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| **With the COVID-19 pandemic upending the lives of millions of children around the world, *UNICEF is delivering life-saving supplies despite unprecedented transport and logiscal constraints caused by the virus.***  “From supply **shortages** to transport **constraints**, COVID-19 has brought **enormous** challenges to our supply operations,” UNICEF executive director was quoted as saying in a press release on Monday.  “However, with support from our partners, we were able to meet some of the most pressing needs and keep children and communities safe.”  So far this year, UNICEF has given key personal protective equipment (PPE) supplies to over 100 countries to support their response to the pandemic, including 7.5 million surgical masks, 2.8 million N95 respirators, nearly 10 million gloves.  In Vietnam, UNICEF handed life-saving supplies including soap bars, hand sanitizer, and ceramic water filters to schools, commune health centers, and communities in seven provinces, including Soc Trang, Ben Tre, Ninh Thuan .etc.  These locally **procured** supplies reach more than 340,000 vulnerable people – mainly children – to protect against the spread of COVID-19 and other diseases.  Limited availability of commercial flights has also taken a heavy **toll** on shipments of supplies for regular programs.  From March to May in typical year, UNICEF would have made more than 700 vaccine shipments to countries around the world.  Despite such challenges, UNICEF was able to procure and timely deliver 800,000 **doses** of **inactivated** polio vaccine (IPV) to Vietnam for **routine immunization** and this contributes to ensuring **adequate** stock and continuity of IPV vaccination in the country.  In addition, 340 medical **refrigerators** for vaccine storage are on the way to Vietnam and should be delivered in July 2020.  To address vaccine shipment challenges, UNICEF is appealing to governments, the private sector, **the aviation industry**, and others to provide solutions for freight space at an affordable cost for life-saving vaccines.  For example, a recent **charter** pooled what would have been separate vaccine shipments into one, making eight stops in West African countries that would otherwise be hard to reach.  UNICEF’s COVID-19 response builds on a strong year for its supply operations in 2019, when its procurement of supplies and services reached a record level of US$3.826 billion, representing a nearly 10 percent increase from 2018 levels.  Over **one-third** of the total procurement was for vaccines at $1.656 billion, accounting for 2.43 billion doses for nearly 100 countries to reach 45 percent of the world’s children under five years of age.  UNICEF also **exceeded** its savings target for 2019 by over 35 percent, achieving $363.3 million in savings across a range of products by **leveraging stragetic procurement approaches**.  “Our collabration with national governments, partners, and the private sector is vital to our efforts to reach children with the supplies they need,” said Etleva Kadilli, director of the UNICEF supply and procurement headquaters.  “Through our global reach and innovative approaches, we leverage our purchasing power and achieve significant savings for governments and **donors**.”  “As we work together to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, this approach becomes even more important to maximize each dollar spent so that regular programs can be maintained, as countries also scale up COVID-19 response efforts.” | *UNICEF đang vận chuyển cung cấp cứu sinh bất chấp các hạn chế vận chuyển và hậu cần do virus gây ra.*  **Shortages/**shawr-tij**:** thiếu.  **Constraints/**kuhn-streynt: limitation or restriction/ hạn chế.  **Enormous/**ih-nawr-muhs**:** huge.  **Procured/**proh-kyoor: to obtain, to get/ kiếm được, thu được.  **Toll/**tohn: damage, loss/ thiệt hại.  **Doses/**dou-ziz: liều thuốc.  **Inactivated:** Bất hoạt  **routine immunization:** Tiêm chủng thông thường.  **adequate/**ad-i-wit: as much as good as necessary.  **Refrigerators/**ri-frij-uh-rey-tuh: a box or cabinet in which food, drink .etc are kept cool.  **the aviation industry:** Ngành công nghiệp hàng không.  **Charter:** điều lệ.  **one-third:** một phần ba.  **Exceeded/**ik-seed: to beyond the bounds.  **leveraging stragetic procurement approaches/** lev-er-ij: Tận dụng các phương pháp mua sắm chiến lược.  **Donors/**doh-ner**:** a person who give or donates/các nhà tài trợ. |