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**Cover:** Eight-year-old Ameer attends a temporary learning centre in the Sindh province of Pakistan. The centre was established by UNICEF in response to the devastating flooding that occurred in the region. © UNICEF/UN0730490/Bashir

**This page:** UNICEF Australia is unlocking children's potential in remote Australia, in partnership with the Moriarty Foundation. © UNICEF Australia/2023/Hill

UNICEF Australia acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of Country of the land and communities in which we and our partners work throughout Australia, and their connection to their lands, waters, and communities. We pay respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and cultures, and to Elders past, present, and emerging.

# Chair's report



**“Our network of supporters has never been greater – from our partner organisations, to corporates, governments, philanthropists, and ambassadors.”**

In 2022, UNICEF Australia was able to respond with strength and capability to the increasingly complex humanitarian challenges for children around the world. This was made possible by the innovation and agility that we had developed during the COVID-19 pandemic.

We faced significant challenges including the devastating impact of the war in Ukraine, compounded by global economic pressures and climate change. Despite these obstacles, we worked tirelessly to grow our network to influence and deliver on the needs of vulnerable families and children. Our network of supporters has never been greater – from our partner organisations, to corporates, governments, philanthropists, and ambassadors.

We seized opportunities, such as a partnership with the International Cricket Council, to empower girls through sport and improve gender equity. Our Sport 4 Development program, operating in countries including Sri Lanka, India, and Bangladesh, has already begun to make a meaningful impact.

Significant progress was made in supporting UNICEF Timor-Leste's Child Protection Program, advocating for a legal framework that prioritises the needs of every child, including girls and children with disabilities. Our efforts were rewarded when the Timor-Leste Government passed its first-ever comprehensive child protection law in early 2023.

In Australia, we advocated on issues that were most important for the wellbeing of children across the country and worked with partners to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from birth to their high school years. We collaborated with Royal Far West to conduct a comprehensive assessment of the post-flood needs of children in Northern NSW and Southeast Queensland. This was the first assessment of its kind and forms a framework for our domestic response and

advocacy in future, to ensure children's needs are included in emergency response and recovery planning.

I am grateful to our high-profile UNICEF Australia Ambassadors for their generosity in drawing attention to children in need. Australian cricket captain Pat Cummins played a pivotal role in raising awareness for the Sri Lanka appeal. We were delighted to welcome Emma McKeon, Australia's most decorated Olympian, as our newest ambassador. On World Children's Day, she brought attention to the difficulties that Australian children encounter in terms of their health and overall wellbeing.

In 2022, we not only collaborated with multiple stakeholders to uplift children and youth, but we also prioritised giving a platform to our youngest Australians to have their voices heard. Through our Young Ambassador program, we actively engaged with policymakers and advocated for critical issues such as mental health, climate change, and equal access to education.

We recognise that global economic pressures, climate change and political instability mean there is much work ahead of us. I am proud of the unwavering determination our team has shown this year to support as many children around the world as we can.

I would also like to thank our dedicated board, partners and generous donors who made it possible to provide critical healthcare, child protection services, and education to children in prolonged crises and emergencies throughout 2022.

**Ann Sherry AO**  
Chair  
UNICEF Australia

# CEO's report

**T**hanks to the incredible generosity of our supporters, UNICEF Australia achieved a remarkable increase in our contribution to children, reaching a record amount of funding in 2022.

This substantial growth has provided us with the opportunity to expand our investments beyond previous years. As a result, we have allocated additional resources to vital programmatic and community education activities, benefiting children in Australia and across the globe.

The timing of the record funding proved to be fortuitous as we faced the tragic events of 2022. To begin recounting the year, it is necessary to recognise the largest conflict in Europe since World War II, which resulted in one of the fastest and most extensive displacements of children since the inception of UNICEF.

The world suddenly felt smaller when the long-held dispute between Russia and Ukraine erupted into full-scale war in March. Australians empathised deeply when they saw footage of Ukrainians wheeling suitcases and clasping onto their children as they fled to safety. The repercussions of this conflict reverberated globally, leading to grain shortages, skyrocketing food prices, and rising fuel prices acutely affecting already struggling economies.

In the face of such unprecedented challenges, UNICEF, armed with more than 75 years of experience in emergencies, was well prepared to respond swiftly and effectively. The availability of these additional funds enabled us to provide immediate assistance and support to the children and families affected by these tragic circumstances.

It was an emergency of such scale that UNICEF Australia reprioritised our agenda for the months ahead. We rapidly supported our colleagues in Ukraine with generous donations from our supporters, straight off the back from leading the procurement and delivery of COVID-19 vaccines for low-income countries during the global pandemic.

UNICEF was able to rapidly mobilise life-saving supplies and truck water to areas where infrastructure was destroyed, while simultaneously working with local governments in neighbouring countries to support the Ukrainians fleeing across borders in fear for their lives.

The impact on children and families has been devastating. Families have been torn apart as people leave behind their homes, friends, communities, and pets. Children have lost more than a year of normal schooling. Livelihoods have been lost. The trauma suffered will continue to be felt for generations to come.

Elsewhere in the world, the changing climate wreaked havoc. Drought escalated the malnutrition crisis in Africa and the largest economic crisis in over 70 years threatened lives in Sri Lanka.

As climate, economic and political pressures increase the number of emergencies occurring in every corner of the globe, it is critical that we keep investing in sustainable development so that communities can be more resilient when emergencies occur.

UNICEF is dedicated to improving the lives of children during emergencies and implementing long-term solutions to systemic problems by continually working with governments and organisations.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our generous and loyal supporters for helping us protect the lives and rights of children who needed us most in 2022. I also express my gratitude to the amazing team at UNICEF Australia whose energy and dedication to their work knows no bounds.



**Tony Stuart**  
Chief Executive  
UNICEF Australia



**“ It is critical that we keep investing in sustainable development so that communities can be more resilient when emergencies occur. ”**

# Shaping a better future for children

UNICEF Australia is dedicated to improving the lives of children and young people, with a particular focus on those who are vulnerable and disadvantaged.



This report demonstrates the impact of our collaborative efforts, driven by the generosity of our supporters, throughout 2022.



**A**s the world's largest children's charity, UNICEF is entirely funded by voluntary donations and works to protect and save the lives of children in some of the harshest and most remote locations across the globe.

UNICEF's extensive track record of over 75 years of experience, operating in over 190 countries and territories in collaboration with local partners, has enabled the delivery of critical life-saving aid and the establishment of sustainable change for children in both emergency and development contexts.

UNICEF advocates for children's rights and meets their basic needs to reach their full potential, as mandated by the UN General Assembly and anchored by the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

UNICEF Australia supports this global ambition while also ensuring that every child in Australia and the Asia Pacific region is healthy, educated, and safe. With a commitment to achieving the UN's Sustainable Development Goals by 2030, UNICEF Australia works at community and policy levels to influence local, national, and regional governments worldwide, including in Australia.

Our Priority Programs are designed to meet the critical needs of children and young people domestically and internationally, particularly in underfunded programs in our nearest neighbouring countries. These programs aim to build futures from the very start of life and throughout childhood, with benefits continuing into adulthood, while also raising children's voices, defending their rights, and helping them reach their potential at all stages of life.

UNICEF Australia values local partnerships for targeted advocacy and supporting community programs that reach vulnerable children.

A boy is all smiles after receiving a vaccination in the Pacific Island nation of Kiribati. © UNICEF/2022/Chudeau

In 2022, UNICEF Australia launched a new strategic plan with three key objectives for the coming four-year period:

- **WE WILL** be relentless and determined in our response to emergencies and crises, working to meet the immediate needs of children in the most effective ways possible.
- **WE WILL** be ambitious and farsighted in our partnerships and programs, seeking to deliver impact for children at scale.
- **WE WILL** be the leading advocate for children and young people in Australia, amplifying their voices and promoting their rights in all areas of society.

By pursuing these objectives, UNICEF Australia is confident that we can make a real difference in the lives of children and young people both in Australia and overseas.

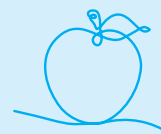
## About UNICEF Australia



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 healthcare programs

# Global and local positive change

In 2022, UNICEF Australia managed 30 Priority Programs, directly reaching more than seven million people. These programs were delivered in collaboration with seven UNICEF Country Offices – in Burundi, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Pacific Islands, Papua New Guinea, Sri Lanka, and Timor-Leste – along with the East Asia and Pacific Regional Office.

UNICEF Australia supported our first climate-specific project in 2022, as well as providing targeted funding to scale up climate-responsive programming in Timor-Leste.

This map indicates the countries where UNICEF Australia provided earmarked support to Priority Programs during the year.

## **Burundi**

- Adolescent Education\*

## **Cambodia**

- Adolescent Development and Participation\*
- Child Protection\*
- Early Childhood Development\*

## **East Asia and Pacific Regional Office (multi-country)**

- Climate\*
- Child Protection\*

## **Lao PDR**

- Education\*
- Child Protection\*
- Early Childhood Development\*

## **Pacific Island nations (multi-country)**

- New Vaccine Introduction

## **Papua New Guinea**

- Child Protection\*
- Adolescent Education\*
- COVID-19 response
- COVID-19 vaccine rollout\*
- Child Survival\*
- Convergence (multi-sector program)\*

## **Solomon Islands**

- Early Childhood Development\*

## **Sri Lanka**

- Child Survival\*
- Adolescent Development\*

## **Timor-Leste**

- Child Protection phase one and two\*
- Child Survival phase one and two\*
- COVID-19 response
- Early Childhood Development\*
- Adolescent Development and Participation\*

Burundi

Sri Lanka







## Record growth drives progress of programs

In 2022, UNICEF Australia achieved a milestone in advancing our mission to enhance children's lives. Soaring to \$46.7 million, our contribution to children experienced a remarkable 28 per cent increase to set a new record.

This substantial growth in funding enabled the expansion of international and domestic programs, along with community education initiatives. Increased voluntary donations, total revenue, and leveraging grant funding from the Australian Government and other organisations made this achievement possible.

We continued to accelerate our domestic programs and advocacy work. We invested \$4.6 million in community education and almost \$1 million into programs focusing on early childhood education and skills development within Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

With the support of the Australian community and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, UNICEF Australia contributed \$12.2 million to Priority Programs primarily across the Asia-Pacific region.

A total of \$24.8 million, including government funds, was raised for emergencies across Ukraine, Tonga, Pakistan Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, Yemen, Syria, Somalia, Lebanon, and Palestine. We have also continued to procure life-saving vaccines to address the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

We appreciate the support of our donors and partners who have made this positive impact possible.

People walk across dry land in Ethiopia. A severe drought hit the Horn of Africa in February, drying up water wells, killing livestock and pushing communities to the brink. © UNICEF/UN0631304/

### Vanuatu

- Child Survival

### Australia

- Family Friendly Workplaces (national) \*
- Youth Participation and Advocacy (national)
- Early Childhood Education and Care (Northern Territory)
- Youth Education and Empowerment (Queensland)
- Births Registration (NSW and ACT)
- Flood Response: Children's needs assessment for disaster psychological support (NSW and Queensland)

\* Indicates projects receiving support from the Australian Government.



# Our work in Australia

UNICEF Australia is dedicated to creating a better future for all children, especially those experiencing disadvantage in Australia. We achieve this through powerful partnerships, strategic advocacy, and amplifying the voices of young people.



**U**NICEF Australia continues to accelerate our work to create an Australia where every child is healthy, educated, protected, respected, and involved in planning their future. This is achieved through elevating the voices of children and young people through strategic advocacy and powerful partnerships.

By drawing on UNICEF's extensive global knowledge and experience, we are actively working towards making Australia a better place for children.

UNICEF Australia invested almost \$1 million in domestic programs throughout 2022 to advance the health, wellbeing and development of children in Australia. We are partnering with local organisations to reduce inequality and directly support some of the most disadvantaged children in the country.

## Focus areas of our work in Australia

In 2022, UNICEF Australia identified three thematic areas of focus, which included:

- **Investing in the early years** – addressing disadvantage in the early years so that all children in Australia receive the best start in life.
- **Adolescent potential and wellbeing** – empowering young Australians to influence the issues that are important to them and ensuring they have a chance to reach their full potential.
- **Children in crisis** – rapid response and prioritisation of the needs of children and families in crisis through advocacy with governments and targeted programs.

## Domestic program highlights 2022



**\$1.4 million**

government grant to expand the Family Friendly Workplaces program over the next three years



**4,000 +**

young people across Australia aged 15-24 consulted through our Young Ambassador program, ensuring they were able to contribute to the national conversation

The Indi Kindi program actively supports early childhood development and strives to break the cycle of entrenched intergenerational disadvantage in remote and regional communities. © Moriarty Foundation/Lister



We are working to drive transformational change for Australia's most vulnerable children.



## Investing in the early years

UNICEF Australia ensures that all children from birth up to the age of five have a fair chance to achieve their developmental potential.

Key achievements in 2022 included:

### Addressing the under-registration of births:

In Australia, birth registration rates are much lower within particular populations including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and people from culturally and linguistically diverse communities. This disparity hinders their access to essential services like healthcare, child protection, education, and employment. To address this issue, UNICEF Australia has partnered with Pathfinders, a community-based organisation that actively assists Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with registering their births or the births of their children. In 2023, we will campaign to raise awareness of the issue in Australia and drive action with governments.

### Family Friendly Workplaces program:

This program continued to engage the private sector to boost the wellbeing of children and carers across Australia and promote inclusion and gender equality in the workplace through family-friendly policies. Key achievements from the program in 2022 included:

- 90 workplaces integrated child rights policies and practices, which benefited more than 315,000 parents and caregivers.
- An impact assessment framework was established to measure and track outcomes.

- A published study showcased comprehensive family-friendly workplace policies and practices based on the experiences of the initial group of Australian employers benchmarked and certified.

The federal budget also committed to increasing paid parental leave to 26 weeks. Furthermore, the Australian Government committed \$1.4 million for UNICEF Australia and our partner, Parents at Work, to continue to deliver the Family Friendly Workplaces program and target 500 additional organisations by 2025.

**Indi Kindi learning:** In partnership with the Moriarty Foundation, UNICEF Australia invests in targeted programs in four remote communities in the Northern Territory. The program integrates education, health and wellbeing, and addresses 13 of the 17 Closing the Gap targets.

Key achievements of the Indi Kindi team, with targeted support by UNICEF Australia, included:

- Designing and delivering the new Indigenous Early Years program on Country in two new communities – Tennant Creek and Mungkarta.
- Training six educators in Certificate III Early Childhood Education and Care.
- Partnering with key community service providers, including Connected Beginnings, Barkly Regional Council, Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation, and Julalikari Council Aboriginal Corporation.

## Program highlights



# 90

workplaces and more than 315,000 employees benefited from family-friendly workplace policies and practices



# 4

remote communities now have access to an early learning and nutrition program on Country

“UNICEF Australia is a children’s charity with the determination and care to deliver long-lasting impact for every child, no matter what.”

“UNICEF Australia does whatever it takes to ensure that every child can survive and thrive, by providing the necessary support for them to learn and grow, have their voices heard, and achieve their full potential.”

Emily is one of our Young Ambassadors who met with politicians this year to voice what matters to children and young people across Australia.  
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## Adolescent potential and wellbeing

All young Australians have a fair chance to reach their full potential.

Key achievements in 2022 included:

**Young Ambassador program:** The UNICEF Australia Young Ambassador program provides young people aged 15-25 with an opportunity to further develop leadership capabilities and contribute to the national conversation on issues that affect them. In 2022, our Young Ambassadors reached over 4,000 children and young people across Australia through consultations and a national research survey. Major themes from our work included climate change, COVID-19 impacts, and youth participation in change-making. Our Young Ambassadors captured these outcomes in the *Designing the Future* report, which they presented to the nation's leaders at Parliament House in September 2022.

Other key achievements from the program included:

- Our Young Ambassadors met with the eSafety Commissioner to provide guidance on the planned Online Safety Youth Advisory Council. The council was launched in early 2022, with one of our Young Ambassadors appointed.

- Our Young Ambassadors, nominated by Project Rokit, participated in the first Australian youth consultations about the metaverse, along with 35 other youth leaders from organisations such as headspace, ReachOut, CMY, UNICEF, Minus18, Orygen, and Indigital. The discussions aimed to understand young people's perspectives on the potential benefits of the metaverse and key concerns regarding digital literacy, safety, and wellbeing in emerging technologies.
- Our targeted engagements with government and high-impact media – including the 9 News election blog and one of our Young Ambassadors appearing on ABC Television's *The Drum* – helped to secure \$10.5 million toward a new National Youth Advisory Committee.

**Better World Youth Summit:** Our first youth summit, held in partnership with the BUPA Foundation, aimed to make Australia more child-friendly. More than 150 Year 10 students from Greater Sydney schools participated in discussions and activities at Taronga Zoo in July 2022, exploring topics such as youth voice, environment, wellbeing, mental health, equity, climate change, and sustainability. The summit generated recommendations on prioritising mental health services for children and supporting their meaningful participation in policy and community programs.

### Program highlights



# 4,000+

young people's voices elevated and consulted on global and local issues important to them



# 60

advocacy engagements between decision makers and young leaders



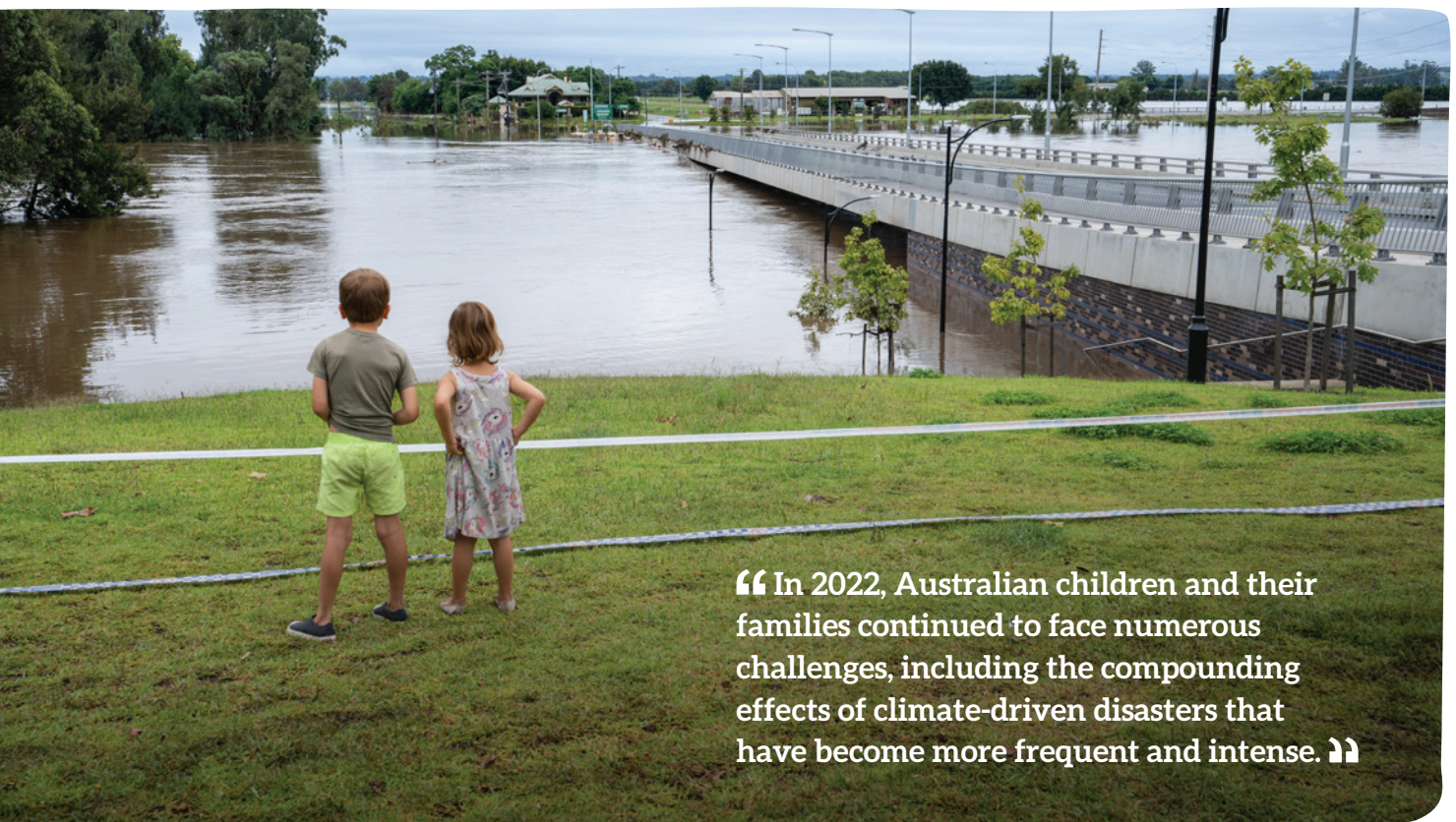
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#### CASE STUDY

### Empowering youth in remote Australia

Dakota (pictured second from left), from Woorabinda, in Central Queensland, was mentored and supported by the Community Spirit Foundation team through the Sprints Passport Program in 2022.

Thanks to the program, Dakota gained an impressive list of achievements and started a Certificate III in Sport and Recreation. She has her sights set on being a youth worker.



“ In 2022, Australian children and their families continued to face numerous challenges, including the compounding effects of climate-driven disasters that have become more frequent and intense. ”

### Program highlights



**\$4.5 million**

committed by the Australian Government to support children affected by the floods



**30**

flood-affected schools supported with psychosocial and mental health support

### Children in crises and emergencies

Children are highly exposed and vulnerable to disasters. UNICEF Australia addresses the needs of Australian children affected by emergencies.

The eastern Australia floods in February and March were one of the most severe in history. UNICEF Australia was uniquely positioned to draw on our expertise and work with our partners to ensure children's needs were understood and prioritised in the flood response and recovery.

Our key response strategies included:

#### Support of specialist mental health and psychosocial support programs:

We conducted a children's needs assessment with Royal Far West (RFW), speaking to over 50 educators, parents, and government officials in flood-affected areas in Northern NSW and Southeast Queensland to better understand how children were impacted and their recovery needs.

**Helping to elevate the voices of children and young people:** We helped coordinate consultations with young people to ensure that their perspectives were heard by decision makers and the wider community and that they had an influence on shaping public policy.

**Ongoing advocacy in disasters and emergency response:** We presented at the AIDR Sector Response Webinar: Recovery Matters, with an expert panel, who shared their insights into children's needs and experiences of the floods to a broad audience of over 700 people. We continue to push for reforms.

**Disaster Talks podcast:** In collaboration with the Australian Child and Adolescent Trauma, Loss and Grief Network at the Australian National University, we produced the Disaster Talks podcast series to support educators and school communities to better prepare and respond to extreme weather events such as bushfires and floods.



# Where we work in Australia

This map highlights the locations where we advocate for children, families and communities in Australia.

**Early Childhood Education and Care program**  
(Northern Territory)

**Youth Education and Empowerment program**  
(Queensland)

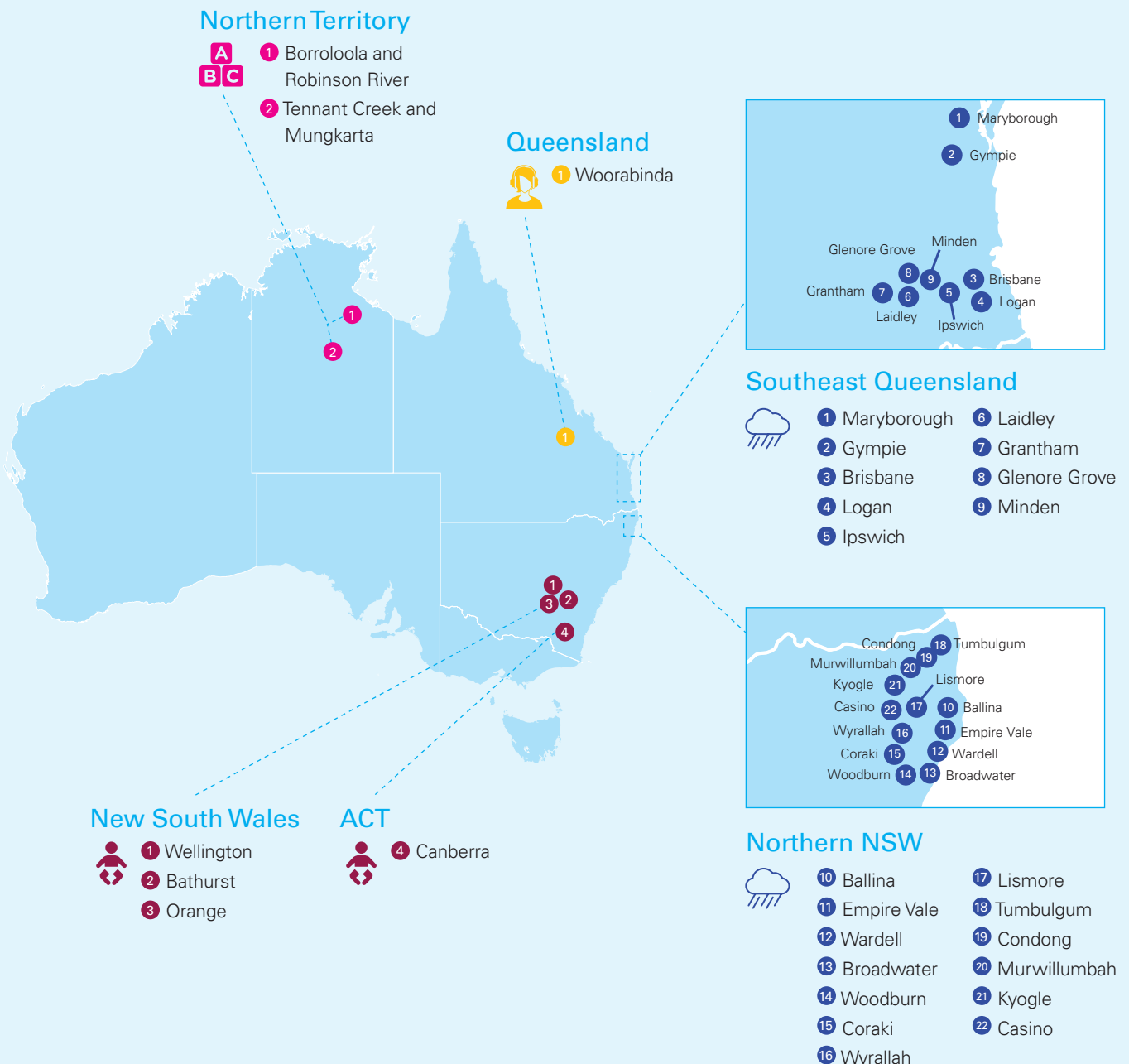
**Family Friendly Workplaces**  
(national)

**Youth Participation and Advocacy**  
(national)

## New initiatives in 2022

**Births Registration program**  
(NSW and ACT)

**Flood Response: Children's needs assessment for disaster psychosocial support**  
(NSW and Queensland)



# Our work around the world

UNICEF Australia forges partnerships and supports programming for lasting impact, with a focus on innovation, strategy, and culturally appropriate solutions.

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**U**NICEF Australia's Priority Programs maximise our impact by directly contributing to increased effectiveness and accountability.

We achieve this through close partnerships with UNICEF Country Offices. This combines programmatic expertise to connect support from the Australian community and government with UNICEF's work in communities.

Funds are directed towards geographic and thematic priority areas to support initiatives that would not be possible without such collaboration. Our programs partner with governments, local community organisations, the private sector, as well as children and families. This collaborative approach enables us to target inequality and accelerate the expansion of programs that are already successful at a community level.

In addition to COVID-19 response projects, in 2022 UNICEF Australia managed 30 Priority Programs across three strategic pillars:

- **Investing in the early years:** Addressing disadvantages in the early years so that all children get the best start in life.
- **Unleashing adolescent potential:** Supporting young people to reach their full potential through education and leadership programs.

- **Protecting children from harm:**

Preventing and responding to violence against children and all forms of abuse and exploitation to keep children safe from harm.

These programs were delivered in collaboration with seven UNICEF Country Offices – in Burundi, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Pacific Islands, Papua New Guinea, Sri Lanka, and Timor-Leste – along with the East Asia and Pacific Regional Office.

In 2022, UNICEF Australia also supported our first climate change specific project to establish a regional solar technical hub.

With the support of the Australian community and the Australian Government, UNICEF Australia contributed \$12.2 million to Priority Programs across the East Asia and Pacific region in 2022. Our team in Australia consists of specialists in each thematic area, ensuring the highest quality support for successful, sustainable programs.

Through these Priority Programs, UNICEF Australia has directly reached more than seven million people. This included more than 640,000 people directly involved in the programs, five million engaged through online material, and over one million people vaccinated through COVID-19 response efforts.

**Above:** Kiribati mum Temoua and her four-month-old daughter meet with UNICEF staff at North Tarawa, as part of a vaccination program. © UNICEF Australia/2022/Labade

**Left:** A girl from Kratie Province, Cambodia, picks local fruits around her house for a snack. © UNICEF/UN0690622/Soeum

## Program highlights



# 108,846

children received interventions to reduce malnutrition and stunting and 435 children were treated for severe acute malnutrition



# 56,752

people accessed improved maternal, newborn and child health services



# 39,013

parents/caregivers participated in sessions on early years (health, parenting, nutrition, immunisation, protection)



# 2,159

children accessed early learning

## Investing in the early years

UNICEF works to ensure that children have the best start in life, by supporting families, improving services, and strengthening systems across all aspects of nurturing care, including health, nutrition, early learning, and protection.

In 2022, UNICEF Australia supported nine projects under this pillar in Cambodia, Sri Lanka, Papua New Guinea (PNG), Lao PDR, Timor-Leste, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, and across the Pacific. These projects focused broadly on early childhood development and child survival, while specifically improving neonatal, maternal, and early childhood wellbeing, health, and education outcomes. The projects also incorporated a range of strategies to promote gender equality and disability inclusion.

Efforts were made to improve accessibility and inclusiveness of services for people with disabilities, women, and children by building capacity for frontline workers. Through these nine projects, UNICEF reached more than 68,000 people, including 74 per cent who were children and 56 per cent who were female.

The Saving Lives, Spreading Smiles in PNG project provided equipment and training that led to the resuscitation and saving of 105 babies during the 2022 financial year. In total, the project has saved 445 babies.

Cambodia's Strengthening the Effectiveness of Integrated Early Childhood Development project has made progress, with every health centre in the target area now able to screen and treat children with severe acute malnutrition. The Ministry of Health has updated data collection and tools to plan and measure results more effectively.



### CASE STUDY

## Supporting families for a better tomorrow

Parenting orientation sessions are part of the Love and Care for Every Child initiative, which aims to transform parenting practices and opportunities for children under the age of seven across Lao PDR.

Mr Saynhasone, whose seven-year-old son attends a community-based school readiness program, said he did not know much about how to take care of his children before joining community meetings about parenting.

"Now that I am joining the parenting sessions, I have discovered that learning for children starts at birth," he said.

## Unleashing adolescent potential

UNICEF works to protect and empower adolescents by enhancing learning and skills development and providing them with opportunities to fully participate in society. Programs focus on improving the socioeconomic wellbeing of adolescents to enable long-term outcomes for themselves, their families, and their broader community.

In 2022, UNICEF Australia supported five projects under this pillar across Sri Lanka, Burundi, Cambodia, Papua New Guinea, and Timor-Leste. Projects under this pillar are highly innovative, testing

new approaches with the intention of accelerating progress for outcomes in the area. The goal is to empower adolescents by fostering critical thinking skills, providing opportunities for participation in decisions that impact their lives and communities, and ultimately enabling them to become agents of change.

The five projects reached over 3,000 participants, with 67 per cent being children and 48 per cent female. The Creatable project in Burundi is actively working towards promoting gender equity by challenging social norms and structural systems that contribute to inequality for girls in Burundi.

### CASE STUDY

## Fighting food waste in Cambodia

Paniet, an 18-year-old from Cambodia, aims to revolutionise waste management in her country through her Feel the Deal program.

Paniet is shifting attitudes and partnering with restaurants to share excess food with charities. Feel the Deal, an initiative backed by UNICEF Cambodia's Generation Future program, receives support from UNICEF Australia. This comprehensive project provides seed funding, training, and mentorship to young entrepreneurs.

Through an engaging and educational social media campaign, Paniet is bringing her vision to life by challenging young people's perceptions of food waste. The campaign includes "taste tests" of fresh and day-old food and recipes for leftover ingredients, encouraging people to use food that would otherwise end up in landfill.



### Program highlights



# 1,054

children reported feeling more engaged in community issues affecting their lives



# 910

young people participated in skills development



# 2,524

adolescents participated in activities designed to challenge social norms



# 509,603

children and adolescents reached with activities and services specifically designed to support mental health

Teenager Paniet is being assisted by her mentor Anthony Galliano in the Feel the Deal program. Mr Galliano is President of the American Chamber of Commerce and Secretary-General of the Cambodia Restaurant Association. © UNICEF Cambodia/2022

## Program highlights



Cambodia and Timor-Leste have improved child protection-related data and information systems



# 936

social welfare workers received professional development or capacity building



# 471

Government and NGO stakeholders received training on the prevention of early marriage and harmful practices



# 18,713

children received child protection services (health, social welfare, legal justice, education)

Pum Sony and her six-month-old daughter attend a vaccination drive in Monduliri province, Cambodia. © UNICEF/UN0673061/Raab

## Protecting children from harm

Violence against children is often unseen and unreported. Globally, UNICEF estimates that around three out of four children between the ages of two and four regularly experience violent discipline by their caregivers.

UNICEF aims to strengthen the child protection systems of countries in which it operates to create a holistic protective environment for children where the government is the ultimate guarantor, and the focus is both on prevention and response.

In 2022, UNICEF Australia supported four projects under this pillar across Lao PDR, Cambodia, and Timor-Leste. Through this, UNICEF reached more than 46,000 participants, with 61 per cent of them being children and 54 per cent female. More than five million community members were reached through online campaigns.

The projects under this pillar took a systems-strengthening approach, with significant technical contributions to national policy and legislation, the establishment of national child protection systems and training for



frontline workers, with piloting programs to supporting the delivery of community-based activities.

In Timor-Leste, a key component of the project, Momentum and Opportunity: Strengthening the Child and Family Welfare System for the Future of Timor-Leste, was the provision of technical support and expertise to the Timor-Leste Government in drafting and finalising a child and family welfare policy, as well as the first comprehensive national child protection law in the country. The law was passed by the government in early 2023.

### CASE STUDY

## Supporting mums in Lao PDR

Jovii\*, a Laotian widowed mother of four young children, including a daughter with disabilities, has had to work long hours to provide for her family, earning less than \$6 a day. Jovii was found in a concerning state during a home visit by the Social Welfare Division in February.

Since 2019, UNICEF has partnered with the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare to support children with disabilities and their families. After the initial visit, Jovii received counselling, regular home visits, direct assistance, help accessing financial support, and free medical visits for her daughter.

"I wouldn't have been able to overcome these challenges without your support. Thank you for helping me stay strong for my children," Jovii said.

*\*Name changed to protect identity*

## Gender, disability, and social inclusion

In 2022, UNICEF Australia continued to strengthen our international programming to reach the most marginalised and vulnerable children and communities. This included building knowledge and evidence around issues that affect diverse children and young people, as well as delivering targeted initiatives that benefit all children, no matter their background.

The year saw a historic achievement for UNICEF, with the launch of its first Disability Inclusion Policy and Strategy (DIPAS), a global document designed to set a bold vision and clear targets for the organisation to advance

disability inclusion in all areas of its work around the world. Supporting the operationalisation of the DIPAS in the East Asia Pacific region is a priority for UNICEF Australia for 2023 and beyond.

UNICEF works closely with children and young people, such as through its program in Timor-Leste, which aims to promote civic participation. The program found that young people with disabilities face obstacles in participating due to physical accessibility, social norms, or communication issues.

UNICEF Timor-Leste directly consulted with these individuals to develop a guidance tool for organisations to make their programs more inclusive and accessible.

### CASE STUDY

## Burundi teens get creating

Teenager Belyse left her school in Ngozi Province, Burundi, before she had the opportunity to finish her final years.

Unfortunately, this is a common experience for children in Burundi, where education is not always considered a priority or a means to employment. Only 9 per cent of girls (and 16 per cent of boys) successfully complete high school, while Belyse, belonging to the marginalised Batwa community, confronts discrimination that further hinders access to education and employment opportunities.

In 2022, Belyse joined a Creatable summer camp, which is supported by UNICEF Australia. The initiative is designed to support children who face one or more challenges to accessing education, including girls, children with disabilities or minority groups. The camp taught Belyse important skills in innovative and sustainable farming. Following the camp, the teenager said she would like to continue her studies.



### Program highlights



# 1,528

frontline workers received training on disability inclusion



# 9,583

people received training on gender issues and women's rights



# 5 million +

community members reached with messaging on prevention of early marriage and harmful practices



# 7

education, health and child protection services made more inclusive for children with disabilities

Burundi teenager Belyse is enthusiastic about further education after taking part in a Creatable summer camp. © UNICEF Burundi

## In-depth analysis

The following is the full list of reviews and evaluations completed in 2022.

Review of Saving Lives Spreading Smiles, Papua New Guinea (PNG)

Review of UNICEF PNG's Early Childhood Education program in Morobe and Milne Bay

Children Ready to LEAP – School Readiness Program Progress Review, Timor-Leste

Improving Healthcare Quality: Project Review, Timor-Leste

End-line Evaluation of the UN Joint Program: Leaving no-one behind: Establishing the basis for social protection floors in Lao PDR

An 18-year-old mother of two from Sanamxay District, Lao PDR, is a beneficiary of the UNICEF Mother and Early Childhood Grant program. © UNICEF Lao PDR/2022/Helin

## End of program reviews and evaluations

**U**NICEF Australia strategically invests in the collection of evidence to build a deeper understanding of the experiences of children and young people and to measure the impact we are having in communities.

In 2022, UNICEF Australia supported reviews or evaluations of five Priority Programs. The following highlights the results of two reviews. Both programs are supported by the Australian Government.

### **Leaving no-one behind**

#### ***Establishing the basis for social protection floors in Lao PDR (2020-2022):***

This program aims to support the Government of Lao PDR on the implementation of the new National Social Protection Strategy (NSPS), with UNICEF focusing on the implementation of its flagship program – the Mother and Early Childhood Grant (MECG). The evaluation was undertaken by Development Pathways in 2022 and found that the program has been able to successfully deliver the majority of planned outputs.

Despite challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the evaluators observed that the design and delivery of the MECG was at high levels of satisfaction. Scale and duration of the pilot was significantly expanded through co-financing from the Australian Government, extending its geographic coverage (from one district to three) and increasing the number of recipients (from 1,400 to more than 2,500).

The evaluators recommended continuing the program despite challenges related to sustainability and ongoing work required for the Government of Lao PDR to make meaningful progress in implementing the NSPS. An expanded and extended MECG should be central to the program's design.



### **Improving healthcare quality**

#### ***Human rights embedded pathway towards universal health coverage in Timor-Leste (2018-2022):***

This program strengthens the capacity of the health system to provide quality maternal, perinatal, and neonatal healthcare and address the drivers of perinatal deaths.

An independent evaluation in 2022 showed progress in improving maternal health interventions through the Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care Improvement Plan, piloting the Continuous Quality Improvement model, and addressing gaps in water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) in health facilities.

The COVID-19 pandemic caused disruptions and diverted priorities but activities gradually resumed in 2022.

Stakeholders identified the lack of a national newborn strategy or action plan as a challenge, and national technical leadership was recommended to refocus on newborn health as a national priority.

UNICEF Australia supports phase two of the program to scale up activities in four municipalities.



## International program results in 2022



### 5 million +

people reached with online messaging about **keeping children safe from harm**



### 648,539

children and family members directly **benefited from Priority Programs**



### 458,988

children and family members were immunised against **preventable diseases**, including COVID-19



### 106,846

children tested or **treated for malnutrition**



### 509,603

children and adolescents reached with **mental health services or activities**



### 56,752

women and children benefited from improved **maternal, newborn and child healthcare**



### 9,583

people received training or awareness raising on **gender issues and women's rights**



### 2,874

government and NGO stakeholders received training on **improved systems and services for children**



### 2,159

children participated in **preschool education**; setting the foundations for them to flourish in school



### 598

children and adolescents involved in activities designed to mitigate the impact of **climate change**



### 10

organisations for **people with disabilities** involved in the delivery of Priority Programs



### 8

projects contributed to national or subnational policy change or increased government budget **contributions for children**

# Responding to emergencies

UNICEF is there before, during, and after emergencies, working with communities before disaster strikes and staying through recovery.



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**W**hen an emergency happens in an already vulnerable community, the impact is greater, the immediate risks to lives are heightened, and the recovery is longer.

Natural disasters can exacerbate the detrimental effects of poverty, inadequate access to clean water and sanitation, limited healthcare, and unreliable energy, transforming what was already a challenging situation into a catastrophe.

These prolonged, systemic problems can tip communities already under stress into desperate circumstances when combined with an emergency. When UNICEF responds to a sudden onset crisis, it not only looks at how it can help communities recover, but how it can create more resilient communities, by strengthening infrastructure for the future.

### **Volcano eruption and tsunami in Tonga**

Not long into the New Year, UNICEF was met with its first emergency for 2022. The Pacific Island nation of Tonga was ravaged by a volcanic eruption and tsunami, destroying homes, blanketing the country with ash and contaminating water supplies.

With more than \$1 million from generous Australian donors, UNICEF was able to rapidly respond, shipping 44 pallets of emergency supplies from our Queensland supply hub, including water and sanitation kits, as well as education and mental health supplies.

As part of the recovery response, UNICEF was also able to repair 498 water systems, strengthening infrastructure for critical clean water in communities for years to come.

Four-year-old Muhammad attends a UNICEF temporary learning centre that was set up in one of the areas worst hit by recent floods in Sindh province, Pakistan. © UNICEF/UN0730471/Bashir

**Leveraging global supply hubs, over 75 years of emergency response experience, and the steadfast backing of generous donors, UNICEF stands poised to swiftly and effectively address emergencies within 48 hours.**

### **Rebuilding lives after Pakistan flooding**

In August, flooding in Pakistan affected 33 million people with more than 1,700 lives lost.

UNICEF activated funding to ensure that:

- 95,371 children with severe acute malnutrition (SAM) received treatment.
- 1,195,088 people gained access to safe drinking water.
- 1,194,940 children were immunised against measles in UNICEF-supported health facilities.
- 996 temporary learning centres were established for 163,383 children.
- 302,212 children and caregivers gained access to mental health and psychosocial support.

UNICEF is also supporting rehabilitation and repair of health facilities and solarisation of power for the facilities to ensure this critical infrastructure can better withstand these climatic events in the future.



**UNICEF Australia provided more than \$1 million in humanitarian support in Tonga and almost \$700,000 toward relief efforts in Pakistan.**



A mother and child in the Kharkivska region of Ukraine wait to receive a hygiene kit from UNICEF. © UNICEF/UN0750865/Pashkina



UNICEF Australia has provided vital support to about three million Ukrainian children and caregivers, offering access to safe water, sanitation, healthcare, psychosocial support, and ensuring education for over five million children.

## Conflict in Ukraine has global implications

Of all the emergencies UNICEF responded to throughout the year, none elicited a more generous response from our supporters than the conflict in Ukraine.

The full-scale war that erupted in Ukraine following Russia's invasion, amid a decade-long dispute over land, had far-reaching consequences felt across the globe.

The ongoing conflict in Ukraine has resulted in a series of consequences around the world. Children in Africa and the Middle East, who were already facing challenges related to poor nutrition, have also been affected. These regions have experienced the repercussions of grain shortages, increased food prices, and soaring prices of oil and gas due to the search for alternative power sources.

The images of families falling into poverty and being caught up in the violence that shattered their once peaceful neighbourhoods were deeply moving for Australians, who responded by generously supporting UNICEF's

efforts to deliver life-saving supplies to families within Ukraine. Much-needed mental health and education support was also provided to children who had fled to neighbouring countries with their families.

Despite the ongoing conflict, UNICEF has been working tirelessly to improve the lives of those affected by the war. This includes supporting the construction of intensive care units for newborns and education centres within underground bunkers. Additionally, it involves efforts to rebuild schools and restore water infrastructure, which will allow families to safely resume their lives within their communities as soon as it is safe to do so.

## Deepening economic crisis in Sri Lanka

Closer to Australia, the worst economic crisis Sri Lanka has faced in over 70 years has left over two million children in need of urgent humanitarian assistance.

Cost and shortages of food caused 70 per cent of families to skip meals, while schools closed because teachers and

students could not travel to school due to fuel shortages and costs of transport. Hospitals and chemists ran out of medicines, and frequent power cuts reduced access to safe drinking water.

UNICEF responded for Sri Lankan children with nutrition, healthcare, safe drinking water, education, and mental health services. Moreover, UNICEF facilitated the training of healthcare workers in child nutrition and infant feeding, enabling them to provide better support to families in the future. Additionally, UNICEF improved healthcare waste management practices and strengthened mental health services to better serve the needs of communities.

Many months on from the onset of these emergencies, UNICEF is working with local community partners and governments for ongoing recovery and to ensure communities will be more resilient in the face of future emergencies.

## Post-COVID agenda to sustain gains

In 2022, UNICEF Australia supported four projects under the pillar of COVID-19 response, with a total reach of more than one million people. Of the initiatives under this pillar, one was a continuation of a 2020 project responding to the secondary impacts of COVID-19, and two were to support in-country strategies for the COVID-19 vaccination rollout.

In Timor-Leste, very strong coverage of COVID-19 vaccination was achieved as part of the national process. More than 830,000 people were reached with COVID-19 immunisations, and 71.9 per cent of the population were provided with full vaccination coverage.

With support from the Australian Government, UNICEF Australia funded 52 per cent of UNICEF Timor-Leste's COVID-19 vaccine rollout, as well as support with distribution, supply, and logistics.

More than 80,500 children in Papua New Guinea received vitamin A supplementation, essential for boosting children's immunity and preventing night blindness. More than 20,700 children received micronutrient powder, essential for preventing micronutrient deficiencies and strengthening immunity.



In Papua New Guinea, UNICEF provided vital training to 91 health workers in COVID-19 immunisations and risk communication, as well as community engagement. Additionally, 141 health workers received training on best practices for supporting mothers with child care, providing crucial support for families during the pandemic.

As countries begin to move beyond the most immediate impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, UNICEF is focused on sustaining the gains achieved during this time. This includes embedding successful practices, integrating COVID-19 vaccination into routine immunisation systems, and accelerating progress in areas that faced particular challenges during the pandemic, such as education and immunisation for other preventable diseases.

**“ UNICEF Australia's response to COVID-19 continued with \$2.8 million directed to programs minimising the impact of the pandemic on children and families and to procure life-saving vaccines. ”**

**Top:** Seven-year-old Hind holds her arm after being vaccinated by health workers in Yemen. © UNICEF/UN0679338/Hayyan  
**Below:** Members of the UNICEF Australia team visit an oxygen generation plant within a hospital in Jamnagar, India. © UNICEF/UN0687853/Panjwani



In 2022, almost two billion people have been reached through UNICEF's COVID-19 response, thanks to support from Australia.

# Protecting children from climate change

UNICEF Australia is committed to helping every child realise their right to a healthy environment.



## Increased risks to health

**820 million**

children are highly exposed to heatwaves

**920 million**

children are highly exposed to water scarcity

**2 billion**

children (almost 90% of children globally) are highly exposed to excessive air pollution

**T**he climate crisis is a child rights crisis with nearly half of the world's children living in countries that are at an extremely high risk from the impacts of climate change, according to the Children's Climate Risk Index.

UNICEF Australia has elevated the way in which we respond to climate change to one of our organisation's top priorities. Recognising the urgent needs created by this crisis and the profound impact on children and their communities, we are intensifying our efforts through government advocacy, support for our Priority Programs, engagement with supporters and the public to drive change, and improvements to our internal operations.

In 2022, UNICEF Australia implemented a climate and environment framework to influence positive behaviours and promote programs aimed at safeguarding children and young people from the adverse effects of climate change.

## Listening to young people's voices

UNICEF recognises that climate change is the defining challenge of our time. It is affecting the rights of children and causes damage that is all-encompassing.

Children in Australia are significantly impacted by climate change, facing the grim consequences of more frequent and intense climate-related disasters, such as the devastating floods and bushfires experienced over the past three years. Consequently, our endeavors focus on safeguarding, preparing, and giving priority to children in the face of the expanding climate crisis. It is critical that the voices, needs and experiences of children and young people are considered and included across all areas of focus.

Throughout 2022, UNICEF has advocated for children and young people to have a seat at the table. Key highlights of this work included: the creation of a dedicated national advisory group for the 2023 United Nations Climate Change Conference; a roundtable at the Children and Youth Forum of the Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Action; and the Better World Summit.

## Our climate and environment framework

1

### **Government and advocacy**

We will engage directly with children and young people to elevate concerns related to climate change with decision makers. We will work with government to protect and support children and young people against the direct and indirect impacts of climate change.

2

### **Priority Programs**

We will explore opportunities to fund innovative pilots within UNICEF Australia's Priority Programs, which protect and support children in vulnerable societies from climate and environmental hazards, shocks and stresses.

3

### **Supporters and public**

We will seek opportunities to attract innovative funding to enable the delivery of climate-focused and high-impact projects. We will globally communicate UNICEF's climate strategy to raise public awareness.

4

### **Internal operations**

We will reduce UNICEF Australia's internal environmental footprint with a goal for ongoing emissions reduction. We will focus our procurement policy towards influencing stakeholders to reduce their environmental impact.

Six-year-old Benazir goes to school for the first time since UNICEF established a temporary learning centre in Sindh province, Pakistan, which was severely affected by flooding. © UNICEF/ UN0730511/Bashir

## Regional climate initiatives

UNICEF is increasingly prioritising initiatives that promote low-carbon emissions and climate resilience for children and communities, targeting water, health, agriculture, and food security.

It is crucial that UNICEF integrates climate considerations into all its work to support children and communities facing climate change. This includes adapting infrastructure and strengthening health, education, and child protection systems to withstand shocks and stresses that compromise service delivery.

This is particularly critical in the vulnerable East Asia Pacific region, which faces significant climate and environmental challenges. In 2022, recognising the significance of these infrastructure challenges, UNICEF Australia made strategic investments in regional initiatives. One such initiative is the Solar Technical Hub, which aims to address these challenges effectively (see article below).

## Our journey to reduce emissions

A new Climate Action Team has been created within UNICEF Australia to promote and champion sustainable behaviour and actions that staff can undertake, aligned to our climate strategy.

In 2022, UNICEF Australia revised our procurement policy and framework to incorporate sustainability as a core requirement for our suppliers. As the first step towards reducing emissions, UNICEF Australia has reviewed our consumption areas and established a baseline to work towards reducing our carbon footprint.

A key success to note was the reduction in our electricity usage in 2022 by switching to LED light bulbs. This resulted in a decrease in electricity emission by 27.8 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e, which is a significant improvement from the 42.7 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e emitted in 2021.



In 2022, the Pakistan Flood Emergency Appeal highlighted the clear link between weather disasters and climate change, with generous UNICEF Australia supporters raising more than \$700,000 for the appeal.

### CASE STUDY

## Empowering youth through solar technology

In 2022, UNICEF Australia partnered to establish a Solar Technical Hub for the East Asia and Pacific region, with the aim of supporting governments and organisations to better utilise solar-powered systems.

The hub aims to provide relevant technical expertise to strengthen the use of solar in the region. This has already reaped benefits. In early 2023, UNICEF conducted a pilot training program on solar energy for 30 high school students in Cambodia, including an introduction to climate change and energy and a field visit to a solar site.

UNICEF is exploring an extended skills training program for young people interested in solar energy careers, including expansion within the education system to reach marginalised children, particularly girls, following the initial training.

Students who participated are now keen to learn more. One girl said: "Before the training, I wasn't interested in solar, but after yesterday's session, I want to learn more."

Cambodian students visit a solar farm to understand how solar can be used to support agriculture and other important activities. © UNICEF Cambodia/2023/Baker





# Australian Government funding



This included \$AU30.6 million in emergency funding (including \$AU8 million to Bangladesh; \$AU3.6 million to supporting the COVID-19 response in the Solomon Islands; \$AU3.5 million towards COVID-19 vaccine delivery to Vietnam; and \$AU500,000 to nutrition and health in Sri Lanka).

DFAT also supported large development projects in Myanmar (\$AU6.3 million), Palestine (\$AU4.9 million) and the Pacific (\$AU2.5 million). In line with Australia's deepening engagement with the Pacific, 67 per cent of all funding received from DFAT went to programs in East Asia and the Pacific.

**U**NICEF Australia is accredited by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), which is responsible for managing the Australian Government's development program. UNICEF Australia receives vital support through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP).

The ANCP is a unique Australian Government aid program that provides annual grants to support the work of accredited NGOs. Just 42 Australian NGOs have full accreditation with the Government, requiring demonstrated ability to deliver results against objectives, provide good value for money, and maintain strong financial and risk management processes.

In 2022, UNICEF Australia received \$4,822,369 in ANCP funding, which was combined with donations from the Australian public and the private sector to scale up our Priority Programs and maximise the impact for children.

UNICEF Australia also received an additional \$1,172,178 for three specific grants. One for social protection in Lao PDR, and two relating to COVID-19 vaccine rollout and routine immunisation in Timor-Leste.

In Australia, we operate as an independent registered charitable entity, subject to Australian regulations and Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR1) Status and are signatories to the Australian Council for International Development's Code of Conduct.

## Direct funds to UNICEF

In addition to funds received by UNICEF Australia, the Australian Government contributed more than \$AU58.6 million in direct funding to UNICEF in 2022.



**Top:** In May 2022, the Australian Government and UNICEF delivered more than 140,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccine to the Government of Timor-Leste. © UNICEF/UN0689717/Monemnas

**Below:** UNICEF, UNICEF Australia, Rotary, and Kiribati Ministry of Health staff in North Tarawa, Kiribati, in October 2022. DFAT and Rotary are jointly funding the HPV vaccine rollout. © UNICEF/UN0820317/Labade



# Community fundraising support



“Every day I’m inspired by our supporters’ commitment, drive, and passion to make a difference by fundraising in their community. UNICEF Australia would not be able to do what we do without their amazing support.”

JENNIFER TRIGG, COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING MANAGER

Our sincerest thanks to all our fundraisers and their supporters. We could not do what we do without you.

The Australian community demonstrated extraordinary support throughout 2022, from advocating for children’s rights to responding to devastating emergencies and even lacing up their sneakers to run for children in crisis.

## Support for Ukraine families

Hundreds of Australians stepped up to fundraise for Ukraine in 2022. From cake sales and art auctions to shaving their head and running marathons, our fundraisers went above and beyond to help children and their families in Ukraine.

Over \$800,000 was raised and here is just a snapshot of some of our incredible fundraisers:

**Main picture:** Pat Sloan displays one of the quilts produced to help raise funds for Ukraine. Image supplied

**Right:** There was an incredible response to our #CookForUkraine campaign.

## **Quilters spread message of peace in fundraiser**

Quilters Stand for Ukraine was developed by Pat Sloan, who wanted to raise funds and spread the message of peace. Pat designed a quilt block and asked people to donate and then download the quilt pattern to show support. This simple idea inspired quilters from all over the world and raised more than \$300,000 for Ukraine. We are incredibly grateful to each of the 5,000 quilters who supported the campaign.

## **#CookForUkraine keeps serving up funds**

A concept originally developed by Clerkenwell Boy & the NEXTGen London team, #CookForUkraine aims to increase awareness and funds to support children and their families who have been impacted by the war in Ukraine.

Inspired by the success the campaign was having in the United Kingdom, we decided to roll it out in Australia with an incredible response. We had hoped #CookForUkraine would be a one-off campaign, but as the war continues and children in Ukraine need support, #CookForUkraine will continue.

One of the many fundraisers, Nicole Campbell, decided to join #CookForUkraine when her partner’s Ukrainian family were caught in the midst of the war. Nicole baked traditional Ukrainian cakes, which she brought to work to share with her research colleagues at the Hudson Institute of Medical Research in Melbourne.

Her colleagues generously donated money for slices of cake to help UNICEF continue its work to support children and their families in Ukraine.

Visit [cookforukraine.unicef.org.au](https://cookforukraine.unicef.org.au) if you are interested in raising funds and celebrating Ukrainian culture.





## Awareness for global water issues

In 2022, the WaterWalk challenge helped to bring clean water to children in crisis-affected areas including Yemen, Syria, and Afghanistan.

By walking 7km a day for seven days, our WaterWalk participants raised over \$80,000 to help UNICEF reinstall water pipelines, bring clean water in trucks to remote locations, and distribute water purification tablets.

A huge thank you to UNICEF Australia Ambassador Zameer Gill for not only championing the campaign in his community, but for also being our top fundraiser.

## Trekking to create lasting impact

We were thrilled to relaunch our Larapinta Trail in 2022, which departed in May with a group of 11 passionate supporters.

Not for the faint-of-heart, the incredible seven-day adventure covered 60km of the Australian outback, including

one of the world's most spectacular walking trails. The team raised \$36,000 to help UNICEF have an immediate and lasting impact on children's lives around the world.

Over the years, our challenge program has raised close to \$1 million and has seen supporters travel to seven different countries, experiencing 12 unique adventures.

## Largest team ever for City2Surf

After two years of running virtually, City2Surf was back in 2022. We were proud to have had our biggest team ever, with 220 Australians putting their hand up to run for #TeamUNICEF. We hope to see an even bigger team in 2023. Thank you to all our amazing runners.



**Top left:** A group of trekkers conquered the Larapinta Trail and raised \$36,000 in the process. © UNICEF Australia  
**Above:** UNICEF Australia Ambassador Zameer Gill was our top fundraiser in the WaterWalk challenge. © UNICEF Australia  
**Left:** A snapshot of some of our passionate 2022 City2Surf runners. © UNICEF Australia

# Our supporters

**A**s an organisation run entirely on voluntary contributions, we sincerely thank our generous supporters for their powerful commitment to UNICEF Australia's work for children around the world.

UNICEF is always there in emergencies, with regular donations allowing rapid response to sudden onset disasters and support underfunded or less-known programs where the need is often greatest. It also means that UNICEF can effectively plan its programmatic work to ensure the greatest impact for children, knowing that funding is ready to be invested in long-term, child-focused solutions.

We express our deepest gratitude to our reliable and far-sighted Global Parents and Paddington's Postcards

supporters, our first responders during emergency appeals, and our inspirational supporters who plan to leave a gift in their Will. In 2022, your combined contributions of an extraordinary \$25.6 million have made a tremendous impact.

Your unwavering dedication enables us to provide the necessary support to the world's most vulnerable children precisely when they need it.

Thanks to generous people like you, UNICEF teams are working to give young children a childhood in which they are loved, protected, healthy, educated, and able to fulfil their potential.

No matter how you chose to have an impact for children in 2022, thank you from all of us at UNICEF Australia.



\$25.6 million  
was contributed  
by individual  
supporters in 2022.

**“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 our commitment to reach more children.”**

TONY STUART,  
UNICEF AUSTRALIA CEO



## **Abas** has been a Global Parent since 2021

“I moved to Australia as a refugee from Afghanistan when I was 11. I wanted to give back because I’ve been blessed with so many things in life and so many opportunities. It’s not a big deal for me to give every month, but for children in need, it could be their lifeline.”



## **Alex** has been a Global Parent since 2009

“Our world needs happy people of all ages. Every adult is shaped by their childhood. Every child depends on parental support. I am proud to be part of a network that steps in when others can’t.”

# Our people



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**A**t UNICEF Australia, we have a team of passionate and dedicated people who are driven to improve the lives of every child. Their commitment and wellbeing are essential to achieving our goals. This is why we are actively working towards creating an inclusive workplace where our people can thrive and bring their best selves to work.

## An engaged, enabled and energised workforce

In an ever-changing world where people are searching for purpose and meaning in their work, we have a team who are deeply committed and believe in our vision and purpose at a rate of remarkable significance, evidenced by our Employee Voice Survey 2022.

Our people reported feeling valued, challenged and trusted, positively impacting how they turn up each day and ultimately their productivity. The significance of our results is further strengthened when compared to external benchmarks. Reports indicated that we outperform both Australian and global non-profit organisations and general industry.

## Unwavering commitment to team wellbeing

We believe people can only reach their full potential when they feel understood and accepted, no matter what. Our approach to wellbeing lies in creating a secure and nurturing environment for

our teams and the wider community. We have embraced flexibility and agility in our work methods and collaboration, established a family-friendly office, implemented proactive wellbeing programs that prioritise mental wellness, invested in upskilling our managers, and developed a performance process that revolves around our people.

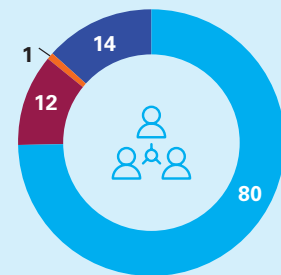
We have maintained a truly flexible environment and have evolved to a successful hybrid work environment post-pandemic with core days at the office and downtime at home. This has contributed to our team reporting that they feel empowered, productive and connected. In 2022, we earned certification as a Family Friendly Workplace, which reinforces our commitment to implementing policies and practices that genuinely support our people to thrive at work and at home.

## Nurturing inclusion and genuine care

Embracing the diverse nature of our team and the unique forms of people and families is a priority for us. Having a holistic view of our team through the survey has empowered our DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) working group with invaluable insights and has guided them in developing a targeted plan to support our people better.

We continue to evolve our understanding of our people to ensure they all feel heard, considered, and able to contribute to their full potential.

## Team profile in 2022



- 80 full-time employees
- 12 part-time employees
- 1 casual employee
- 14 skilled volunteers



**71% female**  
**27% male**  
**2% non-binary**  
**8% identify as LGBTIQA+**



**19 languages** spoken other than English



**27%** are parents/guardians  
**8%** provide unpaid care to a family member



## Engagement survey results

**94%**

of our people declare that they can be themselves at UNICEF Australia without worrying about how they will be accepted

# Our partners and corporate supporters

UNICEF Australia sincerely thanks the many partners who supported us in 2022. These companies, along with their staff, customers, and stakeholders, exemplify unwavering determination in sharing our commitment to promote and protect the rights of every child, no matter what.



In 2022, BUPA and UNICEF Australia launched Child Friendly Australia, aiming to create healthy and sustainable environments for young people, particularly in urban areas. The Better World Youth Summit was established to allow young Australians to express their vision and ideas to government, business, and community leaders.



Commonwealth Bank's Coins for Kids program continued to operate across all bank branches, encouraging customers to donate foreign currency to help the world's most vulnerable children.



Throughout 2022, eBay Australia engaged its customers to support UNICEF's emergency response to a series of global crises. Donations were made by eBay customers through the donation-at-checkout feature.



Through a multi-year program, the Globus family of brands is supporting UNICEF with valuable resources and funding. For each passenger booked on a Globus tour, Globus donates to UNICEF Australia, helping children where the need is greatest.



The Goodman Foundation supported UNICEF's emergency response to the Ukraine crisis by funding the establishment and initial running costs of a Blue Dot Hub. Goodman staff, customers and investors helped provide ongoing support for the people of Ukraine.



In 2022, H&M raised funds across its Australian stores to aid UNICEF's vaccination program in Papua New Guinea and made further contributions through its in-store garment collection program.

## IKEA Australia

Through its active workplace engagement program, as well as providing expertise and skills in recruitment, transformation and leadership, IKEA Australia has continued to support UNICEF Australia's Young Ambassador program.

## LOUIS VUITTON

As a global UNICEF partner, from July to September 2022, all Louis Vuitton employees came together to improve the lives of the most vulnerable children by raising funds to provide them with the resources needed to go back to school.

## PANDORA

Through Charms for Change, Pandora is raising funds for UNICEF to support young voices. Together, Pandora and UNICEF are providing young people, especially girls, with the tools and opportunities they need to fulfill their potential.



P&O Cruises is committed to protecting the health and wellbeing of mothers and newborns in the Pacific region. The Saving Lives, Spreading Smiles program helped to reach over 26,000 mothers and their newborns in Papua New Guinea.



PayPal partners with UNICEF to raise awareness and support for the protection and development of children. In 2022, this included featuring UNICEF at checkout, in the PayPal app and website, and launching a special campaign in response to the conflict in Ukraine.



As part of UNICEF's global Change for Good program, which enables passengers to donate foreign and local currency, Qantas has raised \$37.5 million to support UNICEF's work over the past 30 years.

## RioTinto

In 2022, RioTinto contributed funding towards UNICEF's humanitarian response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the Ukraine Emergency Appeal, helping to reach millions of children and families with life-saving assistance and support.



To commemorate 100 years of Rotary service in Australia and New Zealand, Rotary's Australasian Centenary Project, Rotary Give Every Child A Future, will vaccinate some of the most disadvantaged children across the Pacific over three years, in collaboration with UNICEF.



Sims Limited made a significant donation to UNICEF's emergency relief efforts in Ukraine. In addition, Sims Limited launched an employee appeal to raise further funds for families affected by the conflict.



Travel Money Oz runs a foreign coin collection program, Small Change, Big Difference, that allows individuals to donate foreign coins to support UNICEF's work protecting children around the world.



Westpac's Safer Children, Safer Communities program is supporting programs in Cambodia and Thailand to strengthen service delivery in the criminal justice and social welfare sectors, to create safe online products and services for children.

## Working with our partners for rapid emergency response

UNICEF Australia extends our deepest gratitude to the companies, organisations, workplace giving programs, staff, and customers that have shown their ongoing commitment to children during emergencies.

We would like to thank the following companies that raised over \$100,000:



Thank you to the organisations that contributed through appeals and directly supported programs in 2022, including:

Atlassian Pty Ltd, BioPak, BHP, Canva, Cricket Australia, CSL Ltd, Decjuba, Dulux Group, Eyecare Network, Gerard Malouf & Partners, Google, Healing Hands Foundation, Johnson Tailors, Menulog, Microsoft Australia, Modern Star Group, Origin Foundation, Next Practice, P.Johnson, Price Waterhouse Coopers, Smarter Communities, The Mix Australia, Westpac Group, Xero Australia.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who supports us through Champions for Children – our small to medium-sized businesses committed to making a positive change in the lives of children.

As a non-profit organisation reliant solely on voluntary donations, our ability to fulfill our mission to help vulnerable children depends on the unwavering commitment of our partners. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the stakeholders, companies, and staff who generously contributed to UNICEF Australia in 2022, enabling us to continue our vital work.

# Our ambassadors



**O**ur committed and passionate group of UNICEF Australia Ambassadors play an invaluable role in raising awareness of UNICEF's work to a wide-reaching audience. They donate their time and energy free of charge to help us build a better world for children.

We extend a special thanks to ambassadors Pat Cummins, The Wiggles, Adam Liaw, Carrie Bickmore, Ken Done, Callan McAuliffe, Tara Moss, Erica Packer, Professor Fiona Stanley, Dr Susan Carland, Mitch Tambo, Tammin Sursok, Rachael Haynes, Will Genia, Dr Zameer Gill, and new ambassadors Edwina Bartholomew and Emma McKeon. With their support, we have been able to maximise reach for our campaigns and realise true impact through awareness and fundraising.

Some 2022 highlights included:

- Sunrise host and journalist Edwina Bartholomew was announced as a UNICEF Australia Ambassador on Mother's Day 2022, launching a campaign focused on protection for newborns and mothers. Edwina has supported numerous UNICEF Australia campaigns, including raising emergency funds for our Ukraine appeal and hosting the Love for Sri Lanka dinner.

- Olympic and Commonwealth Games swimmer Emma McKeon became a UNICEF Australia Ambassador in November 2022. Emma is passionate about global health issues and has supported numerous UNICEF Australia campaigns, raising over \$20,000 for the Ukraine emergency appeal by donating a signed swimming cap from the Tokyo Olympics.
- Ten ambassadors, including Pat Cummins, Emma McKeon and Edwina Bartholomew, came together to support UNICEF Australia's Ukraine appeal through a video collaboration. Via their collective channels on social media, they reached over 17 million people and raised over \$30,000 for children impacted by the war.
- The "Love for Sri Lanka" gala dinner held in August raised emergency funds for children amidst the economic crisis in Sri Lanka. Celebrity chef Peter Kuruwita was supported by three of our ambassadors; Ken Done, Edwina Bartholomew and Pat Cummins, to raise over \$300,000.
- Actor Callan McAuliffe visited Lao PDR to see our early childhood education programs first-hand. He documented his experience on social media and spoke about the importance of parental involvement in early childhood development to help children reach their full potential.
- For the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, ambassador Tara Moss interviewed two young disability advocates from Timor-Leste to discuss what makes an accessible, equitable and inclusive world for every child.
- Long-standing ambassador, chef and author Adam Liaw lent his voice to a global UNICEF video which explained malnutrition and a video explaining Plumpy'Nut®. He helped to raise critical funds for malnutrition crises emerging around the world.
- World Children's Day 2022 saw ambassadors Pat Cummins and Emma McKeon come together to speak out on sports inclusion and the importance of sport for children's wellbeing, as well as UNICEF's groundbreaking programs working to eliminate barriers for girls in sport.

Other notable campaigns throughout the year included Mother's Day and the International Day of the Girl. Our ambassadors were instrumental in raising awareness of the messaging around these campaigns.

#### Main picture:

Callan McAuliffe visited Lao PDR to see UNICEF's early childhood education programs first-hand. © UNICEF/2022/Saiyasane

**Right, from top, clockwise:** Ambassadors Tara Moss, Edwina Bartholomew, Emma McKeon, and Adam Liaw. © UNICEF Australia



# Covering the critical issues

In 2022, UNICEF Australia’s advocacy and media efforts resulted in widespread coverage across major Australian TV, radio, print and online media outlets.

Our experts provided analysis of the impact of major events such as conflicts and climate emergencies on children across a range of media outlets, from breakfast TV shows, to prime-time news bulletins and leading current affairs and global news programs.

Meantime, we worked with SBS, the ABC, the Today Show, and the Mamamia Network to rally support for Sri Lankan and Pakistani communities as they faced climate and economic crises.

The media also helped us celebrate a new partnership with Pathfinders to increase access to birth certificates for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

## Brand campaigns

In 2022, UNICEF engaged millions of Australians through brand campaigns that showcased our global, regional, and local impact on every child. These included the Always There in Emergencies campaign, to highlight the incredible work of our colleagues in emergency settings worldwide. We also hosted the Better World Youth Summit, inviting year 10 students from schools across Greater Sydney to Taronga Zoo to share their perspectives.

Our World Children’s Day activation focused on the importance of inclusion in sports, with UNICEF Australia Ambassadors Pat Cummins and Emma McKeon advocating for children’s wellbeing and health.

Campaigns throughout the year covered topics such as online safety, NAIDOC Week, malnutrition, and featured heart-warming stories of children accessing supplies during conflict and disaster.

Our bi-annual support magazine, *Impact*, also reached mailboxes across the country, engaging Australians with our efforts to protect every child.

## Media coverage of our work



Our CEO and Chair penned opinion pieces on vaccine equity, youth voices, and early childhood education and care, which were published in major print and online media outlets across the country. Our Australian programs and advocacy work were highlighted in metro and regional news outlets, while community fundraisers were featured in local news outlets.



We collaborated with global experts, spokespeople in Ukraine and surrounding countries, ambassadors, and community fundraisers to bring stories to Australian media. UNICEF Global Spokesperson James Elder also gave interviews direct from war-torn cities.



We marked the one-year anniversary of the Taliban takeover of Afghanistan by inviting UNICEF Afghanistan’s Chief of Communications, Samantha Mort, to Australia for a media tour. Samantha gave interviews to top-tier Australian TV and radio news programs, and was profiled by *The Weekend Australian Magazine* and *Vogue Australia*, sharing her experience as a woman in Afghanistan championing the rights of children.

# Our board



## Ms Ann Sherry AO

Chancellor of Queensland University of Technology

- Elected Chair November 2017
- Attendance at board meetings: 5/5



## Ms Olivia Wirth

Chief Executive Officer of Qantas Loyalty

- Elected August 2015
- Attendance at board meetings: 5/5



## Mr Matt Comyn

Chief Executive Officer of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia

- Elected April 2016
- Retired February 2022
- Attendance at board meetings: 1/1



## Mr Nigel Andrade

Partner and elected member of AT Kearney's Global Board

- Elected November 2019
- Attendance at board meetings: 5/5



## Ms Jacqui De Lacy

Chief Global Development Officer of Abt Australia

- Elected May 2018
- Attendance at board meetings: 3/5



## Ms Tharani Jegatheeswaran

Lead Partner of Deloitte Australia's Social Impact Consulting Practice

- Elected March 2019
- Attendance at board meetings: 5/5



## Ms Suzanne Dvorak

Former Managing Director of Bupa Villages and Aged Care

- Elected March 2017
- Attendance at board meetings: 4/5



## Ms Sandra Rouse

Chief Finance Officer of TEG

- Elected June 2019
- Attendance at board meetings: 4/5



## Mr Toby Hall

Chair of General Mental Health Holdings and 3DMEDiTech

- Elected August 2017
- Attendance at board meetings: 5/5



## Ms Lesley Podesta

Partner at SHK Asia Pacific

- Elected May 2021
- Attendance at board meetings: 5/5

The directors of UNICEF Australia serve voluntarily and do not receive any remuneration for their services as directors. Expenses incurred by directors on behalf of the company are reimbursed on a cost only basis.

# Governance

The Australian Committee for UNICEF Limited is committed to achieving best practice in our management of program funding and corporate governance.

A Corporate Governance Statement is available on our website which outlines the establishment and detailed governance framework of UNICEF Australia.

Our company's directors are committed to adding value to the organisation by bringing their wide range of skills and experience to the board. Brief details on each of the directors are included on Page 42 of this report.



## ACNC

UNICEF Australia is a registered charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) and regulated under the ACNC Act 2012.

As a large charity, we comply with the ACNC governance standards. As we send funds overseas, we also adhere to the ACNC External Conduct standards. Adherence to these standards is assured through ongoing internal review.

By applying the ACNC External Conduct Standards, we ensure that our activities align with our purposes. We are effective in controlling resources, reviewing overseas activities, and maintaining good record-keeping. Moreover, we minimise the risk of fraud and corruption and protect vulnerable individuals.



## ACFID

UNICEF Australia is a member of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) and applies the principles of the ACFID Code of Conduct for Non-Government Development Organisations, which sets minimum standards of governance, management, and accountability for member agencies. UNICEF Australia self-assesses against the code annually.

We are also committed to ACFID's Fundraising Charter, which requires that we are ethical and accountable in how we use fundraising information and communicate to our stakeholders.



## Fundraising Institute Australia

UNICEF Australia is a member of the Fundraising Institute Australia and is committed to adhering to the FIA Code, a self-regulatory code of conduct for fundraising in Australia.



## Accreditation

UNICEF Australia is accredited with the Australian Government. Accreditation is a robust assessment of an organisation's practice in governance, program and partner management, community engagement, and financial accountability.

Gaining accreditation recognises that UNICEF Australia has the capacity and accountability to manage Australian Government funding. In 2022, we were successful in achieving reaccreditation for a further five years. Accreditation

makes us eligible for government funding, including the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP). In 2022, UNICEF Australia was grateful to receive \$6 million in Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade funding.

## Risk management

UNICEF Australia considers risk management an integral part of our organisational culture and an essential component of our strategic planning and decision making.

Our risk management policy and framework, which are aligned to ISO 31000, enhance the identification and flow of risks throughout the organisation, assigning responsibility to managing these risks and how they should be monitored and reported. While management maintains the responsibility for responding to risks, all staff are required to assist in identifying them.

UNICEF Australia recognises that cybersecurity is a significant risk that requires continuous management. The ever-present threat to our organisational data and security necessitates the implementation of increasingly sophisticated systems and processes to effectively mitigate the risks involved.

As UNICEF Australia staff begin to travel more in the aftermath of the pandemic, ensuring their safety and wellbeing remains a key risk that the organisation sees as critical to manage effectively.

## Feedback and complaints

Anyone wishing to provide feedback or make a complaint can do so via email at [unicef@unicef.org.au](mailto:unicef@unicef.org.au) or via (02) 9261 2811. Complaints relating to a breach of the ACFID Code of Conduct by an ACFID code member can also be made to the ACFID Code of Conduct Committee. For information on how to make a complaint see [www.acfid.asn.au](http://www.acfid.asn.au)

# Financial summary

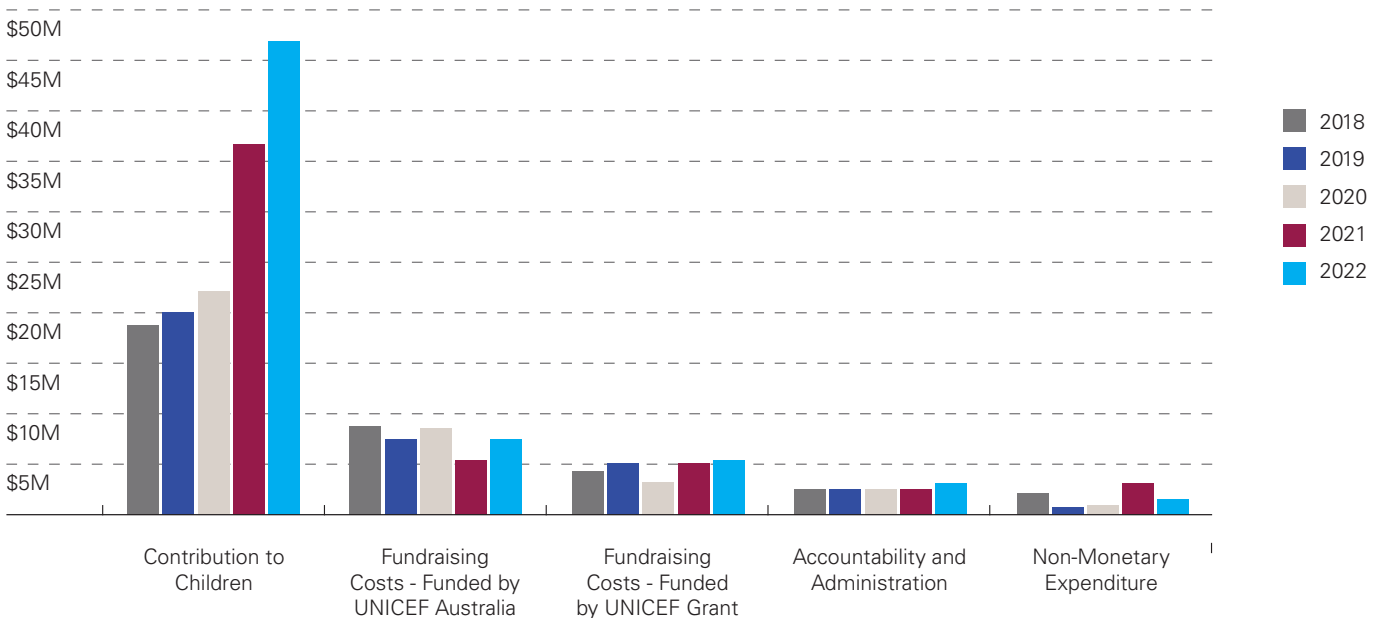
In the face of new and ongoing conflicts, natural disasters and an ongoing pandemic, UNICEF Australia remains steadfast in our commitment to protect the world's most vulnerable children, no matter what.

Throughout 2022, we continued to provide critical humanitarian assistance

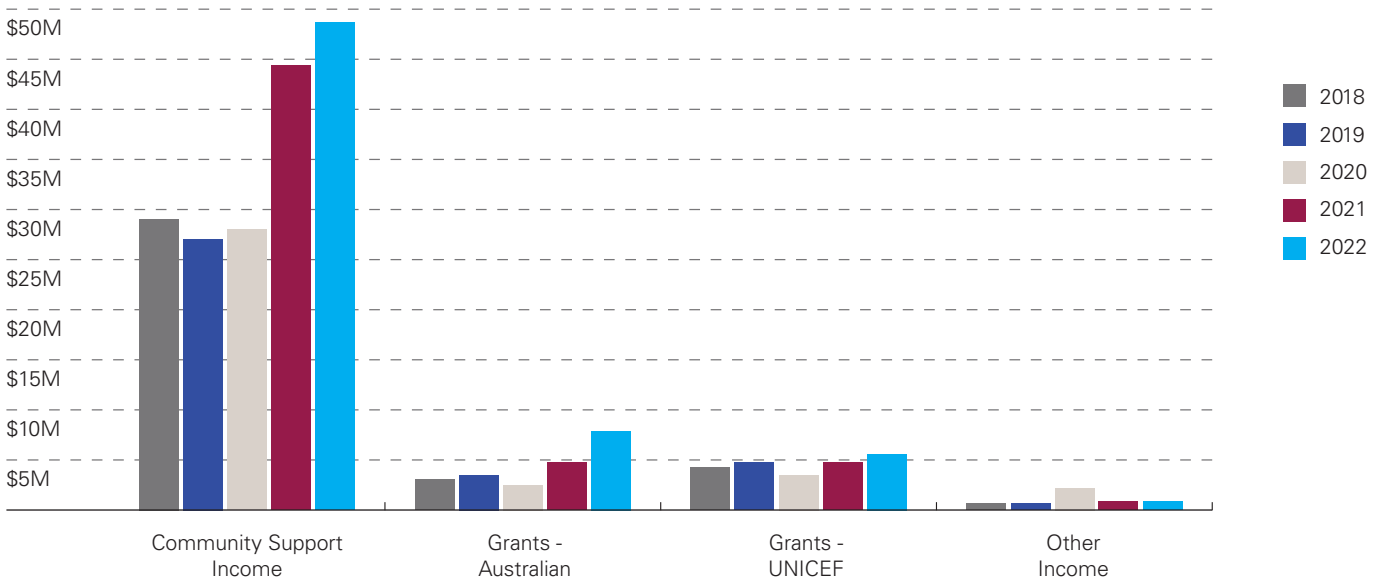
and support for long-term development projects in Australia and around the world. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, it was a record year for UNICEF Australia in terms of income, which enabled us to expand our programs and reach more children in need, with our overall contribution to children growing to \$46.7 million.

As an organisation run entirely on voluntary contributions, we sincerely thank our generous supporters for their powerful commitment to UNICEF Australia's work for children around the world.

## Five-year expenditure trend (by type)



## Five-year revenue trend (by source)





## Where the money comes from

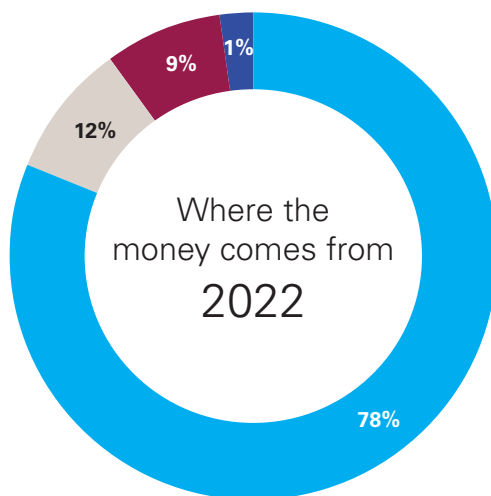
UNICEF Australia recorded our highest ever revenue result in 2022. Total income rose to \$62 million – a 15 per cent increase on the previous year.

Community support income rose by 10 per cent following increases in corporate and philanthropic giving, together with a rise in donations from individuals and families across Australia.

UNICEF Australia continues to hold full accreditation under the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP) and successfully completed reaccreditation in 2022 for another five-year term. Through this mechanism, UNICEF Australia receives annual funding to support a range of early childhood development, child protection, child survival, and water and sanitation programs in the East Asia and Pacific region. In 2022, overall DFAT revenues grew to \$6 million, with a further \$3.6 million recognised as

deferred revenue at 31 December 2022 and available for use in 2023.

UNICEF Australia receives grant funding from UNICEF to support fundraising activities that generate a strong long-term return on investment. In 2022, this income was predominantly used to fund the acquisition of new Global Parents, and to support our appeals and our ongoing legacy and bequests fundraising program – all of which generate funding for UNICEF's global programs.



- Community Support Income\*
- Grants - Australian
- Grants - UNICEF
- Other Income

\*Community support income includes donations and gifts from the Australian public and corporations, both monetary and non-monetary, as well as income from legacies and bequests. Other income includes investment revenue, commercial activities revenue, and other income.

A mother and daughter play at the UNICEF-supported Blue Dot Hub at Sighetu Marmatiei in northern Romania after crossing the Ukrainian border. © UNICEF/UN0632063/Vockel

## Where the money goes

UNICEF Australia’s contribution to children includes funds to international and domestic programs, together with local program support costs and community education expenditure that informs and educates Australians on child rights.

Through the generous donations of our supporters, UNICEF Australia’s contribution to children grew to \$46.7 million in 2022, an increase of \$10.2 million against 2021, which represented 82 per cent of overall expenditure, excluding non-monetary costs and amounts funded by UNICEF grants.

Following the outbreak of war in Ukraine, the Australian community demonstrated incredible support for children and families affected by the conflict. UNICEF Australia has distributed \$15.1 million in critical aid; provided the children of Ukraine with access to safe water, sanitation and healthcare; equipped psychosocial support for 2.9 million children and caregivers, and provided more than five million children with continued access to education.

Elsewhere, UNICEF Australia provided \$1 million in humanitarian support following the volcanic eruption and tsunami in Tonga and \$600,000 toward relief efforts following severe flooding in Pakistan. UNICEF Australia’s response to COVID-19 continued with \$2.8 million directed to programs minimising the impact of the pandemic on children and families and to procure life-saving vaccines.

With the support of the Australian community and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), UNICEF Australia contributed \$12.2 million to Priority Programs across the East Asia and Pacific region.

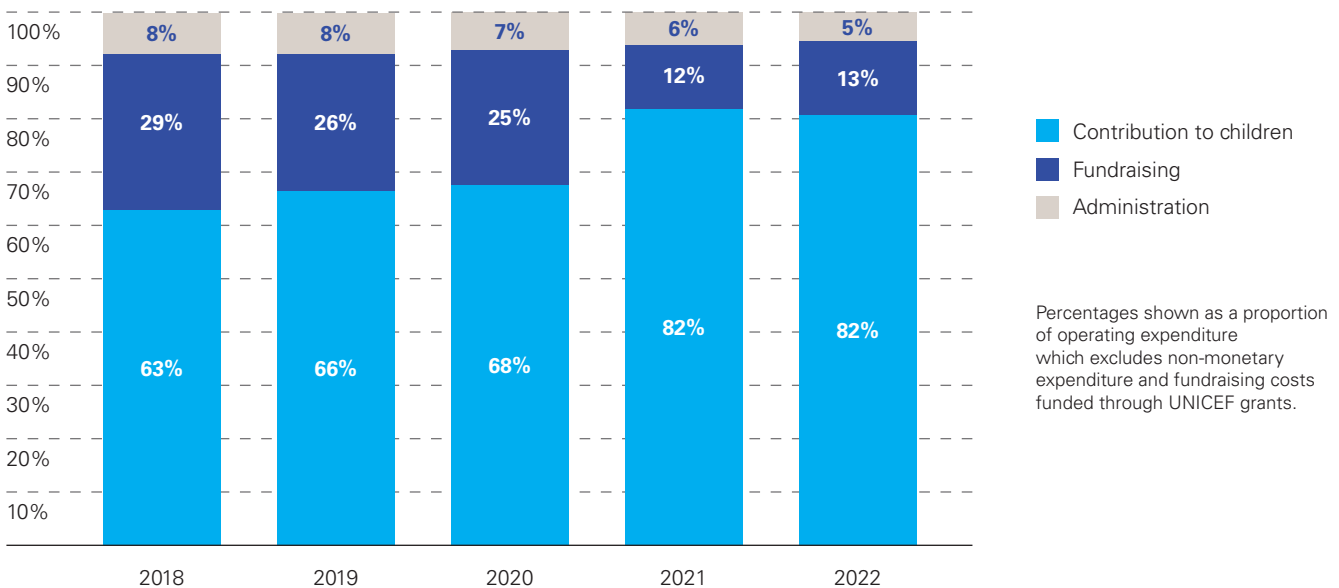
UNICEF Australia invested \$943,947 in domestic programs focusing on early childhood education within Aboriginal communities and skills development for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students entering into adulthood.

To grow our impact, additional investments were made in high-performing fundraising activities, with overall fundraising expenditure increasing from \$9.6 million to \$12.7 million. The increase was funded partially through a growth in UNICEF

grants (2022: \$5.3 million; 2021: \$4.3 million), and otherwise reflected a return of UNICEF Australia-funded investment to medium-term averages following a reduction in 2021 (2022: \$7.4 million; 2018-2021 average: \$7.4 million). The uplift in investment, together with the generosity of donors, has resulted in the highest ever year of community support income for UNICEF Australia.

Accountability and administration expenditure is required to efficiently run the organisation. It includes items such as staff costs for finance, human resources, and administration, as well as audit fees and insurances. Accountability and administration costs have decreased as a proportion of overall expenditure, excluding non-monetary amounts funded by UNICEF grants, dropping to 5 per cent as we have been able to scale up our fundraising and programmatic activities in an efficient manner.

## Cost ratios



# Financials

## Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the year ended 31 December 2022

	2022 \$	2021 \$
<b>REVENUE</b>		
<b>Donations and Gifts</b>		
Monetary	46,725,634	40,874,241
Non-Monetary	1,431,720	3,121,588
	<b>48,157,354</b>	43,995,829
<b>Bequests and Legacies</b>	454,303	383,544
<b>Grants</b>		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	5,994,547	4,614,218
Other Australian	1,347,991	363,150
UNICEF	5,287,952	4,237,400
	<b>12,630,490</b>	9,214,768
<b>Commercial Activities Income</b>	397,960	130,136
<b>Investment Income</b>	114,185	25,270
<b>Other Income</b>	267,296	398,148
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>62,021,588</b>	54,147,695
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure</b>		
<b>International Programs</b>		
Funds to international programs		
UNICEF Australia Priority Programs	12,676,331	9,077,875
UNICEF global programs	26,632,963	21,446,865
	<b>39,309,294</b>	30,524,740
Program support costs	1,861,903	1,174,221
<b>Community Education</b>	4,559,762	3,662,204
<b>Fundraising Costs</b>		
Public	11,153,102	8,601,223
Government, multilateral and private sector	1,608,644	1,020,420
	<b>12,761,746</b>	9,621,643
<b>Accountability and Administration</b>	3,126,026	2,533,065
<b>Non-Monetary Expenditure</b>	1,431,720	3,121,588
<b>Total International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure</b>	<b>63,050,451</b>	50,637,461
<b>Domestic Programs</b>	<b>943,947</b>	1,117,889
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>63,994,398</b>	<b>51,755,350</b>
<b>(DEFICIT)/SURPLUS</b>	<b>(1,972,810)</b>	2,392,345
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE (LOSS)/INCOME FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(1,972,810)</b>	2,392,345

The above Statement of Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

## Statement of Financial Position

As at 31 December 2022

	2022 \$	2021 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	11,068,183	11,574,168
Trade and other receivables	444,980	309,430
Prepayments	3,801,777	3,814,911
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>15,314,940</b>	15,698,508
<b>Non-current assets</b>		
Plant and equipment	2,923,661	2,446,656
Intangibles	-	6,296
<b>Total non-current assets</b>	<b>2,923,661</b>	2,452,952
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>18,238,601</b>	18,151,460
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Trade and other payables	10,380,652	8,854,029
Lease payable	331,096	223,844
Provisions	621,491	602,595
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>11,333,239</b>	9,680,468
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>		
Lease payable	2,504,410	2,070,516
Provisions	144,123	170,838
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>	<b>2,648,533</b>	2,241,353
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>13,981,772</b>	11,921,821
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>4,256,829</b>	6,229,639
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Reserves	4,256,829	6,229,639
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>4,256,829</b>	6,229,639

The above Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.



## Statement of Changes in Equity

For the year ended 31 December 2022

	<b>Reserves \$</b>
<b>Balance at 31 December 2021</b>	6,229,639
Surplus/(Deficit)	(1,972,810)
Other comprehensive income	-
<b>Balance at 31 December 2022</b>	<b>4,256,829</b>

### Notes:

- The Summarised Financial Report has been prepared in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements set out in the ACFID Code of Conduct. For further information on the Code please refer to the ACFID website at [www.acfid.asn.au](http://www.acfid.asn.au). The Summarised Financial Report comprising the Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 31 December 2022 are an extract of the Annual Financial Report of Australian Committee for UNICEF Limited ("UNICEF Australia") for the year ended 31 December 2022. The Summarised Financial Report was extracted for the purpose of presenting the summarised financial position and performance of UNICEF Australia to its members in the 2022 Annual Report. UNICEF Australia is a company limited by guarantee. The liability of each member of the company is limited to \$1. UNICEF Australia is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards. The Annual Financial Report of UNICEF Australia complies with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements adopted by the Australian Accounting Standards Board. The Summarised Financial Report has been prepared under the historical cost basis and are presented in Australian dollars, which is the company's functional and presentation currency.
- For a copy of the full financial report for the year ending 31 December 2022 please contact us directly on telephone (02) 9261 2811; or email [unicef@unicef.org.au](mailto:unicef@unicef.org.au)



# Independent Auditor's Report

To the members of Australian Committee for UNICEF Limited

## Opinion

We report on the **Summary Financial Statements** of Australian Committee for UNICEF Limited (the Company) as at and for the year ended 31 December 2022. The Summary Financial Statements are derived from the audited financial report of the Company (the Audited Financial Report).

In our opinion, the accompanying Summary Financial Statements of the Company are consistent, in all material respects, with the Audited Financial Report, in accordance with the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the Summary Financial Statements.

The **Summary Financial Statements** comprise:

- Summary statement of financial position as at 31 December 2022
- Summary statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income and Summary statement of changes in equity for the year then ended
- Related notes.

The Summary Financial Statements are contained in the Annual Report on pages 47 to 49.

## Scope of the Summary Financial Statements

The Summary Financial Statements do not contain all the disclosures required by *Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements* applied in the preparation of the Audited Financial Report. Reading the Summary Financial Statements and this Auditor's Report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the Audited Financial Report and our auditor's report thereon.

## The Audited Financial Report and our auditor's report thereon

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the Audited Financial Report in our auditor's report dated 29 May 2023.

## Emphasis of matter – basis of preparation and restriction on use and distribution

We draw attention to Note 1 to the Summary Financial Statements, which describes the basis of preparation.

The Summary Financial Statements have been prepared to assist the Directors of Australian Committee for UNICEF Limited for the purpose of complying with the presentation and disclosure requirements set out in the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) Code of Conduct and should not be used by or distributed to parties other than the Directors of Australian Committee for UNICEF Limited or ACFID for any other purpose than that for which it was prepared.



## Other Information

Other Information is financial and non-financial information in Australian Committee for UNICEF Limited's Annual Report which is provided in addition to the Summary Financial Statements and this Auditor's Report. The Directors are responsible for the Other Information.

Our opinion on the Summary Financial Statements does not cover the Other Information and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the Summary Financial Statements, our responsibility is to read the Other Information. In doing so, we consider whether the Other Information is materially inconsistent with the Summary Financial Statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

We are required to report if we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this Other Information, and based on the work we have performed on the Other Information that we obtained prior to the date of this Auditor's Report we have nothing to report.

## Responsibility of the Directors for the Summary Financial Statements

The Directors are responsible for the preparation of the Summary Financial Statements in accordance with the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the Summary Financial Statements, including their derivation from the Audited Financial Report of the Company as at and for the year ended 31 December 2022.

## Auditor's responsibility for the Summary Financial Statements

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the Summary Financial Statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the Audited Financial Report based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with *Australian Auditing Standard ASA 810 Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements*.

I, Daniel Robinson, am currently a member of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand and my membership number is 266086.

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Daniel Robinson

Partner  
Sydney  
29 May 2023



UNICEF staff play with 13-month-old Jonaila, in Marantao, Philippines, as she receives immunisations to protect her against preventable diseases. © UNICEF/UN0723161

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