

UNICEF

Since its creation on December 11, 1946, UNICEF's purpose has been to provide humanitarian support to mothers and children in developing countries. Its funding is supported entirely by donations from businesses, foundations and government.

Initially, UNICEF (United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund) worked to meet many of the food, educational and other needs of children who survived World War II, a conflict that left Europe in a state of total devastation. Beginning in 1953, however, its scope was expanded to the entire world and it was granted the status of a permanent agency of the United Nations. Today this program operates in more than 190 countries.

Among these tasks are: Immunization of child populations through free vaccine campaigns, attention to displaced children and adolescents or victims of armed conflicts, attention to children living in extreme poverty, sponsorship of positive initiatives for children or to combat child drug addiction, denouncing child labor, child recruitment or other forms of exploitation.

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