Farah won't be cold this winter with the warm clothes you gave.



# VACCINES FOR ALL

Mountains and landslides can't stop your help

- Over **1 billion** COVID-19 doses delivered to 144 countries
- Over **2 million** doses donated by the Irish people
- PPE equipment given to health workers to last **4.3 million** days

## On the edge of Nepal's far-western border with India, health worker **Birma**, carries the hopes of a community on her back.

For years, Birma has been responsible for carrying life-saving vaccines to the remote Pipalchauri health post. Now she treads the same path with COVID-19 vaccines.

## A risky journey

It is possible to drive halfway to Duhun in a vehicle, followed by over an hour's walk across a long footbridge and up a steep slope to the health post. But during the monsoon, landslides that often follow heavy rains, render the already narrow, rocky roads impassable for weeks at a

time. So Birma prefers to walk – a journey that can take between three to four hours, but, she says, every step is worth it. "This has been a hard time for everyone," she says, "We all want this to be over and to return to normal. I'm glad to be helping in that in my own way."

**Thanks to your amazing support, UNICEF teams continue to deliver COVID-19 vaccines every single day in more than 144 countries. Thank you for helping us.**





# YEMEN

Your gifts inspire and save

Intense air bombing forced Amina\* and her family out of their home. They now live in a camp for displaced people in Aden where the overcrowded conditions and lack of clean water and safe sanitation make children like her very vulnerable to water-borne disease and malnutrition.

## Your gift of clean water is critical

"UNICEF gave us shelter materials when we arrived," says Amina's father Yahya. "They have also provided the community with health and water services because we were suffering. They fixed everything."

Yahya is so grateful for the help people like you gave the family when they arrived that he now volunteers with UNICEF as a community outreach worker. Since the arrival of COVID-19, he has been teaching camp residents about the importance of handwashing and physical distancing.

**Thanks to help like yours, in Yemen, a total of 2.4 million people now benefit daily from the provision of safe water supply.**

\*Name changed



Credit: UNICEF/Yemen, 2020

- UNICEF PRESENT SINCE 1970
- UNICEF COUNTRY OFFICE: SANA'A
- STAFF: 382

- **5.2 million** people given access to safe drinking water
- **140,000** children treated for severe acute malnutrition
- **2.5 million** children under 5 received primary health care

# AFGHANISTAN

Teetering on the edge of famine

- **30,000** children treated for severe acute malnutrition
- **150,000** women provided with nutrition advice
- **1 million** people vaccinated against COVID-19

Two-year-old Fatima has her nutritional status screened using a MUAC tape at a health clinic supported by UNICEF. Your donations are helping to provide immunisation, health, and nutrition services for children struggling in appalling conditions.

What is happening in Afghanistan right now is one of the worst crises in living memory. Many of our colleagues are shocked by the speed and the scale of this emergency – and winter makes it so much worse. The bitter weather has already set in and it's extremely cold. Temperatures can reach as low as -12°C and impoverished families are struggling to heat their homes and keep their children warm.

## UNICEF is there – thanks to you

Millions of children urgently need vital services, including vaccines and medicines, ready-to-use therapeutic food, blankets to keep warm, and school supplies like backpacks and jotters. There's a drought so families need water which – thanks to your help – we're trucking to the most in-need communities, and we're also bringing fuel to schools so that children stay cosy while they learn.

## VOICES FROM THE FIELD

### Can you tell us the latest malnutrition situation for children?

It's dire. Over half the population, around 23 million people, is food insecure; 13 million are children. That means they don't have access to affordable or nutritious food. UNICEF has warned that 3.2 million children are acutely malnourished, and over 1 million children are at risk of dying from severe acute malnutrition within weeks unless they can get life-saving treatment.

### How is COVID-19 affecting Afghanistan?

COVID-19 is one of many challenges facing the people of Afghanistan right now.

Since April 2020, the total number of COVID-19 cases is 160,000, with 7,313 deaths. We suspect the real numbers are much higher but the data is patchy because of the compromised health system. UNICEF is working hard to get vaccines into the arms of the most vulnerable as fast as possible. In October, we supported the vaccination of over one million adults to protect them and their communities.

### Are the winters in Afghanistan very harsh?

I met families in Bamyan, in the central highlands, recently, who had no money to buy wood and were drying animal manure to use as fuel for cooking and to warm their homes. In the height of winter, snow falls and extreme cold can make reaching the children that need us most, in remote and mountainous areas, very challenging. That's why, every year we're in a race against time to get vital supplies into the most rural areas before snow cuts them off.

### How does support from UNICEF donors in Ireland help children there?

We simply couldn't do our work without the generous support of donors, big and small; we are incredibly grateful to the people of Ireland. Each donation helps the most disadvantaged children not just survive but thrive.



Sam Mort is our Chief of Communication in Afghanistan. She has worked for UNICEF for over 10 years

- UNICEF PRESENT SINCE 1956
- UNICEF COUNTRY OFFICE: KABUL
- STAFF: 391



# INDIA

You are helping children breathe again

- UNICEF PRESENT FOR OVER 60 YEARS
- UNICEF COUNTRY OFFICE: DELHI
- STAFF: 456

- First 9 of 26 oxygen plants installed
- 4,500 oxygen concentrators supplied
- 200 RT-PCR testing machines delivered



Credit: UNICEF/India, 2021/Janif

When crises hit in places that haven't been able to vaccinate their populations quickly enough like India, the COVID-19 pandemic can turn an existing oxygen gap into a crisis. Your gifts enabled UNICEF teams to develop an innovative emergency solution – the Oxygen Plant-in-a-Box package. It includes everything needed to produce large volumes of medical grade oxygen and can be operational within days of arriving.

Each plant has the capacity to produce up to 720,000 litres of oxygen per day, capable of supplying the oxygen needs of about 50-60 COVID-19 patients round the clock or more than 100 children with severe pneumonia.



Credit: UNICEF/India, 2021/Rami

The nine oxygen plants you have helped to deliver to India will save lives now and long into the future too

# SYRIA

You delivered comfort and joy to children

- UNICEF PRESENT SINCE 1970
- UNICEF COUNTRY OFFICE: DAMASCUS
- STAFF: 211

- 1 million people given hygiene kits and soap
- 1.8 million women and children screened for malnutrition
- 1.3 million given health care



Credit: UNICEF/Syria, 2021/Maas

Five-year-old Ithraa, and her sister, Farah, 18 months, who live in rural Damascus are very impressed with the warm winter clothes they've just received from UNICEF – thanks to a donation like yours.

In Syria, more than a decade of conflict and economic hardship mean that many families are barely able to stay afloat, let alone buy their children warm clothes or obtain fuel to fend off the cold.

The winter clothing kits you help to deliver are sourced locally with supplies reaching children sooner and less is spent on transport. This injects much-needed cash into the local economy, making communities much more resilient over the long term.

**During the past winter season, you helped UNICEF to support thousands of children inside Syria. Thanks to you they got warm clothing, blankets, food, water and hygiene supplies.**



Credit: UNICEF/Syria, 2021

"This winter has been very cold, but now the children look so happy to have these new clothes that will keep them warm." Dalia, 35 mother of Rihab, 5, and Mohammad, 4



- Over **24,000** people provided with health care
- **303,283** people given clean water
- **3** new water treatment units installed

- UNICEF PRESENT SINCE 1949
- UNICEF COUNTRY OFFICE: PORT-AU-PRINCE
- STAFF: 100

# HAITI

You're helping children to weather the storm

Credit: UNICEF/Haiti, 2021/Crickx

Peterson was only four years old when he lost part of his arm in the 2010 earthquake. In August last year, another devastating quake took his home.

The 7.2 magnitude earthquake killed over 2,200 people and injured more than 12,700. The powerful quake collapsed homes, hospitals and schools, leaving an estimated 1.2 million people, including 540,000 children, in urgent need of assistance.

## UNICEF is there to care – thanks to you

Peterson is among 178 children who are now receiving care at a centre supported by your donations. "We have lessons, play, and they give us meals," Peterson explains.

The centre, like many others UNICEF supports, provides more than lessons. It also protects children from the risks of exploitation and trafficking, which surge for children uprooted by natural disaster.



Credit: UNICEF/Haiti, 2021/Fouzier

In the immediate aftermath of the earthquake, your gifts helped to provide water and sanitation, nutrition and shelter

Jerry was inspired to include a gift in his Will to help children after a visit to Lesotho in Africa

# LEGACY

Why Jerry decided to remember UNICEF in his Will

Jerry Twomey's last wish was to leave a gift which would help children. He knew that by choosing to leave a gift in his Will to UNICEF, it would be used so that children would be fed, vaccinated, educated and protected. He had been inspired to do so having visited his nephew Don in Lesotho, where Don worked as a teacher. He saw the similarities between Lesotho and the Ireland he had grown up with in the 50s.

Being from a family of 12, he was taken in by his aunt and uncle and grew up on their farm overlooking the River Bandon. He had a great love of the land and of course Cork GAA, but it was family which was so important to him. He knew by leaving a gift in his Will, he would be leaving the greatest gift of all; helping many other children who aren't as lucky as he was to have a safer upbringing and a better chance in life.

**If you would like more information on making a gift in your Will to give children the start in life they need, contact Pauline at [pauline@unicef.ie](mailto:pauline@unicef.ie) or call 01 878 3000.**



Pauline Murphy,  
Gifts in Wills Manager

## WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY

### Taoiseach takeover

Liadh Dalton from Co. Offaly was our 2021 #KidsTakeOver winner. As COP26 climate negotiations entered their final phase, the fifteen-year-old farmer and climate activist got to sit down with the Taoiseach Micheál Martin to discuss how a positive climate future for every child in Ireland can be achieved by everyone coming together to protect nature and farming livelihoods.



Liadh, who has rabbits, barn owls and buzzards on her farm, says: "I can see both sides of the argument because I am a farmer and a climate activist. I spoke to the Taoiseach about ways to bridge the gap between the two communities."

**Congratulations Liadh!**

## A huge thank you to our fantastic community fundraisers!

From cake sales to marathons, sponsored silences to raffles and concerts, there are all kinds of ways to raise funds for children in emergencies worldwide.



### Students raise much-needed funds to combat COVID-19 inequality

The students and staff of Presentation Secondary School in Ballypheane, Cork, went all out to collect as much money as possible for UNICEF's COVID-19 vaccination appeal. With sponsored walks and raffles supported by local businesses, great fun was had, and a worthy cause supported.



### St. Aloysius goes the extra mile for vaccines for all

Transition Year religion class students at St. Aloysius school in Co. Cork have set themselves the goal of walking and running at least 120km between them as part of #runthegap. They've also raised vital funds to help children by holding a Bake and Sweet sale. Go St. Aloysius!

For info, or to set up a fundraiser for UNICEF, contact us at [info@unicef.ie](mailto:info@unicef.ie)

## PADDINGTON'S POSTCARDS

### An adventure of a lifetime!

Perfect for children aged 4-10, Paddington's Postcards are a wonderful way to help your little adventurer learn about awe-inspiring locations, exotic animals and much more. And you'll be helping vulnerable children around the world at the same time.

**For just €21 a month, your child will receive a personalised letter (with goodies) every month from Paddington Bear himself!**



Each pack explores a different country and contains lots of wonderful stories about the children who live there. Their first month begins with a welcome pack, which includes a letter, a world map poster, a travel journal, stickers and a postcard from London.

Sign up your young explorer today! Visit [www.unicef.ie](http://www.unicef.ie)

## Explore the world with Paddington!

### Test your knowledge with our fun quiz.

- 1. What is the national animal of Bangladesh?**
  - a. The Royal Bengal Tiger
  - b. The Asian elephant
  - c. The Dugong
- 2. What is the national game of Bangladesh?**
  - a. Football
  - b. Kabaddi
  - c. Hockey
- 3. Where won't you find the African forest elephant?**
  - a. Ivory Coast
  - b. Guinea
  - c. Kenya
- 4. What is the nickname of Ivory Coast's national football team?**
  - a. The Elephants
  - b. The Hippos
  - c. The Crocodiles
- 5. What is Jordan's national flower?**
  - a. Wood Rose
  - b. Golden Currant
  - c. The Black Iris
- 6. What is the lowest point on Earth?**
  - a. The Death Valley in USA
  - b. The Dead Sea in Jordan
  - c. The Denakil Depression in Ethiopia

**Fun fact: The Dead Sea in Jordan is about 430m below sea level. It is actually a salt lake and is about 10 times saltier than the ocean.**



Answers: 1a, 2b, 3c, 4a, 5c, 6b



# YOUR SIGNATURE TODAY CAN SAVE CHILDREN'S LIVES

Did you know that your signature could be worth a minimum of €112 to UNICEF and maybe even more? If you donated over €250 in a single year, your donation is eligible for a tax refund. By simply signing a form, you can help UNICEF claim an extra 45% cash back on your donations.

## **You can save even more children for free**

If we could claim the cash back on your donations, you could save many more children. You could save more children with emergency therapeutic food, clean water and safe sanitation and immunisations. Your signature today could help even more children to not only survive, but thrive. It really is that easy to give this additional donation to children who need it.

## **Just sign. Save lives. For free.**

To request your tax form, or if you simply want to know more, please contact our Donor Care Team on 01 878 3000 or email [info@unicef.ie](mailto:info@unicef.ie)

Cover photo: In Zamaï, in the extreme north of Cameroon, a little girl smiles. Your gifts help to make happiness like this possible. Credit: UNICEF/Cameroon 2021/Dejongh