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Whoever they are,
Wherever they live.
Every child deserves a childhood,
A future,
A fair chance.
That's why UNICEF is there
For each and every child,
Working day in and day out
In 190 countries and territories.
Reaching the hardest to reach,
The furthest from help,
The most left behind.
The most excluded.
No matter what,
It's why we stay to the end.
It's why we never give up.
It's why
we can't do it without you.

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This page: In a nutrition rehabilitation centre in Nouakchott, Mauritania, a UNICEF nutrition specialist plays with a smiling baby. ©UNICEF/UNI344644/Poujet



HI THERE, GLOBAL PARENT!

Welcome to the UNICEF Australia family. We are so excited to have you on board.

As a member of our **Global Parent community**, you are helping to protect and support vulnerable children and young people all over the world, and here at home.

In fact, with your first gift, you're already helping to provide access to resources and care to some of the world's most remote and vulnerable communities. And with your ongoing, flexible gifts, you'll help to support long-term, sustainable and innovative solutions to some of the biggest issues for children. Importantly, this includes being there for children before, during and after emergencies thanks to relationships with local partners and communities on the ground.

Thanks to generous people like you, UNICEF teams are working to give little ones a childhood in which they're loved, protected, healthy, educated and able to fulfil their potential - no matter what.

Introducing your Global Parent Hub!

To find out more about your impact as a Global Parent and to read the stories of other Global Parents like you, visit unicef.org.au/global-parent-hub



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WHO ARE WE?

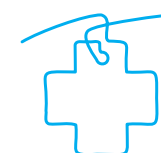
You may know us as The United Nations Children's Fund, first responders in emergencies, including the Ukraine crisis, global conflicts and natural disasters. Others may know us for our work vaccinating half the world's children each year, and more recently our part in delivering COVID-19 vaccines to some of the hardest to reach places.

Put simply, we are a global team of people who are passionate about protecting children and speaking up for their rights. We are the largest children's charity in the world and work with local partners in over 190 countries and territories to deliver for young people over the long term. **We are entirely funded by voluntary donations, so all our work is possible only because of generous people like you.**

UNICEF was founded in the aftermath of World War II to support children whose lives and futures were at risk. That same relentless and compassionate spirit continues to create incredible change for children today, over 75 years since our founding. We are there before, during and after a crisis, protecting and **saving more children's lives every year than any other organisation in the world.**



We protect and advocate for the rights of every child in **Australia** and overseas



We provide life-saving support and protection for children during **emergencies and crises**



We deliver **long-term international development programs**, including education, nutrition, and health care programs

WHERE DOES YOUR MONEY GO?

We cannot do any of this work without you. Our Global Parents are such a critical part of our work to protect children, and we look after your generous donations with incredible care and consideration. Your funds help our teams on the ground, trusted partners and suppliers to deliver assistance to children, wherever the need is greatest. In fact, regular donations like yours are one of the most effective ways to make real change for children.

"We never take for granted the generosity of the Australian public, especially during times of financial strain. It is with the support of our community partners and corporate partners that we are able to deliver on our commitment to reach more children."

TONY STUART,
UNICEF AUSTRALIA CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

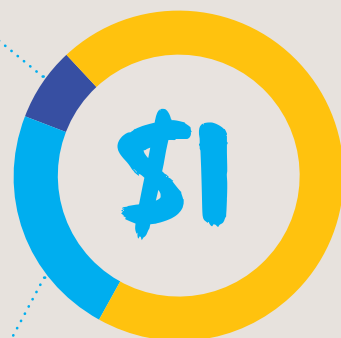
We care about delivering transparent information to you about how your generous gifts are used to efficiently help children. Find out more at unicef.org.au/how-your-money-is-used



Wherever there are children in need, UNICEF is there because of you. We get your gifts to children, wherever the need is greatest. For every dollar you generously give:

5 cents

goes toward UNICEF Australia's accountability and administration costs, which include essential investment required to effectively run the organisation in order to constantly create bigger impact for children. This has also started to decrease from 2021 following efficiency improvements and a continued focus on reducing our fixed costs.



82 cents

last year, 82 cents went directly to program expenditure and community education, including long-term development and emergency response work.

13 cents

goes toward investing in further growing fundraising in Australia to benefit more children across the world. UNICEF Australia reinvests our supporters' generous donations to grow our resources, meaning that overall more funds are able to be remitted to the field to support our work for children.



HOW ARE YOU BUILDING FUTURES?



One of the most amazing things about your regular donations is that they help to build futures for generations to come. Whether your gift funds an education program in a remote school in Cambodia or improves birthing clinics in Yemen, the impact you make will be long-lasting for families. You are helping us to build better futures for every child with every donation.

As a Global Parent you are there in an emergency to help children and families impacted by conflict, natural disasters and health crises. You are there to keep innovating and delivering solutions to long-term development challenges, and supporting children from birth to adulthood. With your help, our teams can fund low-cost, highly effective solutions that work to improve the lives of children and their families into the future.

In 2020, the Global Parent community helped UNICEF respond to the urgent needs of children during the COVID-19 pandemic through the provision of life-saving protective equipment, water and sanitation programs, and immunisation

rollouts for those who care for children. This effort continued in 2021 as Global Parents helped children resume their education after lockdowns, and also allowed us to react quickly in response to deadly waves of COVID-19 in India with essential oxygen supplies that will continue to benefit communities for years to come.

In 2022, flexible funding from Global Parents was crucial in aiding our teams on the ground to be there for children before, during and after emerging crises as they recover, including the war in Ukraine, the malnutrition crisis in the horn of Africa and flooding in Pakistan.



Thanks to gifts from UNICEF supporters like you, in 2022:



23.8 million

children were reached with measles vaccinations



25.9 million

people accessed a sufficient quantity of safe water for drinking and domestic needs



28 million

children were provided with education, including early learning



2.6 million

children aged 6-59 months received treatment for severe wasting

Your funds have also directly supported what we call UNICEF Australia's '**Priority Programs**', which are part of a special commitment to support critical, underfunded programs - particularly in our nearest, neighbouring countries. These projects focus specifically on the early years of a child's life, adolescent potential, and child protection.

As part of 2021 programming, Global Parents helped provide:



139,488

children and families with emergency relief projects addressing the effects of COVID-19



135,437

children with nutrition programs



203,078

parents with information on child development, health and nutrition, gender equality and disability inclusion



13,672

children with access to early childhood education

Protecting the world's children also means protecting those here at home.

The country most people don't know we work in is our own home, Australia! We have recently accelerated our **Australian programs and advocacy work** to reach the most vulnerable and marginalised children in our own backyard. As part of the Global Parent community, you are helping us to make Australia a better place to be a child.

Whether it is helping a young child receive counselling after catastrophic bushfires or floods, delivering culturally inclusive education to Indigenous children in the Northern Territory or travelling across the country to hear how children are coping with their mental health, every day you are helping us to build bright futures.

Thank you

Find out more about our work in Australia at [unicef.org.au/we-are-here-in-australia](https://www.unicef.org.au/we-are-here-in-australia)



THANK YOU, GLOBAL PARENT.
PEOPLE LIKE YOU HELPED
CHILDREN LIKE HANAN HAVE

HOPE FOR THE FUTURE.



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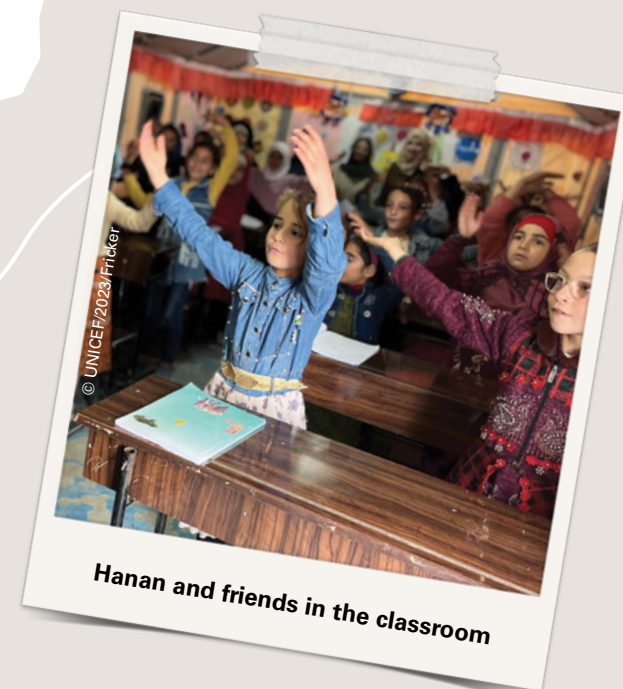
In this video, James Elder helps Aussie kids understand global emergencies and their impact on children like Hanan. **Watch now!**



SYRIA

Meet Hanan

Hanan, a ten-year-old child from the northwest of Syria has seen more tragedy in her short life than she should ever have to. UNICEF non-formal education spaces are bringing joy back to the lives of children affected by disaster, conflict and tragedy, including Hanan.



Hanan and friends in the classroom

A blissful sound fills the air, the sound of children singing. The singing is coming from a classroom run by UNICEF and its partners in the earthquake-affected northwest of Syria.

Inside, the children are waving their arms along to a cheerful song about the five senses. Activities like these bring fun, learning and a sense of safety and structure to children attending classes in non-formal education spaces. These spaces provide an important sense of normalcy for children whose lives have been upended by conflict and disaster. They are also a reminder of what childhood is supposed to be.

Thanks to your incredible support, learning spaces like these provide hope and a lifeline back to childhood.

"All these children have been suffering earthquakes, conflict and tragedies," says Safa, a teacher who's leading the class. "This methodology helps them [overcome] psychological issues, have fun, and process information they are given."

In one activity, Hanan sharpens her senses by tasting a pinch of salt from a small bowl at the front of the classroom.

"My teachers have given me more courage to be here and to play with other children with no problems or the fear that I used to have," Hanan says as the class finishes.

Safa says that when Hanan first attended the classes, she was finding it difficult to interact with her peers. Like many children, she has been trying to come to terms with the devastation after the earthquakes that occurred in early 2023.

Children like Hanan – who have lived their whole lives amidst conflict and who now cope with the horror of the earthquakes – could easily lose hope.

"At home I do my homework and then I play a little bit and help my mum. After that, I sleep because I really want to go to class the next day,"
#HANAN SAYS.

Thank you for helping UNICEF to provide children like Hanan a safe place to go and rediscover what being a child is like.

"They were very stressed, but they are doing better," explains Mohammed, one of the facilitators at a nearby camp. "It's some relief when we can tell the children are happy."

THANK YOU, GLOBAL PARENT.
PEOPLE LIKE YOU HELPED GIVE MAHDI

A HEALTHY FUTURE.



BANGLADESH



Mahdi and his mother, Ismat

Meet Mahdi

At only a few months old, Mahdi was so weak he was unable to cry. A UNICEF-supported mobile health clinic came to his village, he was assessed and found to be suffering from severe acute malnutrition. He travelled to the nearest hospital with his parents to receive treatment.

Thanks to the incredible support from individuals like you, UNICEF facilitated a vital intervention to address the flood emergency in north-eastern Bangladesh in June 2022.

Dedicated community health workers tirelessly ventured into villages, conducting assessments, and weighing children under the age of five. During this critical undertaking, a community health worker evaluated Mahdi and conveyed to his concerned parents that he was afflicted by severe malnourishment, emphasising the immediate need for urgent care and intervention.

"I could not produce enough breast milk for him. He cried and fussed a lot and was often sick. We knew that he was not getting enough milk but we were helpless," MAHDI'S MOTHER, ISMAT EXPLAINS.

The family made their way to their nearest hospital, through muddy rivers and flooded roads. Mahdi was started on a treatment of therapeutic milk, which is included in a package supplied to health centres by UNICEF and its partners, to treat children with severe acute malnutrition.

Mahdi's family relies upon the daily wages from his father, Mohammad, to put food on the table. He goes out each day, looking for work in the rice fields or in construction. Some days there is no work, so no money or food to bring home to the family. Their diet mostly consists of rice and vegetables, but they miss out on important proteins like fish, eggs, and meat.

Millions of children in Bangladesh do not get enough nutrients in their diet and the impact can be long-lasting. The damage done to a child's body and brain by stunting cannot be reversed. It drags down performance at school and work and puts children at a higher risk of dying from infectious diseases.

But despite all these challenges, thanks to the support of generous donors like you, Mahdi is fully recovered and has gained critical weight.

"We did not know about this special milk. It's a blessing to be able to see our son smiling again," says Mohammad.

THANK YOU, GLOBAL PARENT. PEOPLE
LIKE YOU HELPED PHILLANDRAH GET THE
**EDUCATION
SHE DESERVES.**



To read more about how
UNICEF Australia supports children
closer to home, [click here](#).



PAPUA
NEW GUINEA

Meet Phillandrah

Phillandrah, six, had never attended school. Until now. For children with a disability, schools like the UNICEF-supported Early Childhood Education Centre in Morobe Province, Papua New Guinea (PNG), are life-changing.

With the help of the ongoing generosity and support of Global Parents like you, Phillandrah is learning in a classroom for the very first time. Phillandrah is deaf and unable to speak, and until recently she didn't have access to inclusive education.

Her parents, Linda and Jeffery, moved the family to Morobe Province so Linda could start a new role as a teacher at a local high school.

When looking for a new school for her children to attend, she visited the local UNICEF-supported Early Childhood Education Centre close to their home. She was pleased to learn that all students were welcome, and Phillandrah's teacher is trained in inclusive education – and has a disability himself.

Linda, being a teacher, knows the importance of education and was thrilled that this opportunity exists for children to be able to fully participate in class. Today, Phillandrah is doing well at school both socially and academically and can lip read and communicate with her classmates through signing.

Having a disability is one of the most challenging barriers to education for children. That's why UNICEF is working to build the capacity of early childhood educators to deliver inclusive early childhood education. Inclusive education is an effective way to give all children a fair chance to go to school, learn and develop the skills they need to thrive.



Phillandrah (centre) and her family

"In PNG, people think there aren't any opportunities for people with disabilities and that people with disabilities can't work. For myself, I have the belief and the hope that [Phillandrah] can become something and someone on her own and find work."

LINDA

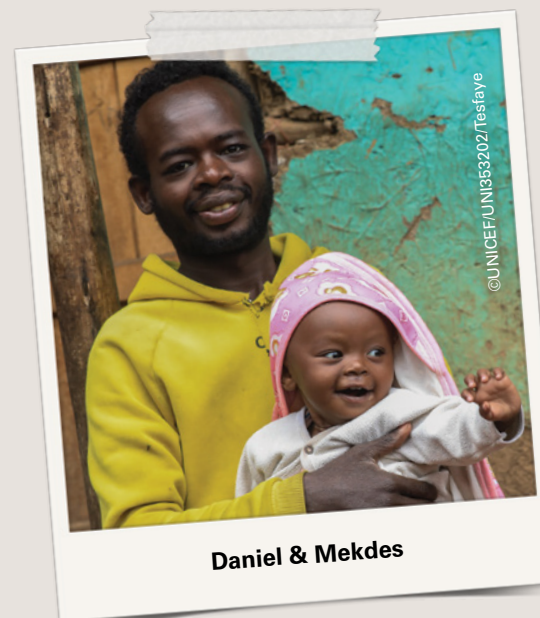
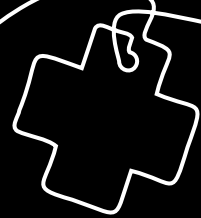
"I want her to live a life that ordinary people can live and not be left out," says Linda.

Linda and Jeffery are confident that this learning journey for Phillandrah will continue well into the future.

This program is funded by amazing supporters like you, with support from the Australian Government through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP). Thanks to you, children like Phillandrah have been given the chance to access inclusive, quality education, to give them the best start in life.

THANK YOU, GLOBAL PARENT.
PEOPLE LIKE YOU HELPED MEKDES

ACCESS PROTECTION.



Daniel & Mekdes

ETHIOPIA

Meet Mekdes

Dad Daniel and mum Meselech live in Ethiopia with their little girl Mekdes. After many years living in the south of the country, they made the long journey to the capital, Addis Ababa, hoping to make a living as weavers.

As they strived to provide and build a bright future for their baby girl, COVID-19 arrived and limited their opportunities to find buyers and generate income. Adding to the burden, their little daughter became ill.

Health workers in Addis Ababa were made aware that there was an illness spreading in the area where Daniel lives, and that it was killing children.

Health authorities set up a team to come and investigate in the neighbourhood. Through the information they gathered from the parents who had lost their children, the team confirmed that the disease was measles. The community had no idea.

Whilst in many countries parents have virtually forgotten about measles due to excellent vaccination coverage, it is an incredibly infectious virus that is spread through coughing and sneezing.

The disease is so infectious that an unvaccinated person can fall ill with the virus after simply entering a room previously visited by someone with the disease. Beyond its distinctive red rash, measles can cause pneumonia (severe lung infection) and encephalitis (swelling of the brain) which can kill.

"The disease increasingly made my daughter suffer. I stopped working altogether because I couldn't focus. I lost my appetite and kept worrying. I didn't know where to go or what to do," says concerned dad Daniel as he reflected on their families experience.

Daniel's worry was made worse by the fact the family recently lost Mekdes' one-year-old cousin. The family had struggled to reach medical services in time – a challenge faced by many families in the area. No child should die of a preventable disease.

During her home-to-home visits to the affected families, another Mekdes, a local health worker with the same name as Daniel's much-loved daughter, was able to do an initial examination and refer her to a local community centre for further treatment.

"I have greatly benefitted from my decision to take my daughter to a health facility. If I hadn't taken her there, she could have died. I'm very happy with what happened in the end."

After 10 days of treatment, Daniel got his happy and healthy baby girl back.

Thanks to supporters like you, we find a way to protect children like baby Mekdes. No matter who they are or where they live, together we work to cross rivers and climb mountains to make sure every child is given their life-saving vaccines.

THANK YOU, GLOBAL PARENT.
YOU'RE HELPING CHILDREN

BUILD THEIR FUTURE.



Isata, 10

Isata is an Ebola survivor, who tragically lost most of her family, including her siblings and parents to the disease. Her grandmother, who Isata loves dearly, took her in. A UNICEF-supported psychosocial counsellor has been coming to visit Isata. **"I want to be a bank manager so I can take care of my family, especially my grandma."**

Sierra Leone

Côte d'Ivoire

Brazil



Adriana, 15

Adriana has had cerebral palsy since birth and once thought she would never be able to walk. She has been a champion of her own future and that of others by raising her voice for every boy and girl with disabilities. Adriana is a gold medalist Paralympic athlete and participated in the Olympic Torch Relay for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, representing UNICEF and the children of the world. She says, **"When I grow up I will participate in the Paralympic Games. I know I will win medals. Carrying the flame will show to many people that children like me must have the same chance to practice a sport and study."**



Fidel, 11

Fidel lived on the streets for many months after being a victim of abuse in his family home. He says, "I came in contact with a social worker who proposed me to come to the UNICEF (socio-educational health) centre. I feel safe here, protected. Next week I can go to school. I'm looking forward to it. **I want to learn. My dream is to become a football player. But if I learn good, I can make my own contract."**

Besan, 10

Besan has excitedly received warm winter clothes from UNICEF in the refugee camp where she lives. She says, "I am so happy we came here today to receive winter clothes. It was so exciting. I am so happy. We got jackets, scarves and sweaters." Besan and her little brother Yaseen are part of the Dom minority group in Jordan, where they attend a UNICEF-supported Makanai centre. Besan is in the fourth grade and English is her favourite subject. **"I want to be a Police Officer when I'm older, to preserve order!"**

Jordan



Mongolia



Sugarmaa, 1

Sugarmaa is a happy and healthy little girl, who has thrived thanks to the support her mum Delgermurun received from a UNICEF maternal and newborn health and nutrition program. The proud mum says, "I was so happy and glad after she was born. I'm so happy to have three girls now. **I dream that they will become well-educated and knowledgeable people, and that they will complete their education.** I hope my second daughter, who is sturdy and muscular, will become a wrestler... but I will respect whatever they think is right for themselves."

Cambodia



Tab, 18

Tab is working towards graduating high school. He credits a UNICEF Australia-supported life skills program as helping him be successful at problem-solving, helping his studies especially amidst COVID-19 school closures and distance learning. When Tab participated in the program in 2018, he said, **"I want to help others... I want to be a doctor when I grow up.** Life Skills helps me feel brave, improves my communication and helps me understand different aspects of life."

Timor-Leste



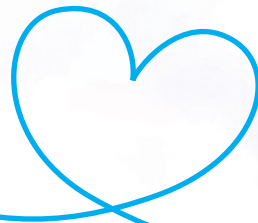
Madalena, 16

Madalena is part of a UNICEF-supported program focusing on adolescent potential, which helps to support young people to access resources and drive change in their communities to build their futures. **"I have two dreams; first is I want a big library here on the island, and the second is to become a biologist because I want to study about the marine creatures."**

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