

Media Update

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PRESS RELEASE

UNICEF launches US\$9.4 billion emergency funding appeal for children affected by conflict, the climate crisis and COVID-19

Funds will support essential programs for over 177 million children in need across 145 countries and territories through 2022

GENEVA/NEW YORK, 7 December 2021 – UNICEF launched today a record US\$9.4 billion emergency funding appeal to reach more than 327 million people – including 177 million children – affected by humanitarian crises and the COVID-19 pandemic worldwide.

The appeal is 24 per cent larger than last year's as humanitarian needs continue to grow.

“Millions of children around the world are suffering from the impacts of conflict, extreme weather events and the climate crisis,” said UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore. “As the COVID-19 pandemic approaches its third year, the plight of these children is made even worse with faltering economies, growing poverty and rising inequality. As always, it is the children already living through crises who are the hardest hit. They need urgent help.”

The appeal includes US\$2 billion for UNICEF's response in Afghanistan where 13 million children need urgent humanitarian assistance. These include 1 million children who are facing severe acute malnutrition at a time when the health system is on the verge of collapse. The Afghanistan appeal is UNICEF's largest ever single-country appeal.

An additional US\$933 million will be allocated to the Access to COVID-19 Tools Accelerator (ACT-A), a global effort to accelerate the development,

production and equitable access to COVID-19 tests, treatments and vaccines. As the pandemic continues to set back the education, health, nutrition and wellbeing of children around the globe, providing the tools to bring it under control requires urgent support.

UNICEF will also need US\$909 million for the Syria refugee crisis, another US\$334 million for the crisis inside Syria, US\$484 million for the response in Yemen, and over US\$356 for programmes in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

In Ethiopia, where 15.6 million children need humanitarian aid and where brutal fighting displaced hundreds of thousands of children in the north, UNICEF will require US\$351 million for its life-saving work.

This year's funding appeal, UNICEF's largest ever, also comes as escalating conflicts have pushed millions more children and their communities to the brink. Attacks on children living in countries in conflict, including attacks on civilian infrastructure critical for children's survival, are continuing at an alarming rate. Close to 24,000 grave violations against children were confirmed last year, or 72 violations a day.

Climate change is worsening the scale and intensity of emergencies. The number of climate-related disasters has tripled in the last 30 years. Today, over 400 million children live in areas of high, or extremely high, water vulnerability.

As part of its Humanitarian Action for Children which sets out the agency's 2022 appeal, UNICEF plans to reach:

- 7.2 million children with treatment for severe acute malnutrition;
- 62.1 million children with measles vaccinations;
- 53.4 million people with access to safe water for drinking and domestic needs;
- 27.9 million children and caregivers with access to mental health and psychosocial support;
- 21.3 million children and women with access to gender-based violence risk mitigation, prevention or response interventions;
- 51.9 million people with safe and accessible channels to report sexual exploitation and abuse by aid workers;
- 77.1 million children with formal or non-formal education, including early learning; and

- 23.6 million households with cash assistance.

With support from partners, key results in 2021 included:

- 2.4 million children treated for severe acute malnutrition;
- 5 million children and caregivers accessing mental health and psychosocial support;
- 34 million people provided with enough safe water for drinking, cooking and personal hygiene;
- 22.4 million children and women receiving essential health care services in UNICEF-supported facilities;
- 110.7 million children accessing formal or non-formal education, including early learning;
- More than 812.2 million people reached through behavioral messages on disease prevention and access to health services;
- 3.2 million people with access to safe channels to report sexual exploitation and abuse;
- 8.6 million women, girls and boys accessing GBV risk mitigation, prevention or response interventions; and
- 14.9 million households reached with humanitarian cash transfers.

This year's Humanitarian Action for Children Report is launched as part of CY21, a Global Forum for Children and Youth bringing together leaders, experts, change makers and influencers, along with children and youth. The forum aims to accelerate proven and new solutions, inspire commitments to create change, and mobilize knowledge and resources to advance child rights to meet the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030.

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Notes for editors:

Additional resources and multimedia materials available here:

<https://weshare.unicef.org/Package/2AM4080FDL1J>

***About CY21:**

UNICEF is teaming up with the Governments of Botswana and Sweden to initiate, co-host and galvanize support for an ambitious and much-needed initiative to bring children and youth back

on the global agenda.

The vision is for the Forum to become the annual global thought-leadership and partnership-building platform convening all stakeholders interested in improving the lives of children and young people.

A rich and engaging programme over three days with more than 40 sessions and 100 top speakers, the programme focuses on priority themes such as climate, mental health, education, poverty and protection from violence.

Children and youth participation is at the centre of this event, which was designed together with a Youth Advisory Board specifically established for this purpose. In many sessions, young people will moderate or speak or participate. Additionally, the programme will feature five TED Talks from young activists from Indonesia, Ireland, North Macedonia, Sudan and Zimbabwe talking about accessibility, climate, conflict and more.

About UNICEF

UNICEF promotes the rights and well-being of every child, in everything we do. Together with our partners, we work in 190 countries and territories to translate that commitment into practical action, focusing special effort on reaching the most vulnerable and excluded children, to the benefit of all children, everywhere.

For more information about UNICEF and its work for children, visit www.unicef.org

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UNODC

MESSAGE

Message of Ghada Waly, UNODC Executive Director on International Anti-Corruption Day 2021 – “Your right, your role: say no to corruption”

Every person has the right to justice and opportunity, to public services, and to a sustainable future.

Corruption undermines every one of those rights, and more.

Corruption costs the world trillions of dollars, while enabling crime, exploitation and exclusion, endangering people and planet, and compromising our recovery from the pandemic.

On International Anti-Corruption Day, let us remember that each and every one of us has a role to play in standing up for what is right.

You fight corruption when you refuse to pay or take a bribe, even when it is “business as usual”; when you report a corrupt act, even when it doesn’t affect you; and when you play fair in sport, in business, and in life.

The world’s 1.8 billion young people have the most at stake, and they have the perspective and conviction to find transformative solutions to corruption, and to hold leaders accountable.

We must create opportunities to enable youth to fulfil their role as the future guardians of integrity.

We at the UN Office on Drugs and Crime remain dedicated to our role in supporting countries to cooperate and take action through the UN Convention against Corruption.

We are also engaging with allies in the public and private sectors, as well as in civil society, to promote transparency, integrity, and the rule of law.

By preventing corruption and returning stolen assets, we are unlocking resources for growth and new jobs, building resilience to future emergencies, empowering women and young people, and laying the foundations for a fairer future.

For our inclusive recovery, for our hopes to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, and for the rights of everyone, let us all live up to our roles in saying No to Corruption.

Thank you.

For further information visit anticorruptionday.org

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انسدادِ کرپشن کے عالمی دن، 2021، کے موقع پر ایگزیکٹو ڈائریکٹر یو این او ڈی سی غادا ولی کا پیغام "آپ کا حق، آپ کا کردار: کرپشن سے کریں انکار"

انصاف کا حصول، ترقی کے مواقع، عوامی خدمات اور پائیدار مستقبل ہر فرد کا حق ہے۔

کرپشن نہ صرف ان تمام حقوق بلکہ اور بھی کئی چیزوں کو نقصان پہنچاتی ہے۔

دنیا کو کرپشن کی قیمت کئی کھرب ڈالر کے نقصان کی صورت میں برداشت کرنا پڑتی ہے۔ اس کے ساتھ ساتھ یہ جرائم، استحصال اور محرومیوں کی راہ ہموار کرتی ہے، کرہ

ارض اور اس پر بسنے والے لوگوں کے وجود کو خطرے سے دوچار کرتی ہے اور واپس بحالی کے سفر کو مشکل بنا رہی ہے۔

انسدادِ کرپشن کے عالمی دن کے موقع پر ہم سب کو یہ بات یاد رکھنا ہے کہ درست بات کی خاطر ڈٹ جانا ہر فرد کا فرض ہے اور ہر فرد کے لئے اپنا یہ کردار ادا لازم ہے۔

آپ رشوت دینے پر تیار نہیں ہوتے، چاہے یہ کسی معمول کے کام کی خاطر ہی کیوں نہ ہو، تو یہی کرپشن کے خلاف آپ کی جنگ ہے۔ کرپشن چاہے آپ کو متاثر نہ کر رہی

ہو، لیکن جب آپ اس کی اطلاع دیتے ہیں تو یہی کرپشن کے خلاف آپ کی جنگ ہے۔ اور جب آپ کھیل میں، کاروبار میں، اور اپنی زندگی میں انصاف پر چلتے ہیں تو یہی

کرپشن کے خلاف آپ کی جنگ ہے۔

دنیا کے ایک ارب اسی کروڑ نوجوان اس میں بہت زیادہ دلچسپی رکھتے ہیں اور ان کا اپنا ایک نقطہ نظر ہے، ایک یقین ہے، جس پر چلتے ہوئے وہ کرپشن سے نجات کی راہیں نکال رہے ہیں اور اپنے لیڈروں کا احتساب کر رہے ہیں۔

ہمیں ایسے مواقع پیدا کرنا ہوں گے جن کی بدولت نوجوان دیانتداری کے امین بن سکیں اور مستقبل کی تعمیر میں اپنا کردار بھرپور طریقے سے ادا کر سکیں۔

اقوام متحدہ کا دفتر برائے انسدادِ جرائم و منشیات، کرپشن کے خلاف جدوجہد میں تعاون اور اقوام متحدہ کنونشن کی رو سے اس کے خلاف کارروائی میں دنیا بھر کے ممالک کی مدد و معاونت میں اپنا کردار بھرپور طریقے سے ادا کرنے کے لئے پرعزم ہے۔

یو این او ڈی سی نہ صرف سرکاری و نجی شعبے میں بلکہ سول سوسائٹی میں بھی اپنے پارٹنرز کے ساتھ مل کر شفافیت، دیانتداری اور قانون کی حکمرانی کے فروغ کے لئے سرگرم عمل ہے۔

کرپشن کی روک تھام اور چوری شدہ عوامی اثاثوں کی واپسی کے ذریعے ہم ان وسائل کو ترقی اور روزگار کی نئی راہیں کھولنے، مستقبل کی آفات اور ہنگامی حالات کے مقابلے کی صلاحیتیں بہتر بنانے، خواتین اور نوجوانوں کو باختیار بنانے، اور ایک بہتر اور انصاف پر مبنی مستقبل کی بنیادیں استوار کرنے کے لئے بروئے کار لارہے ہیں۔

سب کی شمولیت پر مبنی بحالی کے عمل کے لئے، پائیدار ترقی کے عالمی مقاصد کے حصول کے لئے، اور سب کے سبھی حقوق یقینی بنانے کے لئے، آئیے ہم سب اپنی اپنی جگہ، اپنا کردار ادا کریں اور کرپشن سے انکار کریں۔

شکریہ

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