



WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICA REGION

Child Rights - Humanitarian Dashboard (January-December 2022)



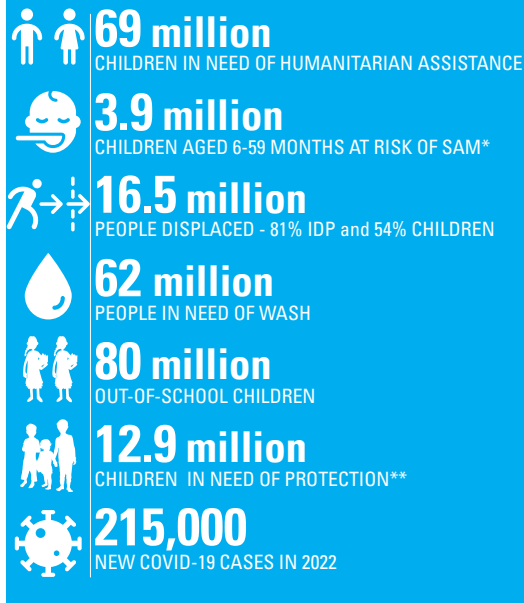
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HUMANITARIAN OVERVIEW

SITUATION OVERVIEW

Across West and Central Africa (WCA) in 2022, children remained exposed to fragile and increasingly life-threatening environments, with 69 million children in need of humanitarian assistance. Children in the region were again affected by multi-dimensional humanitarian crises caused by sustained violent social, intercommunal and political conflicts, climate-related shocks, food insecurity and disease outbreaks such as epidemics in several countries. The compound impact of these crises has led to increased displacement and reduced access to essential services, including the closure of health facilities and schools. By the end of 2022, the number of displaced persons (IDPs, refugees and asylum-seekers) across the WCA region was estimated at 16.5 million people, including over 9 million children. Protracted food insecurity and malnutrition across the region has been further exacerbated by global shocks, including the socio-economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and price inflation in the wake of the Ukraine crisis. These factors have also led to downward adjustments of growth prospects for most WCA countries.

SITUATION IN NUMBERS (in 2022)

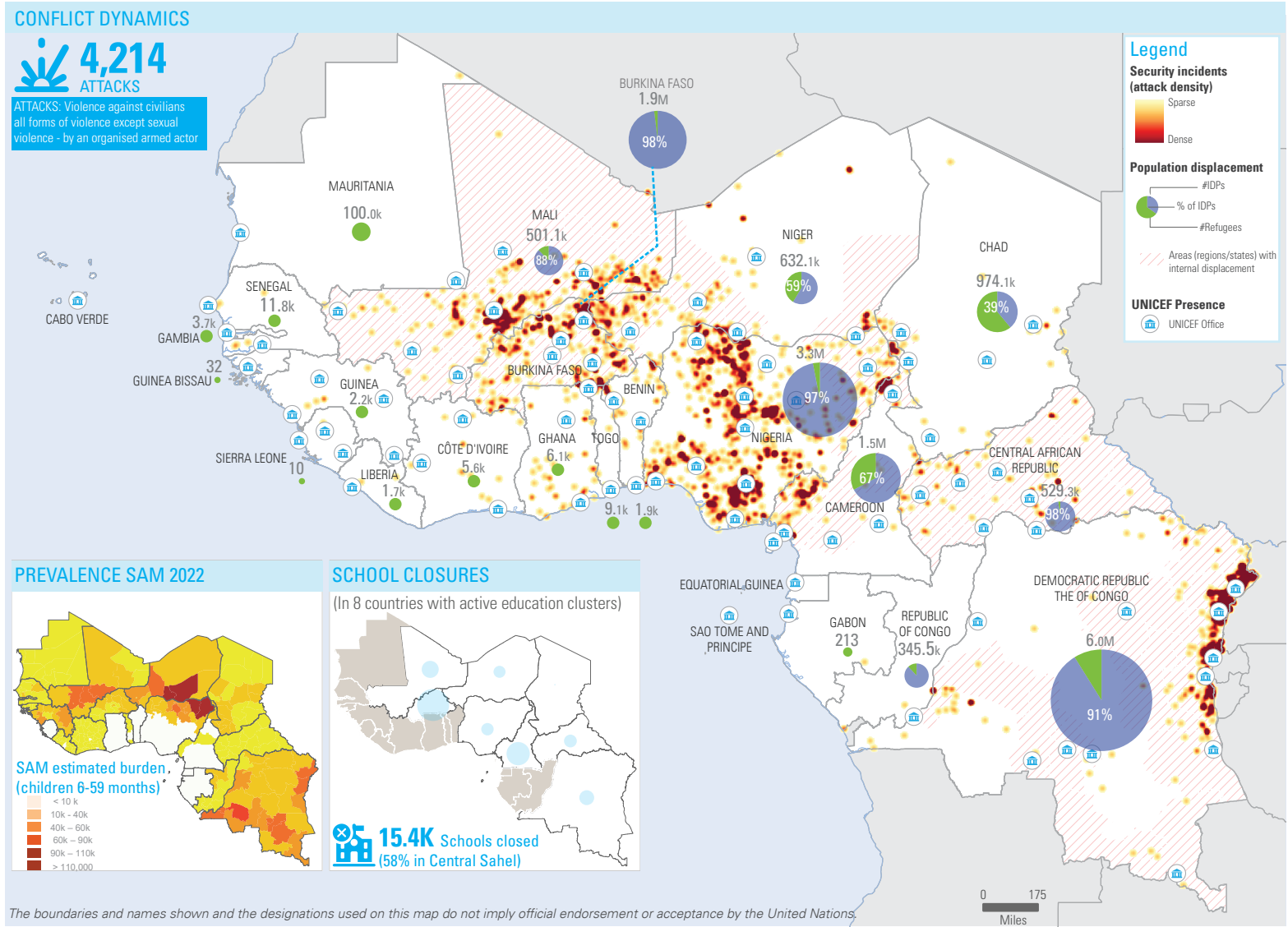


*Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM)

**In the countries affected by conflict (Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Mali, Niger and Nigeria)

CONTINUOUS INCREASE IN CONFLICT AND INCIDENTS

The security situation in the region, has further deteriorated over the past years, with the presence of numerous non-state armed groups (NSAG), high intensity military operations, and a territorial expansion of armed groups. The number of reported security incidents saw increase 352 per cent between 2015 and 2022, compounded by democratic fragility in a number of WCAR countries.



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FUNDING OVERVIEW

Humanitarian funding requirements for UNICEF's humanitarian action in West and Central Africa have steadily increased over the past five years, from US\$ 949.5 million in 2017 to US\$1.4 billion in 2022, due to multiple humanitarian crises, including armed conflict, displacement, natural disasters, and disease outbreaks, which have put the lives and well-being of millions of children at risk. The increase in funding requirements reflects the growing needs of children and families in the region who require lifesaving assistance, including nutrition, health, water, sanitation, and education, among other essential services. However, despite the increase in funding requirements, the proportion of funds received for West and Central Africa has not kept pace with the growing needs of the region, with only 43 per cent of the funding requirements met in 2022 (as compared to 57 per cent received in 2017). Without sufficient and timely funding, UNICEF will be unable to meet the overwhelming needs of children, their families and communities in West and Central Africa, leaving millions without assistance. Multi-year and flexible resources will be instrumental to UNICEF's ability to ensure quality programmes for children in the region.

FINANCIAL PARTNERS

On behalf of the children and women in the West and Central Africa region, UNICEF expresses gratitude to public and private partners for the continued support. The generous contribution of individuals, groups, companies and partners, including the governments of Canada, Denmark, the European Union/ECHO, Germany, Japan, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America and the World Bank enabled UNICEF and partners to continue provision of life-saving interventions and resilience building in West and Central Africa in 2022.



Children washing their hands at the playground of their school Grand Foray B, in Dedougou, in the west of Burkina Faso. UNICEF provided the school with a solar-powered water system.

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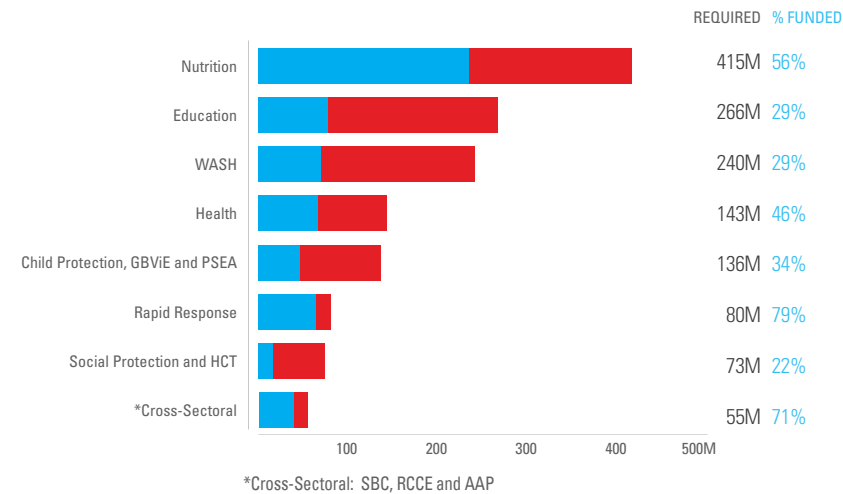
\$1.4 billion
FUNDING REQUIRED IN 2022

\$610 million
FUNDING RECEIVED

\$799 million
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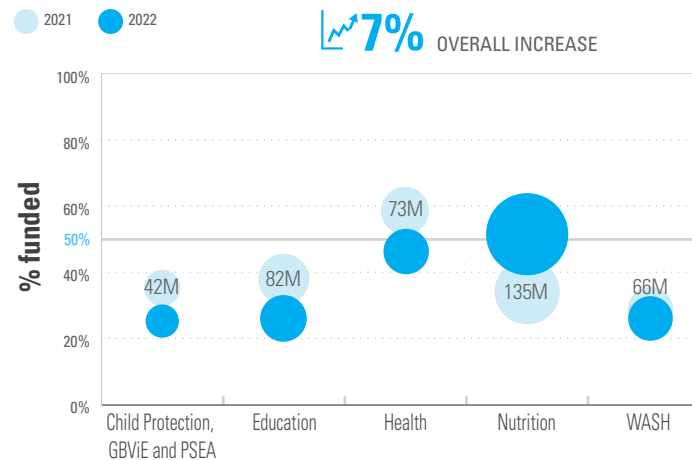
43% FUNDED

FUNDING STATUS BY SECTOR

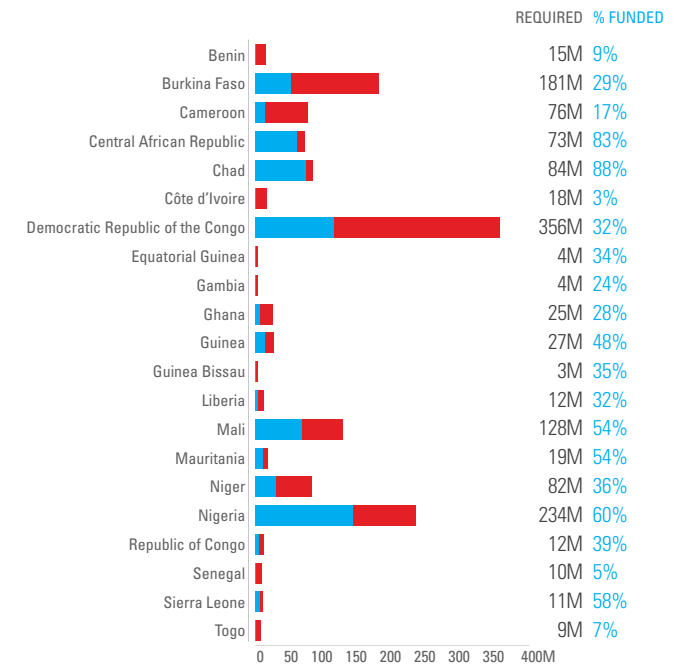


Sector funding in 2021 vs 2022

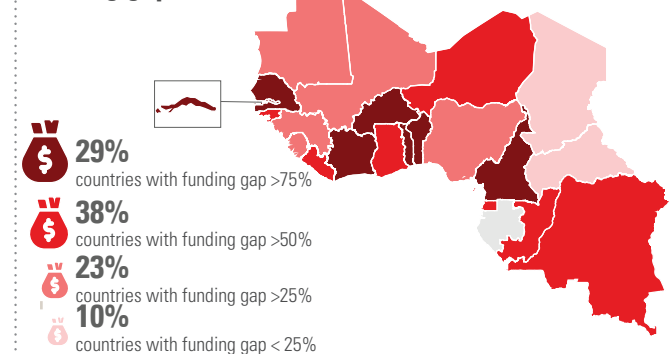
(Child Protection, GBVIE and PSE, Education, Health, Nutrition and WASH)



FUNDING STATUS BY COUNTRY



Funding gap





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RESPONSE

UNICEF provided timely, quality humanitarian assistance to millions of children in 2022 through support for enhanced country office preparedness, response and monitoring. Additionally, UNICEF ensured that humanitarian action was carried out within the framework of a broader humanitarian-development-peace nexus approach, which included strengthening of social cohesion and resilience through equitable access to essential services, gaining community trust, and strengthening capacity to adapt and respond to emergencies. UNICEF also worked to promote enhanced localization in emergency responses through partnerships with civil society and other actors. UNICEF supports greater localization in country programming because local actors typically are the first to respond to humanitarian crises and development challenges, remaining in the communities they serve before, during and after a shock.



KEY ACHIEVEMENT

Nutrition

2.3 million

children aged 6-59 months with SAM admitted for treatment



3.2 million primary caregivers of children 0-23 months receiving infant and young child feeding counselling
92% of target

Health

9.9 million

children vaccinated against measles



7.8 million children and women accessing primary healthcare in UNICEF supported facilities
82% of target

WASH

3.7 million

people accessing a sufficient quantity of safe water for drinking and domestic needs



2.9 million people reached with critical WASH supplies
44% of target

1.2 million people use safe and appropriate sanitation facilities
42% of target

Child protection, GBViE and PSEA

2.2 million

children [and caregivers] accessing mental health and psychosocial support



2.8 million people reached with critical WASH supplies
44% of target

2 million people use safe and appropriate sanitation facilities
42% of target

Education

12 million

children accessing formal or non-formal education, including early learning



10.6 million children receiving individual learning materials
89% of target

Social protection

322,698

households reached with cash transfers through an existing government system where UNICEF provided technical assistance and/or funding



41K households reached with UNICEF funded multi-purpose humanitarian cash transfers
49% of target

Rapid response and cross-sectoral

12.2 million

people engaged in Risk Communication and Community Engagement actions



68.6 million people reached through messaging on prevention and access to services
134% of target

500K people who received essential household items
87% of target

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