

Annual report on UNICEF humanitarian action

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Key humanitarian responses in 2021

Five Level 3 emergencies

- Global COVID-19 pandemic
- Escalation of conflict in Afghanistan and northern Ethiopia
- Protracted crises in the Syrian Arab Republic and Yemen

Seven Level 2 emergencies

- Complex crises in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and the central Sahel region (Burkina Faso, Mali and the Niger)
- Internal displacement and health epidemics in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Mozambique (Cabo Delgado crisis)
- Escalation of violence in Myanmar
- Drought in southern Madagascar
- Earthquake in Haiti



Key results in 2021

33.3 million
people accessed safe water
95% OF THE TARGETED POPULATION



WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

5 million
children with severe acute malnutrition admitted to treatment programmesⁱ



NUTRITION

12 million
children and caregivers accessed mental health and psychosocial supportⁱⁱ



CHILD PROTECTION

22 million
children aged 6 months to 15 years vaccinated against measles
85% OF THE TARGETED POPULATION



HEALTH

31.7 million
children accessed formal or non-formal education, including early learning
51% OF THE TARGETED POPULATION



EDUCATION

13.9 million
women, girls and boys accessed gender-based violence risk mitigation, prevention or response interventions
103% OF THE TARGETED POPULATION



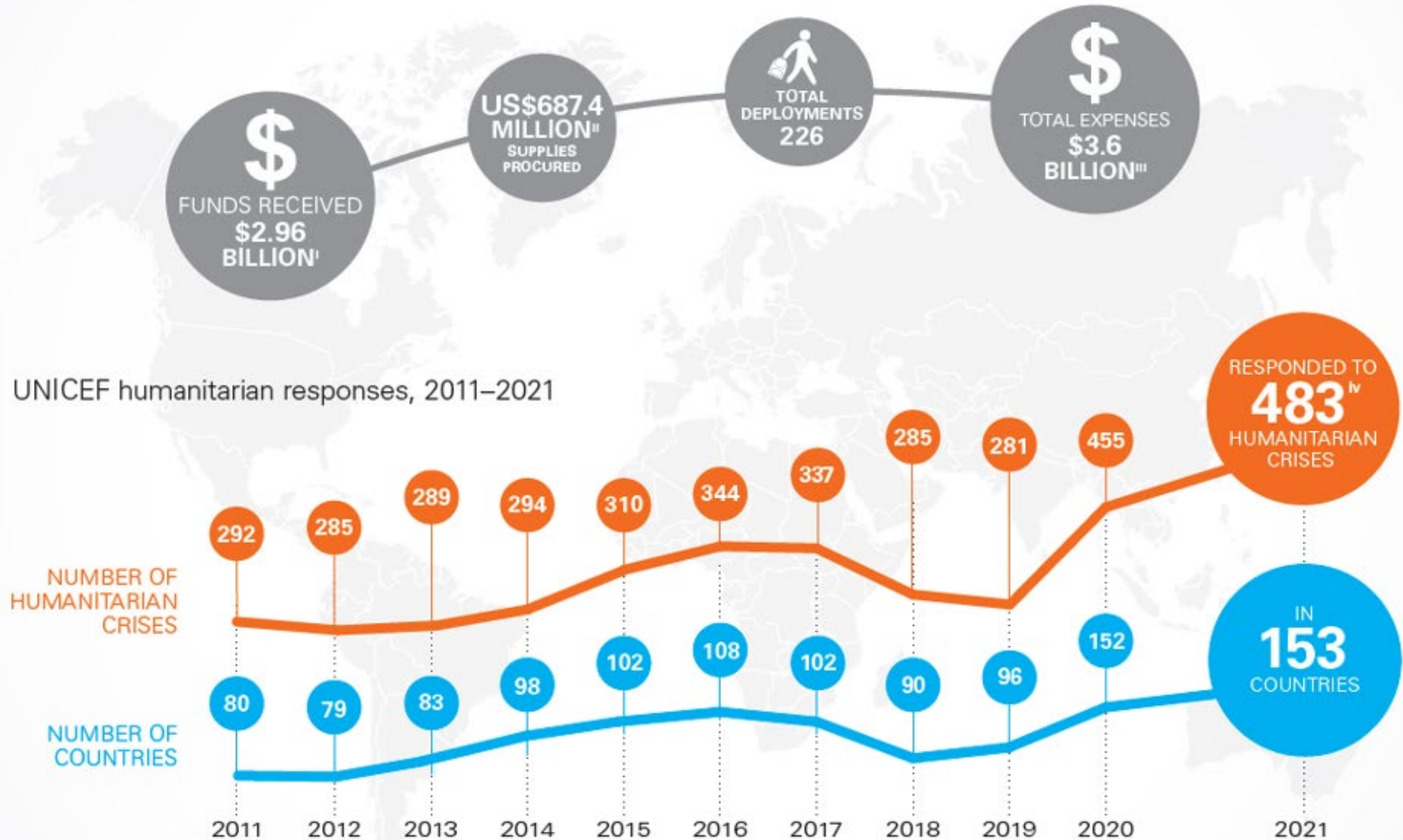
GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE IN EMERGENCIES

ⁱ As the sources of data used to calculate UNICEF's global severe acute malnutrition treatment admissions in 2021, as well as the provision of infant and young child feeding counselling and vitamin A supplementation, do not disaggregate humanitarian and development targets, the global humanitarian targets for these results are not presented.

ⁱⁱ UNICEF reached 12 million children, adolescents, parents and caregivers with community-based mental health and psychosocial support in 2021. This included 8.4 million children (exceeding the targeted population) and 3.6 million parents and caregivers (81 per cent of the targeted population).

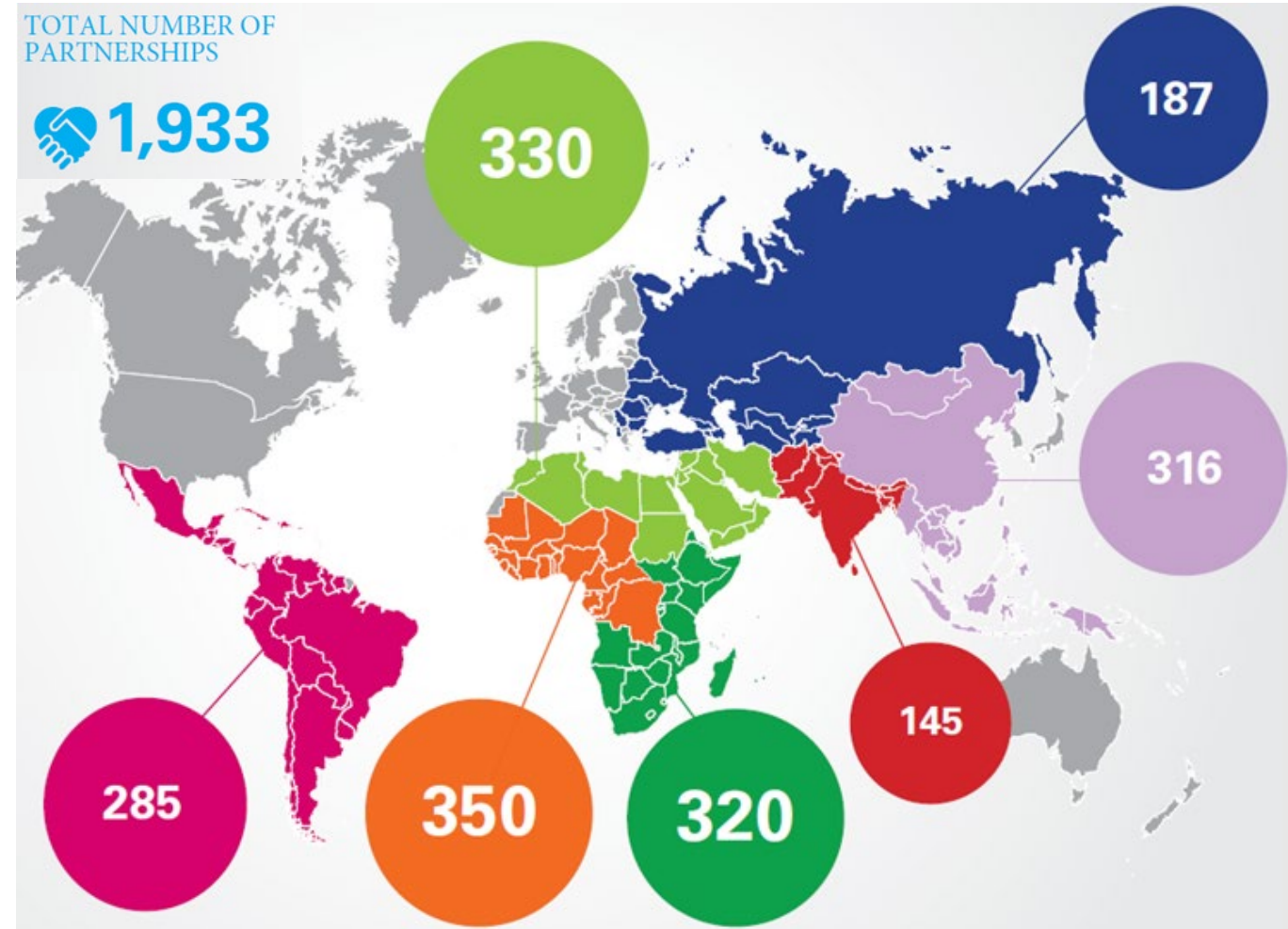
Global response in 2021

In 2021, 153 country offices responded to 483 humanitarian crises, reaching millions of children with life-saving, gender-sensitive and disability-inclusive interventions.



Partnerships

- **Local and national** civil society partners received nearly 30 per cent of humanitarian funding
- **Engagement** of adolescents and young people: 19.6 million in 125 countries
- **WHO-UNICEF** partnership for emergency health-related responses
- **UNHCR-UNICEF** Blueprint: 2 million refugee children and their families reached in 10 countries
- **WFP-UNICEF-NGOs** for prevention and treatment of child wasting



This map does not reflect a position by UNICEF on the legal status of any country or territory or the delimitation of any frontiers.

Challenges and adaptations

Adapting response models and approaches in all humanitarian sectors & contexts

- Staying, delivering and moving towards more agile humanitarian leadership and human resource capacity at all levels

Responding in insecure contexts with limited humanitarian access

- Identifying innovative ways to adapt and scale up programming, including remote implementation and monitoring

Addressing significant underfunding of several crises

- Continuing to advocate for increases in flexible and multi-year funding for humanitarian action



The way forward

- Complete the implementation of the recommendations of the **Humanitarian Review**
- Continue to promote a more **localized** humanitarian response
- Prioritize supporting country offices to establish **accountability mechanisms**
- **Expand** preparedness, resilience, anticipatory action and risk analysis
- Continue to strengthen **UNICEF cluster lead agency accountability** and global public-private partnerships
- **Grow organizational capacity** to support, operate and deliver critical services in remote, insecure, high-risk and complex humanitarian emergencies



Thank you

