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Every child deserves a childhood,
A future,
A fair chance.
That's why UNICEF is there
Working tirelessly
In over 190 countries and territories.
To reach every child
Even in the most remote areas
No matter what.
It's why we stay.
And we never give up.
It's why
We can't do it without you.



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Cover: Seven-year-old Nkembo is held by a UNICEF staff member in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. © UNICEF/UNI456462/Mulala

This page: Sisters Sana'a, 8, and Fatema, eight months in Jordan where they live. © UNICEF/UNI578937/Elaiwa

Thank you, you're a Global Parent!

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

As a member of our **Global Parent community** you're helping to protect and support children and young people in need all over the world, including those close to home.

From your very first gift, you have already helped provide essential resources and care to some of the world's most remote and vulnerable communities. Your ongoing, flexible donation is helping to drive long-term, sustainable and innovative solutions to some of the biggest challenges children face today. And just as importantly, we can continue being there for children before, during and after emergencies thanks to our strong relationships with local partners and communities.

With generous supporters like you, our teams can provide the support every child needs to enjoy a childhood where they're protected, healthy, educated and can grow to reach their full potential - no matter what.

Impact Magazine

Read more about the incredible impact you are making for children, please find our latest impact newsletter: unicef.org.au/impact-our-supporter-magazine



Zabiullah from Afghanistan, is happy to now have access to clean water so he no longer has to face the difficulty of fetching water from other places.



One-year-old Gabriel joyfully plays with his mother Sarah. Gabriel survived mpox at a UNICEF-supported hospital.



UNICEF distributed water purification tablets, storage tanks, and hygiene supplies to children and their families after the Super Typhoon Yagi struck Vietnam.



Najma has brought her nine-month-old baby, Nusaiba to a health complex in Bangladesh for treatment. © UNICEF/UNI638108/Himu



Students in Malawi receive education supplies from UNICEF staff. © UNICEF/UNI581203/Mmina/Elephant Media

CHAMPIONING CHILD RIGHTS SINCE 1946

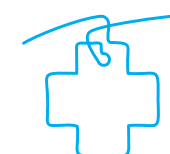
Did you know that UNICEF is the world's largest children's charity, and we're entirely funded by voluntary donations? Our global team is passionate about protecting and advocating for the rights of all children – no matter who they are or where they live – so that every child is healthy, educated and safe.

In the aftermath of World War II, UNICEF was founded to support children whose lives and futures were at risk. That same relentless and compassionate spirit continues to create incredible change for children today. UNICEF has helped save more lives than any other humanitarian organisation in the world.

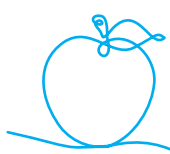
Anchored by the Convention of the Rights of the Child, UNICEF is in over 190 countries and territories – including the most remote and dangerous locations – working alongside our local partners to deliver critical lifesaving support and to help establish sustainable, long-term change for children in emergencies and development situations. Plus, we elevate the voices of young people on issues that matter most to them.



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



We provide lifesaving support and protection for children during **emergencies**.



We deliver **long-term international development programs**, including education, nutrition, and healthcare programs.

WHERE DOES YOUR MONEY GO?

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 and our trusted partners to support 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 that we are able to deliver on our commitment to reach more children."

- Tony Stuart,
UNICEF Australia Chief Executive Officer

Wherever there are children in need, UNICEF is there because of you.

For every dollar you generously give:

80 cents

on average, 80 cents to every dollar spent for the past three years went directly to helping children in need, including long-term programs, emergency response and community education.



6 cents

on average, 6 cents to every dollar spent for the past three years went towards our admin costs, such as keeping your personal data safe.

14 cents

on average, 14 cents to every dollar spent for the past three years went to essential fundraising costs that helped us generate more impact for children.

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



A group of girls smiling at a child protection centre in a camp for internally displaced people in Iraq. © UNICEF/UNI609366/Anmar

HOW YOU'RE HELPING TO BUILD 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.

As a Global Parent, you're helping us be there during emergencies and supporting children and families impacted by conflict, natural disasters and health crises. You're helping us to innovate and deliver solutions to long-term challenges and supporting children from birth to adulthood. With your generosity, our teams can fund low-cost, highly effective solutions that work to improve the lives of children, now and into the future.

In 2023 alone, UNICEF responded to 412 emergencies across 107 countries, providing essential services and supplies. With the sheer scale of our infrastructure and long-term development work around the world, we can act quickly. Flexible funding from the Global Parent community continues to help us respond to the urgent needs of children living through crises.

We're the largest buyer of vaccines and ready-to-use therapeutic food, both critical to the survival of millions of children. Every year we vaccinate half the world's children. In 2023, we delivered 2.79 billion doses of vaccines to 105 countries, including the first malaria vaccine to countries in Africa.

In 2024, when a polio outbreak was declared in Gaza, we facilitated a mass-vaccination campaign to ensure children were protected from the life-threatening disease, and when children suffered from malnutrition in Sudan and Afghanistan, UNICEF was there, delivering lifesaving nutrition.

These are just some of the ways we're creating impact together.



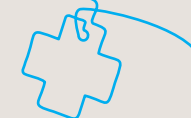
Six-year-olds Kim and Tin wash their hands with other students at the newly installed Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) station at a primary school in Cambodia. © UNICEF/UNI630751/Rotzoll

Thanks to gifts from UNICEF supporters like you, in 2023:



37.7 million

children and young people accessed education, including 17.7 million in emergencies.



9.3 million

children were reached with lifesaving treatment for severe wasting – the most immediate, visible and life-threatening form of malnutrition.



42 million

people were provided with clean water, sanitation and hygiene services during emergencies.



26 million

people received child protection services in humanitarian settings, including reunification of separated families due to conflict or displacement.

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 work here in Australia through partnerships, advocacy and ensuring the voices of young people are heard. We are committed to help the most vulnerable children in our own backyard, ensuring that every child has the opportunity to thrive.

Whether it's working to make it easier for all Australian children to receive their birth certificate, speaking up to strengthen laws that keep children safe online or ensuring that children impacted by climate disasters have the support they need, you are helping us to build brighter futures.



Families attend a birth certificate community event in Gunnedah.

Find out more about our work in Australia here!
[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 FROM SYRIA HAVE

HOPE FOR THE FUTURE.



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



Hanan (right) and her best friend Sara in a UNICEF-supported informal school in Syria. © UNICEF/UN0827944/Fricker

SYRIA

Meet Hanan

Hanan, a 10-year-old girl from the northwest of Syria, has seen more tragedy in her short life than she should ever have. UNICEF's non-formal education spaces bring joy back to the lives of children like Hanan, who have been affected by disaster and conflict.



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're 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.

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

"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

THANK YOU, GLOBAL PARENT. PEOPLE LIKE YOU
HELPED GIVE ROQIA FROM AFGHANISTAN

A HEALTHY FUTURE.

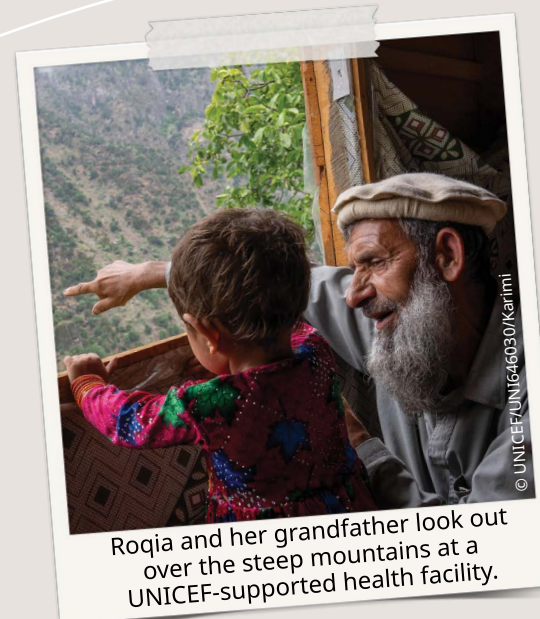


Two-year-old Roqia and her grandfather sit atop their home in Afghanistan. © UNICEF/UNI646034/Karimi

AFGHANISTAN

Meet Roqia

Cut off by towering, jagged mountain peaks and often impassable roads, two-year-old Roqia lives with her family in a remote mountainous region of [Afghanistan](#).



Roqia and her grandfather look out over the steep mountains at a UNICEF-supported health facility.

Children and their families who live in these hard-to-reach villages have limited access to basic services like quality education, healthcare, sanitation and a broad range of nutritious food.

When Roqia developed a fever and weakness in her left leg, her grandfather made the two-hour journey down to the UNICEF-supported health facility on foot, carrying his granddaughter in his arms. The lab results came back positive: Roqia had polio.

Like 95 per cent of the children growing up in the mountainous regions of Afghanistan, Roqia missed some of her routine vaccinations. Combined with basic sanitation facilities and a limited diet of mostly eating what they can produce – milk products, seasonal fruits and nuts, and what grains and pulses grow in the climate – children in these areas become more susceptible to diseases like polio and malnutrition.

At the health facility, Roqia was also diagnosed with malnutrition – sadly, a common story for many children in the district.

One of the many challenges of this remote location is the limited access to essential services. In Roqia's village, a husband-and-wife team provides rudimentary health care out of a one-roomed hut, and they also double as the village schoolteachers.

Children in the next valley over from Roqia's have more of a perilous journey to access health care – elevating their risk of contracting preventable diseases.

For Roqia, with treatment and under the watchful eye of her parents and doting grandfather, she has recovered from malnutrition and is now growing healthy and strong. And although she will always suffer weakness in her left leg, Roqia is walking.



Two-year-old Roqia and her grandfather sit with members of their community in Afghanistan. © UNICEF/UNI646035/Karimi

THANK YOU, GLOBAL PARENT. PEOPLE LIKE YOU HELPED
PHILLANDRAH FROM PAPUA NEW GUINEA HAVE THE

EDUCATION SHE DESERVES.



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



Phillandrah (right) plays with her family.
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PAPUA
NEW GUINEA

Meet Phillandrah

Phillandrah, 6, had never attended school. Until now. For children with a disability, schools like the UNICEF-supported Early Childhood Education Centres in places like [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 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, Rueben, 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



Phillandrah's teacher Rueben, who also lives with a disability.



Phillandrah (centre) and her family.

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.

"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 assistance 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 LUZINHA FROM MOZAMBIQUE

ACCESS PROTECTION.



Jonita hugs her daughter Luzinha, at a mobile health clinic which provides care to isolated communities in Mozambique.
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MOZAMBIQUE

Meet Luzinha

In an isolated farming community near the coast of Mozambique, Jonita watches her daughter run around a tree, laughing with joy. Five-year-old Luzinha, whose name means 'Little Light', brings a smile to the other mothers with her infectious energy.



Oscar, a 27-year-old medical technician gives Luzinha a routine vaccination.
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Jonita and Luzinha are among dozens of women and children who receive services provided by a mobile clinic during its monthly visit to their remote village, which is prone to flooding during the rainy season. The clinics – teams of doctors and medical technicians that travel between communities – are crucial for delivering basic health services like vaccinations, nutrition, and HIV testing to some of the most hard-to-reach communities.

Before the mobile clinics started to visit, people in Jonita's village would walk 15 kilometres to the nearest health centre. "Some women couldn't take a whole day off, so they went to traditional healers instead. As a result, some children were never vaccinated and became very sick," explains Jonita.

Having lost one of her daughters to malaria, Jonita knows first-hand how important getting reliable access to healthcare is.

Vaccines remain the most effective way to protect children from life-threatening diseases such as polio, measles, and hepatitis B. In Mozambique, coverage rates of some key vaccines have fallen from 91 per cent in 2019 to 67 per cent in 2022, due to the disruptions of the pandemic and

several devastating cyclones. Mobile clinics are helping to drive those numbers up once again.

Oscar, a 27-year-old medical technician who regularly treats 80 to 90 children each visit, makes the arduous journey.

"I had to travel 10 kilometres this morning on difficult roads. The road was blocked by water at different points, and I had to cross flooded sections twice by putting my motorbike in a canoe,"
- Oscar

"But it's worth it as 100 per cent of the children in this community are getting vaccines and receiving them on time," he says.

The medical technicians operating the mobile clinic come from the local area, which has helped them gain the confidence of the community.

"It's the same two men working at the mobile clinic every month. They are from around here, and we trust them," Jonita says. "They treat us with kindness and respect."

The trust is evident as Luzinha calmly receives an injection from one of the technicians. After receiving her vaccination, she's quickly up and running around the trees again, brightening the day for the gathered crowd.

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BUILD THEIR FUTURE.

Alina, 12

Since the conflict escalated in 2022, Alina, like millions of children in Ukraine, has lived through fear and uncertainty. After the death of her brother, Alina's mum urgently needed psychological support, so she turned to Victoriia, a psychologist from a UNICEF-supported mobile medical team. **Seeing Victoriia's impact on her family, Alina now dreams of helping others heal by one day becoming a psychologist herself.**



Ukraine

Afghanistan

Fauzia, 10

Without access to clean water, life was very hard for Fauzia and her family in their village in Afghanistan. Fauzia, who would have to walk 30 minutes to fetch water and then wait for more than an hour for her turn explains they couldn't cook, bake bread, or wash themselves. By the time she got to school, she had missed most of her classes. UNICEF has provided Fauzia's village with access to clean water, which also helps to give valuable time back to girls to attend school. **"Now, I am happy. I can study and become a doctor in the future."**



Baraa, 6 months

As the devastating war in Sudan continues, Manahil and her six-month-old baby, Baraa, are fighting their own battle. Baraa was very sick and weak. Scared for his life, Manahil brought him to a hospital, where he was diagnosed with a life-threatening form of malnutrition. Baraa was enrolled in a UNICEF-supported nutrition program, and his health has been improving every day. **"My dream is to see Baraa grow up healthy and become a doctor or teacher in the future."**



Sudan

Bangladesh

Rahima, 20 and Ruksana, 12

Rahima is a Rohingya refugee working as a community volunteer, accompanying 16 young girls to and from their homes to the UNICEF-supported learning centre in the Rohingya refugee camps in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh. Rahima does this to protect the girls from harassment, which helps parents feel more comfortable sending their daughters to the learning centre. **Rahima also advocates for girls' education in the camps, telling parents that they should send their daughters to school and informing them about how education can help the girls in their day-to-day lives and futures.**

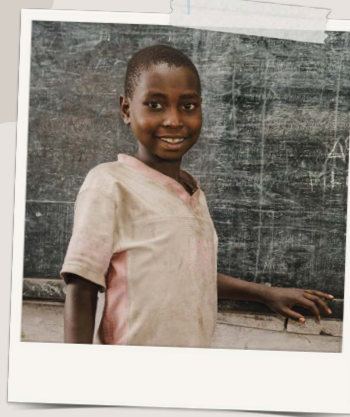


Papua New Guinea



Clarita, 6 months

Alicia holds her six-month-old baby, Clarita, after she received the malaria vaccines at a health centre in Benin. **Clarita is the first child in Benin to be vaccinated against malaria, which is one of the deadliest diseases for children aged under two in Africa.** UNICEF purchased 18 million doses of the vaccines to help 12 African nations, including Benin, ensure the vaccine was included in children's routine vaccination programs from early 2024.



Justin, 10

Before violence came to his village, Justin was enrolled in the third year of primary school. Justin and his family fled the violence and have been living in a camp for internally displaced people (IDP). Justin had not been back to school for a year, until now, where he attends classes at a UNICEF-supported school in the IDP camp. **"When we were studying, at break time we used to draw pictures with my friends," says Justin. "I want to continue my studies and later become a teacher."**

Yemen



Yousra, 16

For 16-year-old Yousra, who had not attended school since she was married, education was not something she could afford. That is until free basic literacy and numeracy classes supported by UNICEF were offered at a school near the camp for internally displaced persons where she lives. **"When we go to the hospital, I can now read [the doctor's note]. If there is something that needs to be read, I read it myself and I can write myself."**

Malakai, 16

Lina, a mother of four boys, including 16-year-old Malakai, attended a UNICEF-supported Parenting for Child Development Program in her village in Papua New Guinea. The program teaches positive parenting skills, and although targeted to parents of young children, parents of teenagers are also attending and benefiting from the lessons learned. **"After the training, mum is better at communicating about the things we have done that are not acceptable."**



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ACROSS THE WORLD AND HERE AT HOME
**WE'RE THERE
FOR EVERY CHILD.
NO MATTER WHAT.**



Mary smiles while playing with her five-year-old daughter, Happiness, after a school day in Malawi. Happiness is now healthy and able to attend school thanks to nutrition supplements she was given at a UNICEF-supported nutrition program. © UNICEF/UNI591018/Mmina/Elephant Media

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