

A photograph of a man with a beard, wearing a dark blue hooded jacket, carrying a young child on his shoulders. The child is wearing a pink knit beanie and a black puffer jacket. They are standing in front of a large, multi-story building that has been severely damaged, with debris and rubble visible. The sky is overcast.

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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.

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Cover photo: Oleksandr brings his two-year-old daughter Michelle for a walk in the Kharkiv region of Ukraine. Ever since the war in Ukraine escalated in March 2022, the lives of children and their families in Ukraine have been turned upside down, and Oleksandr and his wife have been doing all they can to protect Michelle. *"She's afraid of everything,"* says Oleksandr, sadly. *"Noise, fireworks, air alarms, but most especially explosions. She starts crying and trembling."* © UNICEF/ UN0770704/ Filipov

Above: A child collects water from a tap in Sudan in September 2022. The UNICEF-supported water facility is open all day and serves about 350 households. Before the new water facility, the children and their families crossed a valley to collect water from a handpump located four kilometres away. Water is now closer and easier for them to access. © UNICEF/Ammar

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In September 2022, Daria (16) sits at a desk in the gymnasium of her school in Zhytomyr, Ukraine. Her school of eleven years was completely ruined by a missile strike. Daria's school is one of over 2,500 educational institutions in Ukraine reported to have been damaged or destroyed after the war escalated.
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Chairman's Report Paul Connolly

Facing an historic convergence of crises in 2022—from conflict and displacement to infectious disease outbreaks and soaring malnutrition rates, by the end of the year, UNICEF estimated that more children were in need of humanitarian assistance than at any other time since World War II

These grave and terrifying crises are pushing many children and their families to the brink and as a global community we must not look away. Whether caused by senseless wars or uncontrolled climate change, the numbers are stark and require immediate attention and action.

In 2022, in part due to the devastating escalation of the Ukraine war, over 400 million children lived in areas under conflict. 400 million children. A population bigger than the whole United States'. 400 million childhoods scarred with trauma and fear. 400 million eyewitnesses to the worst of humanity. Ireland has a moral and legal obligation to provide a safe haven for child refugees seeking sanctuary within its borders. As a nation that values human rights and dignity, it is important for Ireland to maintain a positive rights-based conversation in welcoming these vulnerable children. This means recognising their inherent right to safety, shelter, education, healthcare, and other basic needs, and providing them with the necessary support to ensure that they can thrive and integrate into Irish society. By doing so, we can uphold the values of kindness and generosity that are so important to Irish culture, while also building a more inclusive and compassionate society for all.

More intangible than conflict, but increasingly as perilous, climate change further threatens to deepen global inequalities. As each day passes without sufficient action, unrestrained warming drives new waves of displacement, unrest, and disease. Astonishingly, an estimated one billion children – or nearly half the world's children – live in countries at risk of extreme vulnerability to the impacts of climate change. Impacts may be even worse than the devastating floods we saw in Pakistan this year, or the droughts that destroyed huge swathes of farmland in Africa - putting millions of children at risk of starvation.

Despite the scale of the global challenges, at UNICEF we will not lose hope. With more than 75 years of experience and powered by the passion of 15,000 staff across the world, our teams know how to reach children at greatest risk and in most need. As we witnessed during the pandemic, where UNICEF teams delivered over one billion COVID-19 vaccines,

the greater the challenge the greater our response. That is why, UNICEF aims to reach a remarkable 110 million children with humanitarian assistance in 2023.

This work would be impossible without the support of our donors in Ireland. Every donation, from the smallest to the largest, means we can be there for more children. And during this period of global uncertainty and long-term challenges, we are also extremely grateful for the ongoing support of our corporate partners, including long-term partners Aer Lingus and Primark. Their yearly commitment to the world's children speaks volumes for the values of our partnerships, and we are delighted to see what our mission means to everyone in their businesses - from staff to customers.

2022 also saw UNICEF Ireland receive an exceptional level of support from the wider corporate community, in particular for our Ukraine emergency response. We are very proud to be working with so many businesses that demonstrate inspiring solidarity with children across the world, along with a clear determination to reach the highest ESG standards. It was with great pleasure that we welcomed back these business leaders in person to our Corporate Christmas Lunch in December.

Finally, as UNICEF Ireland gears up for future challenges, I would like to thank my colleagues on the Board of Directors for their time, expertise, and dedication to UNICEF's work. I would also like to thank our Executive Director, Peter Power, and his team for their outstanding work in 2022. Their energy and commitment to respond to worsening crises saw the organisation raise an incredible €33 million for children for the first time in our history. Another crucial step forward in our mission to realise the rights of every child - whatever their background and wherever they live.

Paul Connolly, Chairman

2022 At a glance

Due to the devastating impact of conflict, climate change, and political and economic instability, millions of the world's most vulnerable children have experienced 2022 as a year of crisis.



Across the world, **37 million children** are displaced from their homes – the highest number ever recorded.



Globally, more than 400 million children – **nearly 1 in 5 – live in conflict zones** that are becoming more intense and taking heavier toll on civilians.

An estimated 1 billion children – **nearly half of the world's children** – live in countries that are at an 'extremely high risk' from the impacts of climate change.



UNICEF's response

In 2022, UNICEF responded to **442 humanitarian crises in 128 countries** – protecting children, keeping them learning, and supporting their health and nutrition.

*Reached a record 356.3 million children under 5 with programmes to **prevent stunting and other forms of malnutrition.***

Behind all these efforts were **UNICEF's 15,000 dedicated staff members** around the world working for every child.

These are some of the key UNICEF results from 2022.

WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE

26 million people accessed a sufficient quantity of **safe water** for drinking, cooking, and personal hygiene



NUTRITION

7.3 million children under five with severe acute malnutrition and wasting **admitted for treatment**



CHILD PROTECTION

25.2 million children and caregivers **accessed mental health** and psychosocial support



HEALTH

77.9 million children vaccinated against measles



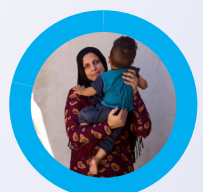
EDUCATION

37.9 million out-of-school children and adolescents (49 per cent girls) **accessed education**



CASH BASED TRANSFER

129 million children reached with humanitarian cash transfer through supported government systems





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Executive Director's Report Peter Power

2022 saw UNICEF respond to one of the biggest humanitarian crises in its 75-year history. While UNICEF has had strong operations in Ukraine for over 25 years, 2022 saw a massive acceleration of our humanitarian presence on the ground in Ukraine and along five European border countries. The Irish public and corporate community responded with its greatest ever support for UNICEF Ireland.

Ukraine's daily updates remind us of the horrors of war. The tragic loss of life. Millions forced from their homes. Unrelenting attacks on civilian areas and infrastructure. Children hiding in underground shelters. The destruction of schools. The fears of sinister child exploitation. And the harrowing tales of children losing their loved ones. The tragedy witnessed in Ukraine again underscores why we strive to end conflict, defend children's rights, and ensure humanitarian access for all children in conflict zones. UNICEF uses its unique mandate across the world to reach these children.

The events in Ukraine have reverberated across the world. In October, our Ambassador Donncha O'Callaghan and I travelled to Somalia with the Irish Independent. Somalia is one of the countries worst affected by the global food crisis, as well as climate-induced droughts. It was utterly devastating to witness such suffering. Amid near-famine conditions, we looked eyes with children on the brink of starvation and spoke to distraught parents about unimaginable loss. Somali children are accustomed to living in one of the most fragile and hostile environments on earth, but now distant global events brought deadly local ramifications.

Every child has a right to safety and protection. Yet, in 2022 the number of countries experiencing conflict was at a 30-year high. From Ukraine to Yemen, conflict denied children basic necessities, stole their education, traumatised them, and impoverished their families. Conflict drives 80 per cent of all humanitarian needs. Yet tragically, where conflict rages, humanitarian access is often most restricted for humanitarian agencies like UNICEF. 2022 saw many grim global milestones; nearly 37 million children displaced due to conflict (a number not seen for 70 years); the number of people forced to flee their homes surpassing 100 million people; and in Ukraine, the fastest-growing refugee crisis in Europe since World War II.

Very few children in the world have suffered more than Afghanistan's young people. In early 2022, just months after the Taliban returned to power, I witnessed their enormous challenges first-hand. The fundamental rights of girls denied,

poverty skyrocketing and conflict trauma still raw. We visited hospitals which were operating thanks only to international donations and tiny education centres where young girls clung to every word. Everywhere, we met children at the mercy of Afghanistan's volatile political tides - yet they still beam with resilience and a desire for a positive future.

Despite the desperate conditions witnessed in both Afghanistan and Somalia, I was proud of the hope UNICEF delivers. Every day, we met UNICEF teams working tirelessly. Women and men committed to doing whatever necessary to support the world's most vulnerable children.

Across 190 countries, UNICEF is meeting the rising needs of children. Responding in times of emergency while working to sow deeper roots for a better future. Whether it is precious water, therapeutic food, or life-saving vaccines, we couldn't deliver at such scale without our donors' support. This includes Irish Aid who again showed their significant commitment to children's rights in 2022, particularly around tackling child malnutrition.

In Ireland, for World Children's Day, we were very grateful to Taoiseach Micheál Martin for welcoming youth advocate Donnacha to Government buildings to discuss the growing online risks facing children, as part of our #KidsTakeOver initiative.

Without doubt, the tumultuous events of 2022 made it a challenging year for us at UNICEF Ireland, however we were immensely grateful for the Irish public's support and solidarity - it is their compassion and humanity that keeps us going. I would also like to extend my appreciation to our Board of Directors, our Ambassadors, and especially our incredible staff, who worked so hard throughout the year, for their resolute determination to deliver for every child.

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.



Abishayan, a seventh-grade student in Nuwara Eliya, Sri Lanka, comes from a family of five. At the end of 2022, Sri Lanka continued to grapple with rising inflation, food insecurity and poverty amidst a major economic crisis. "In those days when I asked my parents to buy something like books or a schoolbag, they would immediately get it for me, but now they are unable to do as before," said Abishayan. © UNICEF/ UN0649737

Children in crisis

This map highlights some of the major crises affecting children and their families across the world.



Haiti

The country's most vulnerable people are feeling the combined impact of a recent peak of widespread violence, rising food insecurity, a resurgence of cholera, and a persistent political and socioeconomic crisis. At year end, a record-high of 4.7 million people faced acute hunger.



Ukraine and Ukraine refugee outflow countries

At the end of 2022, the war in Ukraine was having a devastating impact on the country's 7.5 million children. Children continue to be killed, wounded and deeply traumatised by escalating attacks, and at year end, it was estimated that over 17 million people, including 3 million children, required humanitarian support.

Outside the country, more than 7 million refugees from Ukraine were recorded across Europe, 90 per cent of them women and children. They require urgent protection, including specialised assistance for unaccompanied and separated children; psychosocial and gender-based violence support; prevention of trafficking, sexual exploitation and abuse; and access to critical health, education, WASH and social protection services.



Children on the move in Mexico and Central America

Around 3.3 million children in Mexico and Central America need humanitarian assistance due to violence, economic crisis, climate shocks and food insecurity. Without the means to access safe and regular migration pathways, many of the region's poorest and most disadvantaged families take dangerous informal routes – thereby increasing children's risk of abuse, exploitation and family separation.



Sahel crisis

The central Sahel is one of the most vulnerable regions in Africa. The combination of conflict, climate change, increasing political instability, lack of sustainable development opportunities and poverty has led to fast-growing needs in the region and now nearly 10 million children are in need of humanitarian assistance.



Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)

The DRC continues to witness some of the world's most complex, protracted and acute humanitarian crises. Persisting violence, recurrent disease outbreaks, inter-community tensions, acute malnutrition, chronic poverty and systemic weaknesses continued to affect children's lives and well-being in 2022.



Protracted conflicts in the Middle East (the Syrian Arab Republic, Syrian refugees in the sub-region and Yemen)

The Middle East region remains the epicentre of two of the world's most protracted and severe emergencies. Children are bearing the brunt of the 12-year-old conflict in the Syrian Arab Republic, with 90 per cent of people in Syria living in poverty and most unable to make ends meet or bring food to the table. Meanwhile in 2022, Yemen remained one of the world's worst humanitarian crises, with armed conflict, food insecurity, and malnutrition leaving almost 13 million children in need of humanitarian assistance.



Afghanistan

Ongoing political developments have greatly exacerbated the humanitarian situation in Afghanistan, particularly for girls and women. The volatile situation has heightened the underlying vulnerabilities in the country, where over 15 million children are in need of humanitarian assistance.



Myanmar

Myanmar has faced a nationwide political, security, human rights and humanitarian crisis since the February 2021 military takeover. Conflict and violence have escalated and the country now faces an estimated 5 million children in need of humanitarian assistance.



Horn of Africa drought crisis

At the end of 2022, the Horn of Africa was experiencing the most severe drought in recent history, following four consecutive failed rainy seasons in parts of Ethiopia, Kenya and Somalia. The crisis was having devastating consequences for women and children, and had heightened the risk of gender-based violence, sexual exploitation and abuse, and hindered children's access to education.



Pakistan

The humanitarian situation in Pakistan worsened in 2022 due to unprecedented flooding. Rainfall from June to August was equivalent to nearly 2.9 times the national thirty-year average, causing widespread flooding and landslides, impacting an already highly vulnerable population.

An estimated 20 million people, including over 9 million children, were in need of humanitarian assistance due to the floods.

UNICEF is different

A UNIQUE MISSION FOR EVERY CHILD

UNICEF is mandated by the United Nations General Assembly to advocate for the protection of children's rights, to help all children meet their basic needs, and to expand their opportunities to reach their full potential.

Ibrahim, a 10-year-old who has suffered from polio, used wooden planks to crawl until he received an artificial leg at the UNICEF-supported Etoug-Ebe Disability Center in Cameroon. He now dreams of becoming a doctor. © UNICEF/Dejongh



THERE WHEN CHILDREN NEED US MOST

As the world's largest children's organisation, with offices in over 190 countries and territories, UNICEF's teams work in some of the world's toughest places to reach the children and young people who are most at risk and most in need. Before, during and after humanitarian emergencies, UNICEF is on the ground, bringing life-saving help and hope to children and families.

At a Blue Dot hub on the border of Ukraine and Romania, 5-year-old Emma plays with a UNICEF staff member. UNICEF and partners set up these hubs across the region to support refugee children and families. © UNICEF/Holgera



BRINGING CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION TO EVERY CHILD

Growing up in a clean and safe environment is every child's right. Yet every day, over 800 children die from preventable diseases caused by poor water, and a lack of sanitation and hygiene. That is why UNICEF's water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) teams work in over 100 countries worldwide. Providing access to clean water, basic toilets, and good hygiene practices, not only keeps children thriving, but also gives them a healthier start in life.

Makono Coulibaly, 13, from a family displaced by armed attacks in Mali, washes his hands before attending class. UNICEF supports education for vulnerable children through various means, including solar radios and community learning centers. © UNICEF/Keita





20,820

EARLY CHILDHOOD
DEVELOPMENT KITS

18,781

RECREATION KITS

13,787

WASH AND
DIGNITY KITS

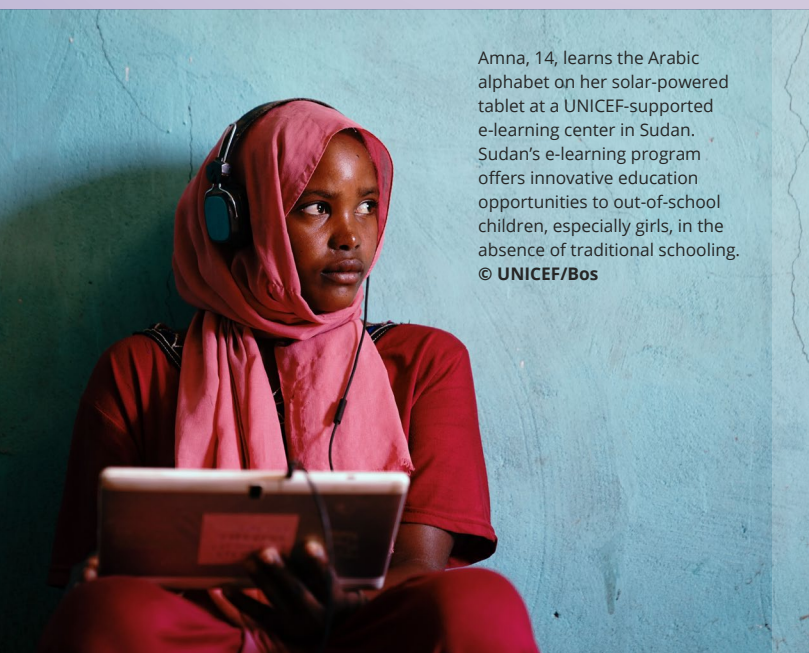
4,211

COUNTRY-SPECIFIC
CLASSROOM KITS

SUPPLYING AT SCALE

Our global supply chain and local presence mean we can get help to where it is needed fast – we can ship life-saving supplies almost anywhere in the world within 72 hours from our six global supply hubs.

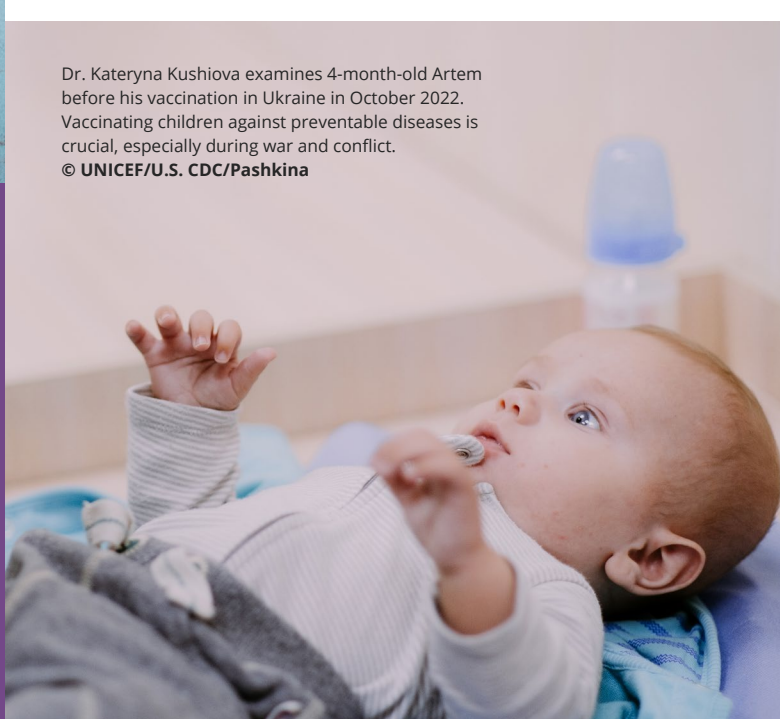
In 2022, the UNICEF supply and logistics function procured \$7.4 billion worth of goods and services for children, families and individuals in 140 countries.



Amna, 14, learns the Arabic alphabet on her solar-powered tablet at a UNICEF-supported e-learning center in Sudan. Sudan's e-learning program offers innovative education opportunities to out-of-school children, especially girls, in the absence of traditional schooling.
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PROTECTING CHILDREN'S HEALTH

UNICEF's wide range of health programmes aim to end preventable maternal, newborn and child deaths, and promote the health and development of all children. Immunisation alone saves two to three million lives each year. Yet, conflict, displacement, and poverty keep some of the most vulnerable children from getting the vaccines that can protect them from preventable diseases. That is why UNICEF helps reach nearly half the world's children under five with life-saving vaccines every year.



Dr. Kateryna Kushiova examines 4-month-old Artem before his vaccination in Ukraine in October 2022. Vaccinating children against preventable diseases is crucial, especially during war and conflict.
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FINDING NEW SOLUTIONS

Innovation is at the heart of UNICEF's ability to achieve results for children and young people. Our global innovation centre helps scale up proven solutions, while a dedicated innovation fund provides financial resources to promising early-stage projects.

Our goals are big and bold, including connecting internet to every school (and every young person to information), scaling up remote learning platforms and using big data to inform our response to disasters, epidemics and more.

Ukraine

Eight-year-old Karina fled her village in the Luhansk region of western Ukraine in March 2022. She told UNICEF photographers it was impossible to sleep at night because of the loud shooting and rocket attacks. © UNICEF/Hrom

Karabenkova and her children, fled the conflict in Ukraine and arrived in Poland on March 6, 2022. With hundreds of thousands displaced, UNICEF teams in Ukraine and neighbouring countries committed to providing urgent support and worked around the clock to scale-up operations in the hardest-hit areas. © UNICEF/Stannmeyer/VII Photo

The war in Ukraine has had a devastating impact on children.

In 2022, over **3 million** children in Ukraine needed humanitarian assistance.



Almost two out of every three children were **displaced by fighting**.

Once the war escalated in February 2022, the humanitarian needs started multiplying by the hour. Children were killed, wounded and deeply traumatised by the violence all around them. Families were left terrified, in shock, and desperate for safety.

COUNTRY PROFILE | UKRAINE

The escalation of the war in Ukraine threatened every one of Ukraine's 7.5 million children

In 2022, war wrought devastating consequences on children in Ukraine. At year end, three million children inside Ukraine, and over two million children in refugee-hosting countries, were in need of humanitarian assistance.

At the same time, the war and mass displacement devastated livelihoods and economic opportunities, leaving many families without sufficient income to meet basic needs and unable to provide adequate support for their children.

Schools, hospitals, and other civilian infrastructure, on which children depend, were damaged or destroyed. And attacks on vital infrastructure restricted access to basic necessities like electricity, heating, water, sanitation, and telecommunications for children and their communities.

While children and families in Ukraine showed remarkable resilience, every day saw more children experiencing anxiety and grief. Many lost loved ones. Some were separated from their families. Others were forced from their homes. But whatever their circumstances, for every child the war has brought needless terror and fear. At year end, an estimated 1.5 million children were at risk of depression, anxiety, post-traumatic stress disorder and other mental conditions.

Children and families fleeing violence also faced significant risks of separation, violence, abuse, sexual exploitation, and trafficking.

Children from across Ukraine needed safety, stability, protection and psychosocial care, and UNICEF worked on the ground to reach vulnerable children and families, with essential services including health, education, protection, water, and sanitation.

KEY FACTS

Over **1,000** children killed or injured

5.9 million people internally displaced

3.3 million children in need of humanitarian assistance

17.7 million people in need



A boy sits in the shelter of the kindergarten in Slavutych, Ukraine, in December 2022. UNICEF and partners built a bomb shelter in the kindergarten for children's safety during air alarms. Serving 112 children, the shelter was equipped in just over a month. © UNICEF/Vashkiv



A mother and child say goodbye to a loved one at Lviv's train station as the number of families fleeing Ukraine grew in March 2022. UNICEF teams worked to provide immediate support to refugees as they sought safety in neighbouring countries. © UNICEF/UN0619502/Diffidenti

Once the war escalated in February 2022, the children of Ukraine endured needless violence, trauma, loss, destruction, and displacement. These are just some of their heartbreaking stories.



Pictured recovering at the Lviv hospital with her family in May 2022, 11-year-old Yana's family was one of many caught up in the tragedy at the Kramatorsk railway station in April 2022, when a missile hit and injured hundreds who were fleeing fighting.

Yana lost two legs in the missile attack.

Her mother Nataliya, who had taken Yana to the platform to get a cup of tea, and left her son to mind their luggage, said she would never forgive herself. "I heard weird sounds, as if something was whistling and flying. And then the lights faded. I tried to lift my legs and I couldn't - I didn't see where they were," Yana recalled.

Since the start of the war, more than 1,500,000 children and adults had access to medical service in UNICEF-supported hospitals.



Leona sits with her mother at a UNICEF-supported Blue Dot hub in Sighetu Marmatiei, Romania.

"It's like in the movies, but this is not a movie," Leona's mother says. "This is reality. This is our lives."

At Blue Dots hubs families can receive essential services delivered by UNICEF and other agencies, including information and advice for families on the move about the support and services available to them as refugees (including from host countries), humanitarian agencies, civil society organisations and others.



In early winter 2022, children seek shelter in a UNICEF-supported safe space deep underground in a metro station in Kharkiv.

Nearly two thirds of Ukraine's children were displaced by the war and as attacks targeted civilian populations, including their homes, schools and hospitals, life for many children moved underground.

UNICEF helped to establish hubs to provide safe spaces for children to play, learn and receive emotional support, as life underground, and the trauma of the war above, can have serious effects on children's mental health.




The escalation of war in Ukraine started at 5 a.m. on 24 February 2022, however for children like twelve-year-old Danylo, living in the Luhansk region, the war has been a part of their lives since 2014.

Danylo says, "We have a war, buildings are being destroyed, shells are falling, people are dying of fear, everyone is sitting in basements."

When asked if he had a message for the world about the war in Ukraine, he replied, "Please do not be afraid – be brave, wise, and happy. Peace is in our hands."

UNICEF'S RESPONSE | UKRAINE

Supporting Ukraine's children



In August 2022, 6-year-old Mykyta (left) has fun with his mother, Kateryna, in their apartment in Kraków, Poland. The family had to flee their home in the Kyiv region of Ukraine in March after the escalation of the war. Mykyta attends a UNICEF-supported school in Poland that follows the Ukrainian curriculum.

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UNICEF was in Ukraine before the war escalated, and in its wake UNICEF teams have stayed and delivered for children.

UNICEF and its partners are on the ground in Ukraine and neighbouring countries, working to provide children and their families with humanitarian assistance, including child protection, water and sanitation, health, nutrition and education services.

The scale of the numbers is stark. In Ukraine, thanks to UNICEF's support in 2022, almost five million children and women were able to access primary health care. Over four million people living in areas where networks were damaged or destroyed were given access to safe water. Over 2,900,000 children and caregivers were provided with mental health and psychosocial support. Nearly one and half million children were engaged in UNICEF-supported formal or non-formal education and over 300,000 vulnerable families were registered for a UNICEF-funded humanitarian cash assistance programme.

In countries hosting refugees forced to flee Ukraine, UNICEF supports national, municipal and local systems that deliver essential services and protection, particularly for the most vulnerable children. This includes anti-trafficking training

for border guards; expanding learning opportunities and integrating refugee children into schools; procuring vaccines and medical supplies; and establishing play and learning hubs that provide young children with a much-needed sense of normalcy and respite.

In those neighbouring countries, a life-saving band of twenty-five UNICEF-supported Blue Dot hubs were established along major transit routes in Moldova, Romania, Poland, Italy, Bulgaria and Slovakia and act as one-stop safe havens that provide support and services for families and children on the move.



At a UNICEF Blue Dot hub near the Moldova-Ukraine border, a child psychologist talks with Igor who fled Odessa with his family. Igor's mother says her husband brought them to the border but had to return home. The children miss him "a lot already," she says. "I worry for him all the time." © UNICEF/Modola

IMPACT STORY

Horn of Africa Hunger Crisis



A mother carries her malnourished child to a UNICEF-supported stabilisation centre in Dollow, Somalia, in October 2022. © UNICEF/Condren



Nearly
2 million
children required
urgent treatment
for severe acute
malnutrition



More than
20 million
children faced threat
of severe hunger,
thirst and disease



More than
2 million
people were
displaced internally
because of drought



Nearly
24 million
people were
confronting dire
water shortages



A young girl sits outside her family's small tent in a camp for internally displaced people on the outskirts of Mogadishu, Somalia in October 2022. Many of the families travelled up to 100 kilometres to access humanitarian support after devastating droughts destroyed their livelihoods. © UNICEF/Condren

IMPACT STORY | HORN OF AFRICA HUNGER CRISIS

In 2022, children in the Horn of Africa were victims of one of the worst climate-induced water and drought emergencies of the past 40 years. Five consecutive poor rainy seasons unleashed hunger, thirst, displacement, and death on already vulnerable communities across Somalia, Ethiopia, Kenya, Eritrea, and Djibouti.

As the longest drought in the Horn of Africa's recorded history, its consequences and scale pushed children and families to the brink. Without water, crops cannot grow, and animals and livestock die. The resulting loss of nutritious food, coupled with poor access to safe water and sanitation, exposed children to a high risk of malnutrition. By late December 2022, the number of children in the Horn of Africa region suffering from severe acute malnutrition – the deadliest form of malnutrition – soared and around 20 million children across Somalia, Ethiopia and Kenya were facing the threat of severe hunger, thirst, and disease.

To survive, communities across the Horn of Africa were forced to take extreme measures, with children and families driven from their homes out of desperation in search of water, food, pasture, and treatment for sick children.

The climate-induced hunger crisis was already exacerbating existing complex humanitarian needs, before the impact of the war in Ukraine put families under extra strain, with the prices of staple goods like cooking oil, bread and wheat flour reaching new records in local markets.

Across the region, UNICEF is providing essential life-saving aid to children and their families in dire need. In 2022, UNICEF reached nearly two million children and women with health care services, vaccinated almost two million children between the ages of 6 months and 15 years against measles, and provided safe water for more than 2.5 million people for drinking, cooking, and personal hygiene.



A UNICEF mobile health and nutrition team provides treatment to internally displaced people (IDPs) at the Waafi camp in Mogadishu, Somalia in June 2022 ©UNICEF/Sewunet



A small child receives ready-to-use therapeutic food (RUTF) as a treatment for severe acute malnutrition at a UNICEF-supported centre in Dollow, Somalia, in October 2022. Globally, 1 in 5 deaths among children under age 5 are attributed to severe wasting, making it one of the top threats to child survival. © UNICEF/Condren

IMPACT STORY

Horn of Africa Hunger Crisis

Aisha

1-year-old Aisha is held by a doctor while being treated for severe acute malnutrition at a UNICEF-supported stabilization centre in Somalia. Aisha's mother, Isniino, brought her to the centre in critical condition 3-4 hours before this photo was taken. © UNICEF/Ekpu VII



Three days after receiving treatment for severe acute malnutrition in October 2022, Aisha (1) is being supported by her mum and faring much better. © UNICEF/Ekpu VII

It is three days since one-year-old girl Aisha was brought to a UNICEF-supported stabilisation centre in Somalia, by her mother Isniino, in October 2022. Brightness has slowly returned to Aisha's eyes, but Isniino knows how close she came to losing her little girl.

When she arrived at the centre, it looked like Aisha was just dozing off in her mother's arms. However, to Dr. Isse Hassan, Aisha's droopy eyelids were a warning – a sign that the tiny malnourished 1-year-old was drifting in and out of consciousness.

Aisha was in distress and in critical condition. She was immediately treated by Dr Hassan and his team, receiving oxygen, glucose liquid through her nose, and antibiotics administered through a drip. "The first 24 hours are critical," Dr. Hassan said. "After the first 24 hours, we have hope."

72 hours on from her life-saving treatment, Aisha is faring much better. The tube in her nose is gone and the therapeutic milk formula is doing its job. She still has an underlying infection, but Dr. Hassan says the signs are positive and that Aisha is well on her way to recovery. Looking into her eyes, Isniino can clearly see the difference the treatment has made. "Before, I was fearing for the sake of my baby," she says. "But now, I am so happy that my baby is better."

Isniino is a divorced single mother who struggles to support

her three children, the oldest of which is 7. The family lives in the community of internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Garowe, Somalia. At home, meals include rice, maize, and sometimes spaghetti. But it is not enough. "I don't work, so the little ration I get is what I cook for the family," Isniino says. Speaking of Aisha, and her hopes for her full recovery, she says, "She is playful when she is feeling good."

In 2022, across Somalia and the Horn of Africa, severe drought exacerbated the risk of starvation for millions of children, including Aisha. However, if received in time, treatments like Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF), can help 90% of children to recover. UNICEF continues to scale up these types of simple, affordable, and life-saving treatments for children affected by the hunger crisis across the region.



1-year-old Aisha, suffering from severe acute malnutrition, is greeted by Dr. Isse Hassan at a stabilization centre in Somalia in October 2022. Supported by UNICEF, the centre provides treatment to children under 5. Aisha's mother, Isniino, brought her in 3 days previously, but now after receiving immediate treatment, Aisha is showing signs of improvement. © UNICEF/Ekpu VII



UNICEF Ireland Ambassador Donncha O'Callaghan and UNICEF Ireland Executive Director Peter Power meet children recovering from malnutrition at a UNICEF-supported hospital in Mogadishu, Somalia, in October 2022. © UNICEF / Condren

Donncha's Diaries

As a proud UNICEF Ireland Ambassador, I travelled to Somalia in October 2022 to see how donations from UNICEF Ireland donors are helping to save children's lives in the worst drought to hit the Horn of Africa in 40 years. I visited camps for displaced people and stabilisation centres for child at risk of starvation, and saw UNICEF's specialist teams in action, providing water, health care and emergency food to thousands of children. What follows are my notes from my trip.

Donncha O'Callaghan, UNICEF Ireland Ambassador



UNICEF Ireland Ambassador Donncha O'Callaghan looks on as medical teams assess children for malnutrition at a UNICEF-supported hospital on day one of his visit to Somalia, in October 2022. © UNICEF/Condren

Day 1: Mogadishu, Somalia

On the first day, we visited a hospital in the Somali capital of Mogadishu. We met young children suffering from malnutrition. It was heart-breaking. UNICEF staff told us they were seeing increasing needs day in, day out. The drought had been unrelenting, and a wave of people fled the countryside for the city. Many of these people had lost everything: their crops, their livestock, their homes, and in some cases, most tragically of all, their loved ones.

Day 2: Dollow, Somalia

On day two, we took a tiny UN flight across the country to a remote town called Dollow, where a lot of the displaced people were moving to. I've been on several field visits with UNICEF, and I've never seen anything like these camps. The sheer number of children left staring into the abyss because of the drought was terrifying. It was not just one case. It was hundreds. Thousands. Thankfully, UNICEF staff were on the ground supporting them, but they really were in desperate need of urgent supplies and care.



A young girl stands near her home in a camp for internally displaced people in Dollow, Somalia, in October 2022. © UNICEF/Condren



UNICEF Ireland Ambassador Donncha O'Callaghan speaks to a mother who has brought her children to a UNICEF-supported Stabilisation Centre for treatment for malnutrition in Dollow, Somalia, in October 2022. © UNICEF /Condren

Day 3: Stabilisation Centre, Dollow

Day three saw us visit a UNICEF-supported stabilisation centre for children in need of urgent medical attention. A lot of the mums we met were bringing their children in for malnutrition treatment. The look in the eyes of the kids left me speechless. When you see a child suffering from hunger so close up, it really shakes you to the core. Many mums were under-nourished themselves. It was a terrifying snapshot of what the drought is doing, however, I was proud of UNICEF's work to save the lives of these children living in one of the most fragile environments on earth.



Nafasgul (9) reads books with her friends in a UNICEF-supported child-friendly space in Paktika province, Afghanistan. The children lost homes and family members in the 2022 earthquake that devastated the area. Many have trauma to process, and the space provides social workers and counsellors to help them. © UNICEF/Bidel

COUNTRY PROFILE | AFGHANISTAN

In 2022, Afghanistan remained one of the world's worst humanitarian crises. Already strained by decades of conflict and natural disasters, following the Taliban takeover in 2021, the situation worsened across 2022 due to rapid economic decline, heightened food insecurity, a near-collapse of the national public health system, natural disasters, and almost-total exclusion of women and girls – almost half the population – from public life.

A ban on girls' access to secondary education in March 2022 saw over one million girls affected, and throughout 2022, violations of women's and girls' fundamental rights sharply increased – from denying educational rights to barring women from walking in parks, and banning women NGO workers.

By the end of 2022, there were an estimated 15 million children in need of humanitarian assistance. On average, 90 per cent of household income is spent on food and nearly one million children were projected to suffer from Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) in the coming 12-months.

Despite bureaucratic impediments, threats, and intimidation of humanitarian workers, UNICEF teams continued to deliver for children across the country, prioritising life-saving programmes.



Ten-year-old Ezatullah sits near a fire to keep himself warm at a camp for displaced families in Herat province, Afghanistan, in January 2022. As part of UNICEF's emergency response to keep children, mothers, and families protected during the harsh winter months, specialist teams distribute winterization kits to vulnerable families across Afghanistan. © UNICEF/Bidel



Meher (16) was a student at a high school in Kabul, Afghanistan, on 23 March 2022, when the Taliban announced that schools would not reopen for girls in grades 7-12. "Schools were closed before because of COVID-19, but that did not hurt as much as it hurts now that we are not allowed to study while the boys our age and grade are. This is not fair," she says. © UNICEF/Haya Burhan

IN 2022, WITH UNICEF SUPPORT:

More than

18 million

people accessed primary healthcare



More than

660,000 children

under five received life-saving treatment for severe wasting

More than

556,000 children

(55 per cent girls)

accessed education through community-based education classes



Over

9 million

people received child protection services

IMPACT STORY | GULABA

Gulaba was sleeping peacefully, curled up with her 10-year-old sister, Mah Gul, when the 5.9 magnitude earthquake struck her village.

For five hours, Gulaba (7) and her family were trapped under rubble. "When I was under the house, I felt for my sister's hand beside me. Her hands were cold, but I kept calling to her softly: 'What happened to you, Mah Gul?' And she did not answer."

After five hours, neighbours managed to pull the family out. "I was pulled out from under the rafters, and I saw a white blanket thrown over my sister. I was scared and shaking, and my father hugged me."

Gulaba's big, warm family of 12 had become 11. Her older sister, 10-year-old Mah Gul, tragically died in the collapse.

Now Gulaba and her family live under a tent. Their home and possessions are gone. After the earthquake, Gulaba developed a high fever. The only available healthcare in her district is through mobile clinics, which UNICEF supports with medical supplies, tents, and trained professionals.

Gulaba's traumatic memories are clear as she struggles to express her fears. "I cannot sleep at night. I am afraid another earthquake will come, and we will die. I miss my sister," she says softly.

To support children like Gulaba, UNICEF supports child-friendly spaces across the affected area where children can play with friends and work with counsellors to cope with their trauma.



Gulaba stands outside the tent where her family are taking shelter after the earthquake destroyed her home in June 2022. © UNICEF/Bidel



Gulaba wraps herself in a scarf as she sits with her family in the tent she now calls home. © UNICEF/Bidel



Gulaba crouches beside her nine remaining siblings and her father. © UNICEF/Bidel

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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In April 2022, UNICEF's Regional Director for Eastern and Southern Africa Mohamed Fall meets with children displaced from their homes in Ethiopia. Overall, nearly 9 million people are estimated to be affected by drought across the Somali Region, including over 3.5 million children. © UNICEF/Sewunet



Child Rights Schools



The Convention on the rights of the Child (CRC) sets out the rights that all children are entitled to. Schools have a special role to play in ensuring children throughout Ireland enjoy their rights. UNICEF Ireland's Child Rights Schools (CRS) programme supports the whole school community to create a school culture based on respect for child rights. In a CRS, children and adults learn about the CRC, children participate in decisions that affect them, and children enjoy their rights. In Ireland, 24 schools across nine counties, participated in the programme last year. 851 staff and 8,365 children also benefitted from the child rights training and resources provided through the CRS initiative.

In September, two Cork schools were awarded Gold status, the first two schools in the country to receive this award. St Vincent's Secondary School and Our Lady of Lourdes National School started their Child Rights Schools journey in 2018 and have been working hard to create a rights respecting environment for everyone in their schools.

In July and August 2022, UNICEF Ireland ran a summer course for primary school teachers and principals, entitled 'Embedding Child Rights in Your Teaching and Learning'. Two hundred and fifty participants completed the online 20-hour course that was approved by the Department of Education. The educators examined the CRC and learned how to create a rights respecting classroom environment. They also explored strategies for facilitating child participation and active citizenship in their school.

In early November 2022, UNICEF Ireland brought four primary school teachers on a study visit to Iceland. The trip was a learning opportunity for the teachers to observe and study the CRS initiative in Iceland. The group visited schools, afterschool clubs, and the Ministry of Education to understand how the Icelandic education system applies a child rights approach.



The Climate Crisis is a child rights crisis

In September 2022, sixteen-month-old Hera stands next to his mother and aunt as they wash clothes in flood waters near their village in Sindh Province, Pakistan. In 2022, unprecedented floods ravaged Pakistan and left an estimated 20.6 million people, including 9.6 million children, in need of humanitarian assistance. © UNICEF/Zaidi



Children's rights and climate justice are inextricably linked, as the impacts of climate change disproportionately affect children and future generations. The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child recognises the right of every child to a safe and healthy environment, and climate change undermines this fundamental right. Climate change can lead to displacement, food and water insecurity, and health impacts such as respiratory illnesses, which can have lifelong effects on children. Moreover, children, particularly those in developing countries, are often the most vulnerable to these impacts, which can exacerbate existing inequalities. Therefore, addressing climate change is not only an environmental imperative but also a moral obligation to protect the rights and well-being of children and future generations.

UNICEF put significant focus on this issue in 2022 with the publication of Report Card 17 -Places and Spaces. The report compares the provision of healthy environments for children across 39 countries in the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and European Union (EU). The report considers various indicators such as exposure to harmful pollutants, access to light, green spaces, and safe roads, as well as countries' contributions to the climate crisis, consumption of resources, and dumping of e-waste.

Although Ireland ranked second among nations in providing

a healthy environment for children within its national boundaries, the report raised concerns about specific issues affecting children in Ireland. For example, over a tenth of Irish children live in a damp or mouldy dwelling, which can cause respiratory infections, asthma, and bronchitis. Additionally,

more than one in seven Irish children in poor households live in homes that are too dark, which can impact their mood, sleep, and immune systems. The report also highlighted that 2% of children in Ireland are being poisoned by lead, a dangerous environmental toxin responsible for more deaths than malaria, war and terrorism, or natural disasters. Furthermore, one in six households with children in Ireland has difficulty heating their home, which rises to one in five households for those in poverty.

UNICEF Ireland further highlighted this issue in 2022, by supporting a group of young people to conduct research on the impact the climate crisis was having on children in Ireland. They surveyed hundreds of Irish young people and wrote a thematic children's report to the Committee on the Rights of the Child as part of Ireland's state review process.

UNICEF Ireland Youth Advocate Beth Doherty represented the group and delivered the report in person to the Committee at the United Nations Headquarters in Geneva.



UNICEF Ireland Youth Advocate Beth Doherty represented the group and delivered the children's report on how the climate crisis is impacting child rights in Ireland to the Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC) at the United Nations Headquarters in Geneva in September 2022. © UNICEF

World Children's Day #KidsTakeOver

16-year-old Donnacha, winner of the 2022 UNICEF Ireland #KidsTakeover, pictured meeting Taoiseach Micheál Martin in government buildings on 23 November 2022. © Government Information Service



The Taoiseach's office hosted the sixth consecutive #TaoiseachTakeover which is a collaboration between UNICEF Ireland and the Department of the Taoiseach as part of UNICEF's #KidsTakeOver campaign for World Children's Day.



Coming a few days after UNICEF's World Children's Day on November 20 2022, UNICEF Ireland youth advocate Donnacha met Taoiseach Micheál Martin to highlight the growing online risks facing children. © Government Information Service

Donnacha (16) was designated as this year's Youth Advocate. He highlighted the importance of safeguarding children's rights in the digital sphere. His advocacy was particularly relevant to the Online Safety and Media Regulation Bill, which was being discussed in the Oireachtas at that time.

During the meeting, Donnacha emphasised the crucial role of the Internet in our lives, from our livelihoods to our social interactions and emotional well-being. However, he also highlighted the risks that children face online, such as abuse, exploitation, and manipulation. He called for the protection of children's rights in the digital world and urged

the Irish government to take responsibility for ensuring that technology companies operating in Ireland adhere to the highest standards in safeguarding children. Specifically, he requested that the government put in place systems to hold perpetrators accountable, conduct research to understand the impact on children, and allocate resources to enforce laws and regulations. As Ireland hosts many of the world's largest tech and social media companies, Donnacha argued that Ireland has the opportunity to lead in the protection of children's rights online.



A girl engages with child rights educational material in May 2022 at her school in North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany. A student parliament was introduced at the school in 2018 and children have set themselves the goal of making children's rights more known and respected. © UNICEF/Bänsch

EU Project

UNICEF Ireland leads EU-funded project on child rights and child participation

All children have the right to express their views on matters that affect them, and adults should listen and take children's views seriously.

Since March 2021, UNICEF Ireland has been teaming up with six other UNICEF National Committees in Europe – Austria, France, Germany, Iceland, Portugal and The Netherlands – to strengthen their Child Rights Education work through funding from the European Union Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme 2014-2020.

This two-year project, titled 'Children as Champions of Change: Ensuring Children's Rights and Meaningful Participation', has been led and coordinated by UNICEF Ireland.

The project has supported schools and local authorities to engage and include children in decision making processes and establish and reinforce mechanisms of child participation. The awareness of children's rights was raised through Child Rights Education by engaging and collaborating with key stakeholders including schools, youth centres, after school programmes, local government (municipalities), central government (relevant government ministries), private organisations, higher education institutions, teacher training centres and the children themselves.

The participating National Committees significantly advanced their Child Rights Education and child participation work nationally through implementation of high-quality activities and materials working with both children as right holders and adults as duty bearers. While the rights-based approaches at the heart of the project contributed to social inclusion,



solidarity, interconnectedness and future engagement with rights-related issues, and concrete positive actions in the partner countries and beyond.

In Ireland, the project has been transformative for UNICEF Ireland's Child Rights Education work as we have been able to: advance and improve our activities via the Child Rights Schools initiative, deliver a child rights awareness raising campaign, provide capacity building for educators and children, and disseminate child rights creative materials. At the same time, the project stimulates valuable exchanges of experiences, good practices and lessons learned across the seven countries.



Funded by the European Union's Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme (2014 - 2020)



Individual Giving

A girl enjoys lunch with friends at a UNICEF-supported Primary School in Dollow, Somalia. Drought has forced students from their homes, and they now live in a nearby camp for displaced people. They are provided clean water and healthy meals at the school and are free to take any leftover food back to their families. © UNICEF/Sewunet

In 2022, children's lives were drastically altered and devastated by a series of crises that shook the world. Our supporters demonstrated their commitment to provide life-saving assistance to children battling conflict, hunger, and displacement. UNICEF's work is funded entirely by voluntary contributions. It is thanks to generous donors, like the people of Ireland, that UNICEF can work to be there for every child in need.

Individual Giving - Ukraine Emergency

Zoya (5) smiles as she holds stuffed toys in a UNICEF-supported Blue Dot centre at a border crossing in northern Romania. Zoya arrived with her mother Diana, and younger brother David (3), after the family fled the war in Ukraine in March 2022. © UNICEF/Holerga



In conflict and disaster, children suffer first and suffer most. During emergencies children are especially vulnerable to disease, malnutrition, and violence. They are also often left traumatised, lose their access to education, and are deprived of their chance to simply be a child.

When the war in Ukraine began, UNICEF was able to provide immediate assistance to affected children and their families. We were able to quickly set up safe havens for children and their families who had nowhere else to go.

UNICEF Ireland's emergency appeal was supported by 37,000 people across every county in Ireland, who together donated €7m to help children in Ukraine.

This money was used to provide children and their families with clean water, vaccinations, medical care, education, learning materials, play and art therapy, and a safe space to play.

Thanks to our very generous supporters, UNICEF was able to set up centres that offer a safe, friendly and nurturing space where children can go to learn, play, and make friends.

UNICEF-supported Blue Dot centres in countries bordering Ukraine, and Spilno centres inside Ukraine, provide displaced children the opportunity to escape the war that has engulfed their lives. They also allow them to access vital services like emotional and psychological support to help them deal with their trauma and attend classes where they can learn and continue their education.

We are so very grateful to the Irish public for giving so generously to support children in Ukraine. Without the generosity of our incredible donors, UNICEF would not be able to provide life-saving assistance to children living their worst nightmare. Thank you for being there with us, for every child.

Monthly Donations

Essential in emergencies

The monthly donations that our generous supporters give are the backbone of the life-saving assistance UNICEF provides to children around the world.

By the end of 2022, more than 21,000 people in Ireland had committed to giving a monthly gift to UNICEF Ireland.

Monthly donations are essential to our emergency response work. They ensure we have emergency supplies ready to go and funds available to respond immediately to a crisis. At the start of the Ukraine emergency, it was the monthly donations we receive that enabled us to provide life-saving support to children immediately.

Transforming lives

Monthly donations are not just used to provide humanitarian assistance during emergencies. They also transform children's lives and provide hope and safety. Giving a monthly gift is one of the best ways people can support UNICEF. Not only do they provide a regular source of income that we can depend on, but they provide the most flexibility. This means that as needs arise and change around the world, we can allocate the money to where it is going to have the biggest possible impact.



Zekaria fetches water from a UNICEF-supported water point in the Ladan IDP camp in Dollow, Somalia in February 2022. © UNICEF/Sewunet

Providing clean water

Zekaria is 10 years old and lives in a camp for internally displaced people in Dollow, Somalia. The river in Dollow has run dry, so the UNICEF-supported water point provides the community with clean water to drink, wash, and cook with. Once his water can is full, Jama will roll it home to his family.

Access to clean water prevents children from contracting cholera and other life-threatening waterborne diseases, saving thousands of lives each, and every year.

We thank our monthly donors for helping to provide children around the world with clean water.



With the help of a health worker, Shanean places her son Mateen against her chest using the kangaroo mother care method. © UNICEF/Njiokiktjen

Saving the lives of premature babies

Mateen was born at just 26 weeks, in Sulaymaniya, Iraq in April 2022. He spent 29 days in an incubator and then progressed to kangaroo mother care (KMC), which meant he was placed in a specially designed pouch on his mother, Shanean, for sustained periods of time. This allowed Mateen to have prolonged skin-to-skin contact and breastfeed easily.

Kangaroo mother care reduces infant mortality by up to 40%, reduces infection, and improves weight gain compared to conventional care. We thank our monthly donors for helping to provide life-saving kangaroo mother care to premature babies around the world.



Baby Mateen holds his mother's hand after spending 29 days in an incubator in Sulaymaniyah, Iraq, in April 2022. © UNICEF/Njiokiktjen

Monthly Donations



6-month-old Anei is photographed in the arms of his mother, Nyaweer, at their home, following his discharge from a UNICEF-supported Stabilisation Centre in Juba, South Sudan in February 2022. © UNICEF/Naftalin

Bringing children back from the brink of starvation

6-month-old Anei was brought to a stabilisation unit in Juba, South Sudan, by his mother, Nyaweer in February 2022. She told us, "My child was malnourished, and I was so worried that my heart was weeping. I was terrified he wasn't going to survive."

In South Sudan, 1.4 million children suffer from acute malnutrition, but UNICEF-supported stabilisation centres, like the one Anei came to, provide a lifeline to children on the brink of starvation.

Little Anei was so malnourished that he had to be fed with

a tube through his nose for three days until his condition improved. He stayed at the centre for a full week and was treated with therapeutic milk.

Nyaweer said, "I can't tell you how delighted I am that he's fully recovered. Since he's improved, he's started playing and is so much better than before. He now breastfeeds and takes milk. He's healthy again! Both he and I are so happy."

We thank our monthly donors for helping to provide life-saving treatment to children at risk of dying from hunger.

More funds unlocked

The Charitable Donation Scheme run by the Revenue Commissioner, allows organisations like UNICEF Ireland to claim tax relief on donations made by an individual.

When a donor contributes €250 in a year, UNICEF Ireland can claim up to 45% in tax relief. This could turn €250 into €362, €500 into €725, or €1,000 into €1,450.

In 2022, this unlocked an additional €800,000 and helped UNICEF to save and transform thousands more children's lives.

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Legacy



A legacy of work with UNICEF, rewriting the future of children across the globe



In many ways, I have been privileged. Not many people get the opportunity to see a drilling rig hit water in a drought-prone area. And when that water gets hit. And it spurts up into the air. The celebration and the joy in that community - you can't describe it!



Therese reflects on her 30-year career working for children across more than sixty countries with UNICEF. © UNICEF

For over 30 years, Carlow woman Therese Dooley worked across more than 60 countries as one of UNICEF's leading water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) specialists. Now retired to her hometown of Carlow, Therese is reflecting on her legacy of work throughout her remarkable career.

Across her time supporting UNICEF's mission, Therese has seen the consequences of unsafe water, sanitation, and hygiene on the lives of children. During her time at UNICEF, Therese recognised both the immense challenges and opportunities in improving sanitation for children, and such was her commitment to the cause, she became known as the 'Toilet Diva'.



I was known as the Toilet Diva in UNICEF because if you want to impact a child's health, you can't just give them water. You also have to make sure they have toilets. As without toilets they don't have a clean environment. And without a clean environment, you get issues like diarrhoea which remains one of the biggest killers of children under five. We were seeing great progress on vaccine-preventable diseases and in many other areas. But if we weren't tackling basic diarrhoea, what were we doing?

Another issue that deeply mattered to Therese was the menstrual health of girls. "There were very few women working in WASH and it was traditionally a male-dominated sector. On top of that, in many cultures, the issue of menstrual health is taboo. Not unlike it was in Ireland even when I was growing up. However, it is really important for a girl's dignity and self-esteem. For keeping girls in school and making sure they see school as a safe environment. And also, for their health and well-being."

Determined to leave a lasting legacy on the issue, Therese began ground-breaking studies with UNICEF in 2003 and eventually, her commitment and drive helped put the issue on the agenda of global policymakers. "I'm thrilled 20 years later to see the change. It is an integral part of our programmes and people are now talking about it. I was in India the year before last and schoolgirls and women were standing up and talking about menstrual health and hygiene. That is important because it can keep girls in school longer. And we know that for every year a girl stays in school, she and her future children will be healthier, more nourished and fitter."

As she looks back on her achievements, Therese is filled with hope and sees so many promising opportunities for UNICEF and its supporters to do even more for children around the world. "I'm really hopeful for the future. I think if you look at the journey of water, sanitation and hygiene over the past, there's been such incredible advances made and there's been so many more people reached."



Therese visiting WASH projects in Afghanistan during her time with UNICEF. © UNICEF/Dooley



Therese demonstrating the positive impacts of handwashing to schoolgirls in India. © UNICEF/Dooley



Throughout my career, when I've thought about Ireland and how it links to my work and one particular thing always resonated with me. In Ireland, most people now live in nice houses, probably with two or three bathrooms, but it is not that long ago that 40% of our population was using outside toilets.

And some people didn't have any! I think that has been one of the motivating factors for me. If Ireland can do it in a generation, with the right support, any country can do it.

GoodWill

UNICEF legacy gifts

Gifts in Wills are vital to UNICEF for ongoing programmes like WASH in addition to providing life-saving funding to preposition critical supplies for humanitarian emergencies, allowing UNICEF teams to respond at speed and at scale to save children's lives.

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UNICEF works in over 100 countries to help provide access to clean water and reliable sanitation. Almost 70 million people gained access to safe drinking water between 2018 and 2021 through UNICEF-supported programmes.

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 2022, UNICEF Ireland's corporate partners and supporters donated more than €7.9 million.

We thank all our partners and supporters for their huge efforts for children.

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3-year-old Mykhailo (Misha) plays in the UNICEF Blue Dot hub in the Przemyśl train station in Poland in October 2022. Since the start of the Ukraine refugee crisis, UNICEF has provided immediate support to those fleeing war in Ukraine. At each Blue Dot hub, UNICEF humanitarian specialists provide information and referral services to families, as well as offering safe spaces for mothers and children. © UNICEF/Reklajtis



Aer Lingus



2022 marked **25 years** of **partnership** between Aer Lingus and UNICEF and **\$23m** raised for children around the world.



Ever since 1997, Aer Lingus cabin crew and passengers have supported UNICEF's work for children across the world and 2022 was no different. In a year of upheaval for children across the world, Aer Lingus's Change for Good programme helped raise critical funds for UNICEF through on-board collections. These incredible efforts brought total donations, raised through the partnership over its proud 25-year history, to almost \$23 million.

These donations have helped support UNICEF's programmes for children right across the world. From humanitarian response to childhood immunisations, from education programmes to maternal care, Change for Good has helped save lives and build a brighter future for the world's most vulnerable children.

Naomi and her 6-month-old baby, Critious, attend a UNICEF-supported health facility in Zambia. As part of the programme, Naomi learns about the importance of a balanced diet to combat malnutrition in her community. © UNICEF/Schermsbrucker

Aer Lingus's Change for Good Ambassadors Nic Robinson and Frances Buckley launch the on-board collections campaign for Ukraine in March 2022.



In 2022, a priority area for the partnership was supporting UNICEF's Ukraine humanitarian response for children. Thanks to the energy and passion of Aer Lingus cabin crew, along with the generosity of their passengers over \$400,000 was raised to protect children at risk from the conflict in Ukraine.

Across the year, the war wrought devastation on Ukraine's 7.5 million children, and thanks to support from partners, such as Aer Lingus, UNICEF teams were able to work around the clock in Ukraine and neighbouring countries to keep children safe – providing essential supplies and services such as clean water, medical supplies, blankets, warm clothing, and emotional support to children traumatised by war.

Alongside their Ukraine support, Aer Lingus on-board collections continued to support UNICEF's Core Resources for Results (RR), a special fund without restrictions that can be used flexibly for children wherever and whenever the need is greatest. With RR, Aer Lingus and UNICEF support children from birth through adolescence - responding rapidly in emergencies, while also contributing to rebuilding and development efforts.

We thank all Aer Lingus staff and customers for their tireless and ongoing support of UNICEF's work to support children around the world.





Formal and quality education delivered in religious schools © UNICEF/UN0576297/India Country Office

Primark

Since 2018, Primark has partnered with UNICEF to promote inclusive learning for children around the world, with a focus on the most vulnerable and marginalised. In January 2021, they renewed their partnership with a \$6 million donation over three years to UNICEF Ireland, to support UNICEF's education programmes in India and Sri Lanka, bringing their total contribution to over \$12million. In 2022, at the outset of the war in Ukraine, Primark was one of UNICEF's first global partners to reach out with support. Additionally, Primark continued as a Principal Partner of Soccer Aid for UNICEF.



In India, Primark is supporting UNICEF's work with the government and local communities to identify children who are currently out of school, get them back into class, and support them to stay in school. This includes developing flexible and alternative learning programmes for the most marginalised groups, including children with severe disabilities. The programme aims to support efforts to improve educational opportunities for 800,000 children.

In Sri Lanka, Primark is supporting UNICEF to rollout a new approach to teaching that allows teachers to identify the

specific level and needs of children, tailor their learning opportunities accordingly, and support teachers to have child-safe approaches of discipline. Despite current economic challenges impacting delivery, the programme aims to directly benefit nearly 20,000 children over three years and hopes to scale up across the country, potentially benefiting all 4 million primary and school children in the country. Throughout the partnership, Primark will continue to champion children's futures in collaboration with employees, customers, and the communities in which Primark operates.

Emergency Response



In June 2022, a multisectoral team of UNICEF staff visit an earthquake affected area in Paktika Province, Afghanistan. The specialist team visited to assess the needs of children and deliver humanitarian assistance. © UNICEF/ UN0665343



Support from our corporate supporters across Ireland allows UNICEF teams to deliver life-saving aid the moment disaster strikes. In conflict and disaster, children suffer first and suffer most. UNICEF's emergency response works to provide conflict- and

disaster-affected children with access to water, sanitation, nutrition, education, health and protection services. In 2022, our corporate supporters provided an agile response to emergencies in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Ukraine, Pakistan, and Yemen.

Spotlight on Ukraine

In 2022, more than ever, UNICEF needed support for children in emergencies. Irish businesses stepped up to support UNICEF's response in Ukraine raising more than €6 million with valued support from our long-standing partner Aer Lingus, along with An Post, Applegreen, Avolon, Bank of Ireland, Brown Thomas | Arnotts, Cairn, Canada Life/Irish

Life, CRH, DCC, elipsLife, ESW, Glenveagh, Kingspan, KPMG Ireland, Microsoft Ireland, Musgrave, Uniphar, Playrix, PayPal Giving Fund and Permanent TSB.

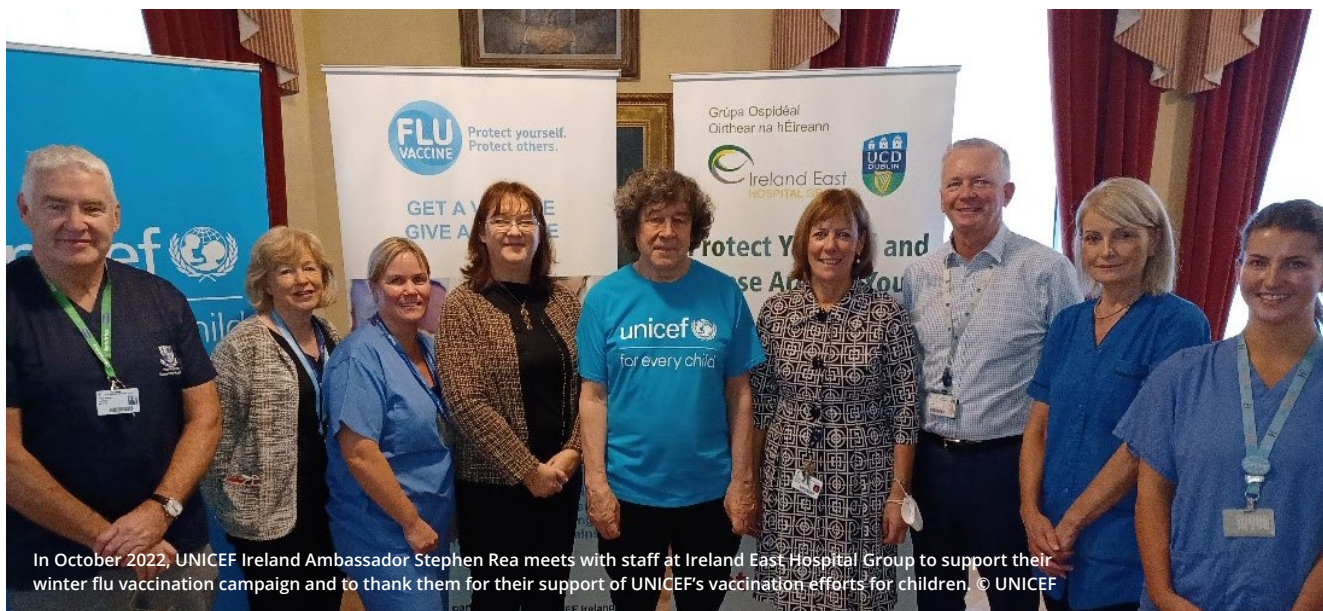
Support from CRH and Kingspan helped establish eight UNICEF Blue Dot Hubs in Poland. Strategically positioned, Blue Dots continue to provide critical information and services - a beacon of safety where children can play and rest while their parents prepare for the onward journey.



A young volunteer reads a book to two Ukrainian children at a UNICEF Blue Dot hub in Brasov, Romania, in April 2022. The hub is open 24-hours-a-day and provides refugees with temporary lodging, meals, travel information, medical and emotional support, and other services, including a cheerful playroom for children, with colourful child-size furniture, toys, and art supplies. © UNICEF/Holgera



UNICEF Representative in Ukraine Murat Sahin plays with a child at a reception centre in Zaporizhzhia, in May 2022. At the Zaporizhzhia reception centre for people fleeing hostilities in the south-east, a UNICEF child protection space provides immediate relief for children and women who arrive after weeks of horror. © UNICEF/Klochko



In October 2022, UNICEF Ireland Ambassador Stephen Rea meets with staff at Ireland East Hospital Group to support their winter flu vaccination campaign and to thank them for their support of UNICEF's vaccination efforts for children. © UNICEF



National Partners

UNICEF collaborates with leading national organisations to advance corporate and philanthropic objectives while transforming and saving children's lives around the world.

Buymedia

Buymedia contributed 1% of revenue generated between August and December, to UNICEF's Core Resources for Results, as well as encouraging advertisers and media partners to contribute a percentage of their revenue and ad space respectively.

Ding

The Ding Access for Good team supported UNICEF's emergency response in each quarter. In 2022, they supported UNICEF's humanitarian response for children in Afghanistan, Ukraine, Bangladesh and Pakistan.

Inizio

UNICEF Ireland and Inizio began a one-year partnership in support of UNICEF's Health programming with a focus on immunisation. As a global organisation, Inizio has partnered with UNICEF Ireland to have a positive impact on the communities and societies they serve. Inizio Advisory aligned its Community Action Day with UNICEF's World Children's Day, donating funds and giving employees the opportunity to take part in park clean-ups and children's book collections.

National Campaigns

Get a Vaccine, Give a Vaccine flu campaign

Ever since 2017, when UNICEF Ireland Ambassador Joe Canning received his seasonal flu shot at Saolta University Hospital in Galway and encouraged staff to do the same, UNICEF Ireland has collaborated with regional HSE groups on their staff flu vaccination campaigns through the 'Get a Vaccine, Give a Vaccine' campaign.

In 2022, all contributions from the HSE went towards UNICEF's polio immunisation programmes. In November, UNICEF Ireland Ambassador Stephen Rea visited the National Maternity Hospital in Dublin to encourage employees to get their flu shot and help with the promotion of the hospital's flu vaccine campaign.



A UNICEF specialist plays with a little girl in the extreme north of Cameroon in July 2022. Thanks to the support of our corporate supporters UNICEF can try to be there for every child. © UNICEF/Dejongh

Donations instead of Gifts



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UNICEF's Donations instead of Gifts helped provide children and families in Ukraine with winter clothing to protect them from the harsh winter. Donating to UNICEF presented companies with a responsible and sustainable alternative to expensive Christmas presents for their customers, clients, and partners.

UNICEF Ireland's Donations instead of Gifts campaign encourages companies to give to UNICEF in place of gift-giving to their clients. Supporting UNICEF in celebration of Christmas extends the goodwill far beyond the day.

Companies taking part used digital and print assets to communicate to customers, clients, and partner that they have donated to UNICEF on their behalf.



A UNICEF partnerships specialist visits a hospital to witness UNICEF's programmes to tackle child malnutrition in Kabul, Afghanistan in October 2022. © UNICEF/Tanweer

Partnership Opportunities

At UNICEF Ireland 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, Head of Corporate Partnership
Owen@unicef.ie or (01) 878 3000



Vaccine Fund



A group of children in Yemen smile after receiving their polio vaccinations, as part of a UNICEF-supported campaign which targeted nearly 2.5 million children aged under 10, in February, 2022. © UNICEF/Fahdl

2022 marked the second year of UNICEF Ireland's Vaccine Fund, bringing continued support from individuals and businesses for the dual goals of tackling the COVID-19 pandemic through UNICEF's role in COVAX and protecting some of the world's most vulnerable children through UNICEF's routine childhood immunisation programmes.

UNICEF is the largest single vaccine buyer in the world, purchasing 45% of the world's vaccines for children under five annually, with a unique, longstanding expertise and infrastructure in vaccine procurement and logistics. During the global COVID-19 pandemic, UNICEF was appointed lead procurement and delivery partner for the ground-breaking global COVAX Facility to support the swift and equitable rollout of COVID-19 vaccines worldwide.

Launched in 2021, the Vaccine Fund offers members an opportunity to combine support for UNICEF's role at the forefront of tackling the pandemic with support for ongoing critical childhood vaccination programmes. 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.

As Vaccine Fund members, individuals and businesses made a two-year commitment of €25,000 per year in 2021 and 2022. By pooling their investment together, members achieve greater impact and make their support go further for children.

As part of their support for the Vaccine Fund, members receive annual impact reports to learn about the difference their support is making and deepen their understanding of the scale and power of UNICEF's work with vaccines.

To learn more about UNICEF Ireland's Vaccine Fund, contact Head of Philanthropy, Donna Marie O'Donovan at donna.marie@unicef.ie.



19-year-old Nancy Kenyi Nyoka prepares to receive her first COVID-19 vaccine dose as part of a UNICEF-supported mass vaccination exercise in Uganda in June 2022. UNICEF supports communication initiatives in local communities encouraging vaccine uptake and Nancy says: "The more people that get vaccinated, the safer the community will be." © UNICEF/Rutherford

Ireland for Ukraine Fund



In July 2022, little Lyuda stands amidst the rubble of her school in Horenka, a small village in the Kyiv region damaged by heavily shelling in February 2022, in Ukraine. When Lyuda saw her school for the first time, she began to cry, recalling the things that were left behind, including her teddy bear, her shoes and her jacket. © UNICEF/Hrom



In 2022, UNICEF Ireland secured substantial grant funding through the Ireland for Ukraine Fund at Community Foundation Ireland for UNICEF's emergency humanitarian response to the war in Ukraine and resulting refugee crisis.

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Responding to the escalation of the war, a group of Ireland's leading media organisations came together to form an unprecedented coalition and launch 'Ireland for Ukraine' – a public fundraising campaign to raise vital support for organisations and projects assisting those affected by the conflict.

Featuring across local and national radio, television, print and online media, the campaign rallied support from local communities, clubs, and schools, along with a €5 million donation from Irish Government through the Department of Rural and Community Development.

Proceeds from the 'Ireland for Ukraine' campaign have been pooled into a fund managed by Community Foundation Ireland on behalf of the media partners and Government and distributed through a series of grants. UNICEF Ireland was one of just four international humanitarian aid agencies selected for support.

This generous and substantial support from the Ireland for Ukraine Fund at Community Foundation Ireland helped UNICEF to scale up our emergency response to ensure that critical supplies and services reached millions of children, both inside Ukraine and for those fleeing the war in neighbouring countries.

UNICEF Ireland is deeply grateful to the media partners and supporters of the Ireland for Ukraine Fund, the Department of Rural and Community Affairs, and Community Foundation Ireland for this generous and compassionate support.



In April 2022, a UNICEF team visits the Zaporizhzhia Regional Child Hospital to deliver critical supplies, including life-saving medical kits. The hospital also serves as a reception area for internally displaced people in Ukraine, and UNICEF provides child protection support services and distributes winter clothes to families - while parents and children can get hot drinks, food, and a place to rest. © UNICEF/Klochko



In March 2022, Romanian volunteers had the inspiring idea of placing toys on a bridge connecting Romania to Ukraine. Since many Ukrainian children fleeing their homes did not pack toys, locals (including NGOs and the police) decided to support and help fill the void. In just the first month, an estimated 1.5 million children fled their homes in Ukraine, often arriving in neighbouring countries traumatised, tired, and scared. © UNICEF/Holerga



A mother and her child attend a UNICEF-supported health centre in Dollow, Somalia in October 2022. Malnutrition reached crisis levels in Somalia. At the end of 2022, the country was on the brink of famine as relentless droughts and soaring food prices continued to devastate families. Without access to life-saving food and safe drinking water, 1.5 million children – or nearly half of the under-five population – were suffering from malnutrition. © UNICEF/Mark Condren

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Report and Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 December 2022

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CRA Number: 20008727

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Azzam (12) plays with his friends in the school yard in rural Damascus, Syria, in February 2022. Azzam was five when a shell fell on his house. His little sister was killed and his father badly injured – and Azzam lost his leg. He had to undergo several surgeries and did not feel safe for a long time after the incident. To help him and his siblings regain a sense of normalcy, Azzam's parents enrolled them at school. However, Azzam had difficulties walking to school and he dropped out. Thankfully, three years ago, Azzam visited a UNICEF-supported inclusive elementary school, and Azzam and his sisters, Sidra and Nour, have not missed a day of school since. © UNICEF/Belal

Directors' and other information

Directors

Paul Connolly (Chairperson)
Ivor Fitzpatrick
Sinead Kelly
Andrew Weld Moore
Donncha O'Callaghan
Joe Canning
Caroline Dowling
Aine Flanagan
Joan Garahy (Appointed 15 December 2022)
Caoimhe McKeown (Appointed 15 December 2022)
Una Molony (Resigned 23 June 2022)

Company Secretary

Peter Power

Charity Number

5616

Company Number

371124

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Dublin 2

Bankers

AIB Bank PLC
40/41 Westmoreland Street
Dublin 2

Solicitors

McCann Fitzgerald
Riverside One
Sir John Rogerson's Quay
Dublin 2

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Directors' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2022

The directors present their Directors' Annual Report, combining the Directors' Report and Trustees' Report, and the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2022.

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.

Directors

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

Paul Connolly (Chairperson)

Andrew Weld-Moore

Donncha O'Callaghan

Ivor Fitzpatrick

Joe Canning

Sinead Kelly

Aine Flanagan

Caroline Dowling

Caoimhe McKeown (Appointed 15 December 2022)

Joan Garahy (Appointed 15 December 2022)

Una Molony (Resigned 23 June 2022)

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

The global context for children continued to evolve during 2022. For children across the globe 2022 was a year fraught with difficult challenges. Millions suffered the consequences of floods, storms, droughts, war, and millions struggled to access essential services.

Our focus for 2023 is to continue to deliver for every child. We will continue to diversify our fundraising channels with a particular focus on unrestricted giving. Unrestricted funds are used to fund emergencies and to fund essential programs all around the world. This is to ensure there is global equity for all children and allows us to aspire to our global mandate of working to ensure every child survives and thrives and no child is left behind.

We will continue to promote, protect and uphold children's rights through our advocacy and programme delivery.

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

There have been no significant events affecting the entity since the financial year-end.

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

There are several 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 2022 we raised €32.9 million for children. This was an increase of almost 53% compared to 2021 and a record performance for UNICEF Ireland. UNICEF Ireland's Ukraine appeal, in particular raised over €15.2m from individuals and companies in Ireland. This is our largest appeal to date and a testament to the outstanding work of our staff during the year and the incredible support of our donors and to our new and existing partners.

We continued our focus on recruiting regular donors in a challenging environment. Giving through direct debit brought in just over €4.1 million this year, having reached just over €3.6 million last year.

Corporate partnerships and major donors raised over €12 million 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.

Financial Review

Income

In describing our activities and achievements we have reported that UNICEF Ireland's total income for 2022 was €32.9 million. This was an increase of 53% compared to the income of €21.6 million in 2021.

Costs of Generating Funds

Development agencies must spend money to raise money each year to ensure they are generating increased income for the following year. Over the past five years UNICEF Ireland has spent an average of 24 cents in every euro to raise the next euro. This covers the cost of raising funds through mail campaigns, supporting our existing donors, and recruiting new donors. It also covers the cost of ensuring UNICEF Ireland is an organisation built for the future, able to evolve and respond to changes, for example in technology and regulation. Spending money today to secure the future ensures we can continue to maximise the impact we have for children around the world.

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.

Charitable Expenditure

Of the total income raised in 2022, €22.8 million was remitted to UNICEF and used in UNICEF programmes throughout the world immediately. After deduction of the €8,635,820 cost of generating funds, the remaining €1.5 million will be used to ensure we continue to deliver for children into the future.

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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.

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 €3.1 million which represents an increase of €1.5 million since 2021. UNICEF Ireland policy on reserves is to maintain an appropriate level to ensure sufficient resources for a sustainable future.

Changes in Assets

The changes in fixed assets during 2022 are set out in note 12 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 €7.2 million. A large percentage of income is received in the last month of the accounting period and fluctuations in the bank balance year on year arise depending on the days the December bank holidays fall, which affects the timing of payments for overseas programmes and suppliers around the year end.

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 2022.

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Directors' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2022

Structure, Governance and Management

UNICEF Ireland is a charitable company limited by guarantee and governed by a Board of Directors. There were eleven directors on the Board in 2022, one resignation in June with two new appointments in December.

The constitution of UNICEF Ireland provides 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 UNICEF.

A Board Sub-Committee namely the Audit, Risk & Governance committee which consists of three members met once in 2022 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 on their legal responsibilities and duties. All new directors undergo an induction programme that includes meetings with the Executive Director.

Directors' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2022

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 the statutory auditors are aware of that information.


Accounting Records

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

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors



Paul Connolly | Director



Caroline Dowling | Director

Date: 22 June 2023

Directors' Responsibilities Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022

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;
- observe the methods and principles in the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the relevant financial reporting framework, identify those standards, and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from those standards; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in operation.

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

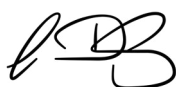
The directors are responsible for ensuring that the company keeps or causes to be kept adequate accounting records which correctly explain and record the transactions of the company, enable at any time the assets, liabilities, financial position and net income or expenditure of the company to be determined with reasonable accuracy, enable them to ensure that the financial statements and the Directors' Annual Report comply with Companies Act 2014 and enable the financial statements to be audited. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company 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



Caroline Dowling | Director

Date: 22 June 2023

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of UNICEF Ireland

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

We have audited the company financial statements of UNICEF Ireland for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account), the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the notes to the financial statements, including the summary of significant accounting policies set out in note 2. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is Irish law and FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", applying Section 1A of that Standard and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102.

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 2022 and of its surplus for the financial year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", as applied in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2014 and having regard to the Charities SORP; 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 described below 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 for Auditors (Ireland) issued by the Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority (IAASA), and the Provisions Available for Audits of Small Entities, in the circumstances set out in note 4 to the financial statements, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We do believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for an opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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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

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit, we report that:

- the information given in the Directors' Annual 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.

In our opinion the accounting records of the company were sufficient to permit the financial statements to be readily and properly audited and 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' Annual 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 complied with by the company. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of UNICEF Ireland

Respective responsibilities

Responsibilities of Directors for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 55, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework that 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, if applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the company or to cease operations, 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 the 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 auditors responsibilities for audit.pdf](http://www.iaasa.ie/getmedia/b2389013-1cf6-458b-9b8f-a98202dc9c3a/Description_of_auditors_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: 22 June 2023

Neil Squires
for and on behalf of
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Chartered Accountants and Statutory Audit Firm
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Statement of Financial Activities *(as at 31 December 2022)*

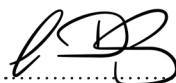
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account) for the year ended 31 December 2021

		UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL	TOTAL
		2022	2022	2022	2021
NOTES		€	€	€	€
Incoming Resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
<i>Voluntary Income</i>	7	8,224,682	24,548,020	32,772,702	21,018,390
Activities for generating funds					
<i>Government and other grants</i>	6	-	122,396	122,396	547,825
Other incoming resources					
<i>Deposit Interest</i>		-	-	-	115
Total incoming resources		8,224,682	24,670,416	32,895,098	21,566,330
Resources Expended					
<i>Costs of Generating Funds</i>	8	6,645,410	1,966,428	8,611,838	5,060,534
<i>Grant expenditure</i>		9,322	55,435	64,757	532,565
		6,654,732	2,021,863	8,676,595	5,593,099
Net Incoming Resources available for charitable application		1,569,950	22,648,553	24,218,503	15,973,231
Resources Expended on Charitable Activities					
<i>Specific UNICEF programmes</i>	10	69,949	22,648,553	22,718,502	14,973,231
Total Resources Expended		6,724,682	24,670,416	31,395,098	20,566,330
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		1,500,000	-	1,500,000	1,000,000
Net movement in funds for the year		1,500,000	-	1,500,000	1,000,000
Reconciliation of funds					
<i>Balances brought forward at 1 January 2022</i>		1,590,000	-	1,590,000	590,000
Balances carried forward at 31 December 2022		3,090,000	-	3,090,000	1,590,000

Approved by the Board of Directors on 22nd June 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Paul Connolly
Director



Caroline Dowling
Director

The notes on pages 62 to 72 form part of the financial statements.

UNICEF Ireland


Balance Sheet

as at 31 December 2022

	NOTES	2022 €	2021 €
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	12	49,897	16,401
Current Assets			
Debtors	13	84,181	26,176
Cash at bank and in hand		7,224,060	5,684,094
		7,308,241	5,710,270
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	14	(4,268,138)	(4,136,671)
Net Current Assets		3,040,103	1,573,599
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		3,090,000	1,590,000
Funds			
General fund (unrestricted)		3,090,000	1,590,000
Total funds	18	3,090,000	1,590,000

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", applying Section 1A of that Standard.

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Statement of Cash Flows

for the year ended 31 December 2022

	NOTES	2022 €	2021 €
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net movement in funds		1,500,000	1,000,000
Adjustments for:			
<i>Depreciation</i>		19,340	16,852
		1,519,340	1,016,852
Movements in working capital:			
<i>Movement in debtors</i>		(58,005)	138,541
<i>Movement in creditors</i>		(153,679)	1,423,232
Cash generated from operations		1,307,656	2,578,625
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments to acquire tangible assets		(52,836)	(7,755)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Advances from subsidiaries/group companies		285,146	773,209
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		1,539,966	3,344,079
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January 2022		5,684,094	2,340,015
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December 2022	23	7,224,060	5,684,094

Notes to the Financial Statements

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1. GENERAL INFORMATION

UNICEF Ireland is a company limited by guarantee incorporated in the Republic of Ireland. The registered office of the company is 33 Lower Ormond Quay, Dublin 1, Ireland which is also the principal place of business of the company. The financial statements have been presented in Euro (€) which is also the functional currency of the company.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the charity's financial statements.

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.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements of the company for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 have been prepared on the going concern basis and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102", applying Section 1A of that Standard.

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 been notified of a distribution to be made 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 accruals 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.

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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.

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.

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Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, with any changes recognised in profit or loss, 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 profit or loss 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 profit or loss 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.

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.

Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due. Income recognised by the company from government agencies and other co-funders, but not yet received at year end, is included in debtors.

Cash at Bank and in Hand

Cash at bank and in hand comprises cash on deposit at banks requiring less than three months notice of withdrawal.

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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

The preparation of these financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses.

Judgements and estimates are continually evaluated and are based on historical experiences and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

The company makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are listed below:

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.

Provisions and Accruals

Provisions are recognised when the entity has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of past event, it is probable that the entity would be required to settle the probable outflow of resources, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

4. PROVISIONS AVAILABLE FOR AUDITS OF 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.

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5. NET INCOMING RESOURCES

	2022	2021
	€	€
Net Incoming Resources are stated after charging/(crediting):		
Depreciation of tangible assets	19,340	16,852
Auditors' remuneration	11,250	12,694

6. GOVERNMENT AND OTHER GRANTS

	2022	2021
	€	€
EU Grant - Children as champions of change	122,396	547,825
	<u>122,396</u>	<u>547,825</u>

7. ANALYSIS OF INCOMING RESOURCES

	UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED	TOTAL	TOTAL
	2022	2022	2022	2021
	€	€	€	€
Incoming resources from generated funds:				
Direct Marketing	3,155,313	1,447,240	4,602,553	3,581,556
Corporate Partnerships	472,905	8,913,411	9,386,316	2,769,106
Emergencies	-	8,782,695	8,782,695	5,937,599
Donations	4,596,464	5,404,674	10,001,138	8,730,131
Totals	<u>8,224,682</u>	<u>24,548,020</u>	<u>32,772,702</u>	<u>21,018,392</u>

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8. ANALYSIS OF RESOURCES EXPENDED

	UNRESTRICTED 2022 €	RESTRICTED 2022 €	TOTAL 2022 €	TOTAL 2021 €
Costs of generating funds:				
Direct Marketing	2,097,906	-	2,097,906	787,319
Corporate Partnerships	7,301	214,590	221,891	1,696
Emergencies	-	1,644,479	1,644,479	1,055,434
Donations	2,132,485	107,359	2,239,844	1,574,652
Support & Administration expenses (note 9)	2,407,718	-	2,407,718	1,641,433
Totals	6,645,410	1,966,428	8,611,838	5,060,534

9. ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT AND ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES

	Programme & Communication €	Administration €	Fundraising €	TOTAL 2022 €	TOTAL 2021 €
Staff costs (note 11)	117,193	557,734	910,724	1,585,651	1,154,522
Operating & Production expenses	46,087	302,025	181,669	529,781	247,855
Financial charges	-	-	246,362	246,362	221,889
Compliance & Support services	-	45,924	-	45,924	17,167
Totals	163,280	905,683	1,338,755	2,407,718	1,641,433

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10. SPECIFIC UNICEF PROGRAMMES

	UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED	TOTAL	TOTAL
	2022	2022	2022	2021
	€	€	€	€
Nutrition	-	6,097	6,097	6,140
Education	-	1,900,000	1,900,000	1,663,478
Health	-	42,500	42,500	1,135,525
WASH	-	138,904	138,904	146,143
Multi-thematic programmes	69,949	20,561,052	20,631,001	12,021,945
Totals	69,949	22,648,553	22,718,502	14,973,231

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

11. EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION

Number of employees

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

	2022 Number	2021 Number
Management	5	4
Fundraising	16	8
Advocacy and programmes	3	3
Communications	1	1
Totals	25	16

The staff costs comprise:	2022 €	2021 €
Wages and salaries	1,341,259	974,132
Social security costs	146,002	106,204
Pension costs	62,933	43,110
Training and recruitment	72,526	26,914
Totals	1,622,720	1,150,360

The Executive Director has a contract with UNICEF Ireland under which he is paid an annual salary of €184,000 (2021: €154,000) plus a contribution to pension, health insurance, travel allowance and motor expenses. No other Directors are paid a salary, fees or any other remuneration by UNICEF Ireland.

There was one employee who received a remuneration of between €90,000 and €99,999 in the year and one employee that received remuneration of between €70,000 and €79,999.

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12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures, fittings and equipment €	Computer equipment €	TOTAL €
Cost			
At 1 January 2022	61,131	256,275	317,406
Additions	35,475	17,361	52,836
At 31 December 2022	96,606	273,636	370,242
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2022	52,117	248,888	301,005
Charge for the financial year	5,875	13,465	19,340
At 31 December 2022	57,992	262,353	320,345
Net book value			
At 31 December 2022	38,614	11,283	49,897
At 31 December 2021	9,014	7,387	16,401

12.1 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS PRIOR YEAR

	Fixtures, fittings and equipment €	Computer equipment €	TOTAL €
Cost			
At 1 January 2021	61,131	248,520	309,651
Additions	-	7,755	7,755
At 31 December 2021	61,131	256,275	317,406
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2021	49,868	234,285	284,153
Charge for the year	2,249	14,603	16,852
At 31 December 2021	52,117	248,888	301,005
Net book value			
At 31 December 2021	9,014	7,387	16,401
At 31 December 2020	11,263	14,235	25,498

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13. DEBTORS

	2022	2021
Trade debtors	-	2,000
Prepayment	84,181	24,176
Totals	84,181	26,176

All debtor amounts are due within 12 months.

14. CREDITORS

Amounts falling due within one year	2022 €	2021 €
Trade creditors	93,739	141,434
Amounts owed to participating interests (Note 25)	2,007,288	1,762,917
Taxation and social security costs	140,161	156,651
Other creditors	-	110,198
Pension Accrual	3,017	1,545
Accruals	92,575	35,102
Deferred Income	1,931,358	1,928,824
	4,268,138	4,136,671

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.

15. TAXATION AND SOCIAL SECURITY

Creditors:	2022 €	2021 €
PAYE/USC	76,964	99,983
PRSI	40,656	56,668

16. 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 €62,933 (2021 - €43,110).

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17. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	FIXED ASSETS (Charity use)	CURRENT ASSETS	CURRENT LIABILITIES	TOTAL
	€	€	€	€
Restricted Income				
UNICEF	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted Income				
General Funds	49,897	7,308,240	(4,268,138)	3,090,000
	49,897	7,308,240	(4,268,138)	3,090,000

18. ANALYSIS OF MOVEMENTS ON FUNDS

	BALANCE 1 JAN 2022	INCOMING RESOURCES	RESOURCES EXPENDED	BALANCE 31 DEC 2022
	€	€	€	€
UNICEF	-	24,670,416	(24,670,416)	-
Unrestricted Income				
General Funds	1,590,000	8,224,682	(6,724,682)	3,090,000
Total Funds	1,590,000	32,895,098	(31,395,098)	3,090,000

19. 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.

20. FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

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

	2022	2021
	€	€
Land and Buildings		
Due:		
Within one year	20,625	20,625
Between one and five years	-	-
	20,625	20,625

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21. IRISH GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTION TO UNICEF IN NEW YORK

UNICEF Ireland has again been instrumental in securing a contribution from the Irish Government of US\$23.6 million compared with the year to December 2021 of US\$21.6 million. As the Government donation is made directly to UNICEF in New York, it is therefore not reflected in these financial statements.

22. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

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

23. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2022	2021
	€	€
Cash and bank balances	7,166,907	5,626,941
Cash equivalents	57,153	57,153
Totals	7,224,060	5,684,094

24. POST-BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There have been no significant events affecting the entity since the financial year-end.

25. DUE TO UNICEF

	2022	2021
	€	€
Balance owed at the start of the year	1,762,917	989,708
Funds to be transferred to UNICEF	22,718,502	14,973,231
Less funds remitted to UNICEF	(22,474,131)	(14,200,022)
Totals	2,007,288	1,762,917

26. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 22 June 2023.



UNICEF staff member Despina Andrei (center) plays with children in a classroom in Brasov, Romania in April 2022. In late March 2022, the UNICEF-supported school took in a group of about 20 Ukrainian children who had come to Romania after having fled the war in their country. To help them navigate the language barrier, the children are taught in a separate space by Ukrainian volunteer teachers - comprising parents who have come to Romania with their own children. © UNICEF/Holerga



A girl looks out over submerged houses in Jonglei State in South Sudan in January 2022. Flooding has devastated much of the area, and it is estimated that more than 800,000 people in South Sudan have been affected by the current flooding.

Virtually every child on the planet is already affected by climate change. And as humanitarian action falls short of addressing the climate crisis, children and young people are bearing the brunt. They make up half of the world's population but are least responsible for greenhouse gas emissions, deforestation, and other hazardous practices harming our environment. © UNICEF/Naftalin



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By plane, boat, train, truck, motorcycle, foot, donkey, camel - **UNICEF** staff use any means necessary to provide a lifeline to children and their families.

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