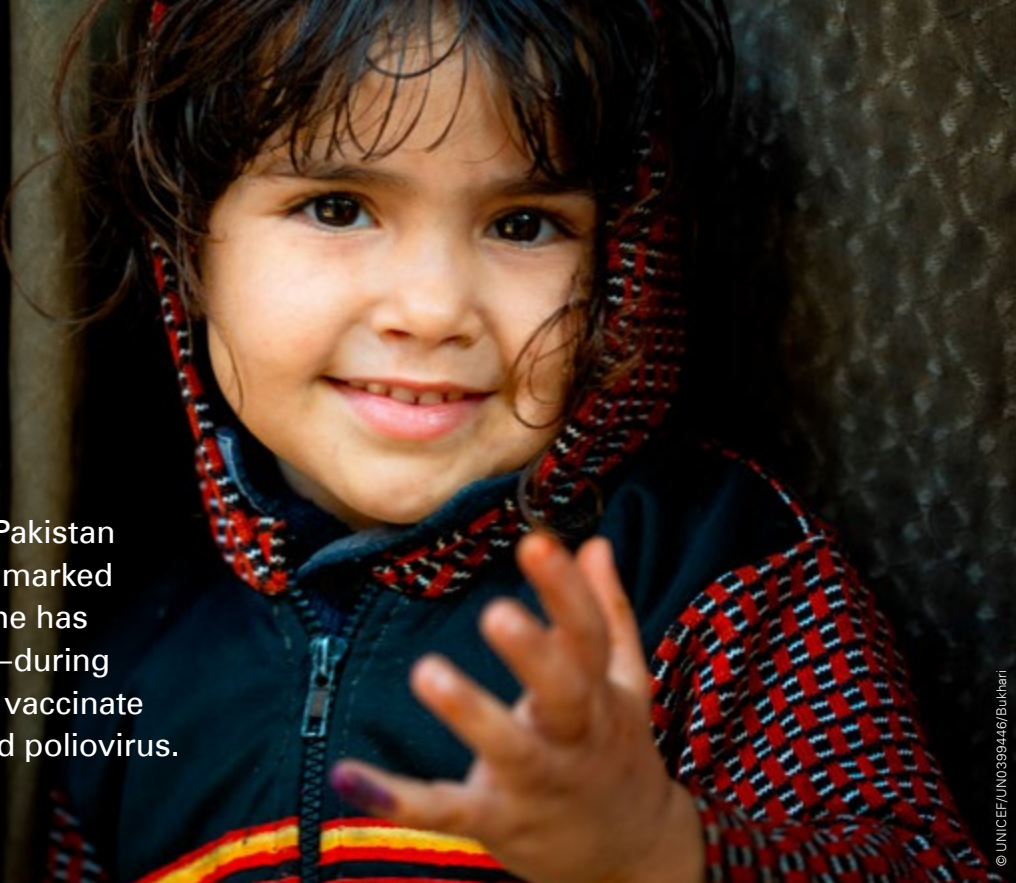




A three-year-old girl in Lahore, Pakistan happily shows her pinkie finger marked with purple ink—the sign that she has just received her polio vaccine—during a five-day national campaign to vaccinate 39.6 million children against wild poliovirus. (January 2021)



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Your Impact for Children in 2021

Thank you for being there.

Every day, monthly donations reinforce UNICEF's urgent response and long-term work for children and families around the world. During a second pandemic year, you helped reach children with basic necessities, routine immunization, and opportunities to grow despite enormous challenges.

You put your values into action to make a difference for children, even as communities across Canada faced uncertainty through new waves of the COVID-19 pandemic. It's thanks in large part to monthly donors that children around the world continued to survive and have hope for their future.

With your support, UNICEF persisted through supply-chain disruptions to ensure that essential therapeutic food and medical supplies were stocked wherever children needed care. During civil conflict in Afghanistan and Yemen, we stayed to provide children with protection, nutrition, safe water, healthcare, education and psychosocial support. As natural disasters unfolded across the planet, UNICEF staff were ready to take action for children and families.

In these ways, and in so many more places around the world, your monthly support helped change lives last year.

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Your monthly donations in 2021 helped ensure that UNICEF continued to protect the rights of children, including in the world's toughest places.

Since losing his mother—his only parent—to COVID-19 last year, 9-year-old Aditia receives coordinated mental health and psychosocial supports facilitated by UNICEF. He is now living with his grandparents in Sragen, Central Java Province. Aditia is one of more than 32,000 children in Indonesia who have lost one or both their caregivers to the COVID-19 pandemic.



Aditia in Indonesia

UNICEF is working with the Indonesian Ministry of Women's Empowerment and Child Protection to continually identify children who have been orphaned by COVID-19. For children like Aditia, supports can include at-home visits by a social worker (pictured), extra help with school, and caregiver counselling. Every effort is taken to ensure that children can safely remain within family care. The world over, the need for child protection is greater than ever as we respond to ways this pandemic has left children without vital supports, and more vulnerable to risks in their environments.

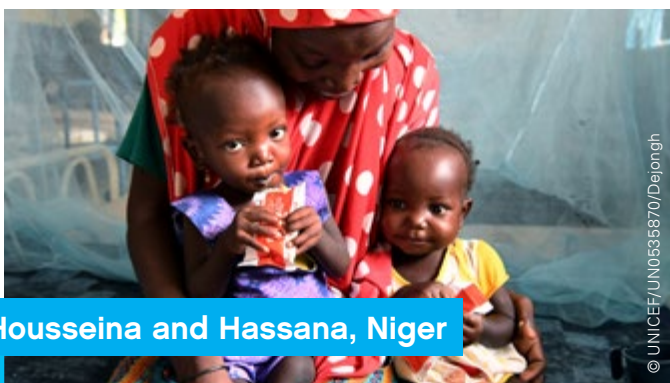
The generosity of monthly donors helps ensure that UNICEF is ready to increase psychosocial supports wherever COVID-19 has created a crisis for children and their families. Last year, UNICEF provided psychosocial support to more than 5 million children and caregivers in humanitarian emergencies around the world. Thank you for being there to help children like Aditia.



Hanna in Ecuador

In Pijal Alto in Imbabura province, baby Hanna and her family are among 1,600 people who now have safe water, thanks to a new chlorination plant.

Thirty per cent of Ecuador's population does not have access to safe water – a situation that poses a particularly extreme risk to children under age five. With donor support, UNICEF continues to provide more homes in Ecuador, and around the world, with safe water, sanitation and hygiene supplies.



Housseina and Hassana, Niger

Twin toddlers Housseina and Hassana recovered from malnutrition last year. While in hospital, they received the protein-packed therapeutic peanut paste Plumpy'Nut® (pictured), as well as vitamin supplements, which helped restore their healthy body weight. In Niger—a region where Plumpy'Nut is manufactured—and in other countries where food crises are endangering lives, your monthly support helped provide nutrition to 2.4 million children during emergencies in 2021.

Thank you for helping to protect every child's right to a childhood.