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# The main work we did in 2022 to make life better for children everywhere



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**UNICEF 2022 Annual Report**



## About us

We are called the United Nations Children’s Fund. Or UNICEF for short.

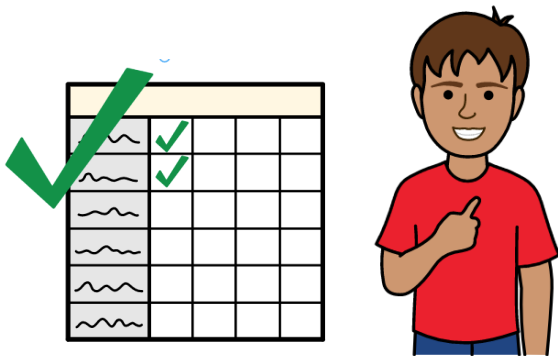


We work to make sure that all children in the world are safe, healthy and treated fairly.

We work in over 190 countries to do that.

## About this report

This report is about the main work we did in 2022 to make life better for children around the world.



Life was hard for many children in the world in 2022.

For example, more children were in danger because of war, violence and climate change problems.



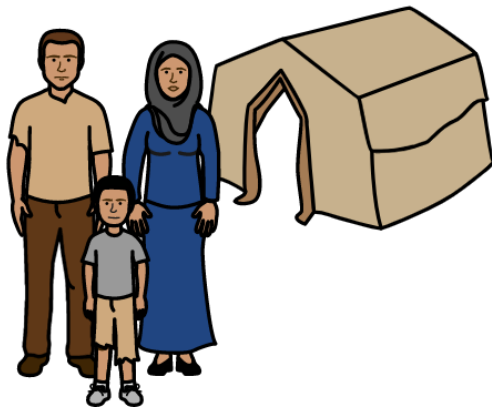
Climate change is about the earth getting warmer.

That is causing big problems for people, animals and plants.

For example, floods, bad storms and too much heat.



Many children could not get enough food to eat because of problems like this.

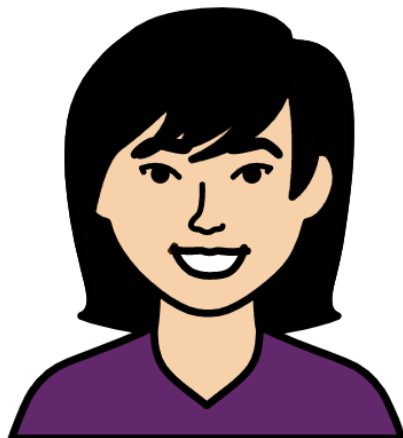


More children than ever needed our support in 2022.

That includes children in countries where there are big problems, like war or not enough food.

And children who are often left out and treated unfairly.

For example, girls and children with disabilities.



We worked hard to save lives and make life better for children and young people everywhere.

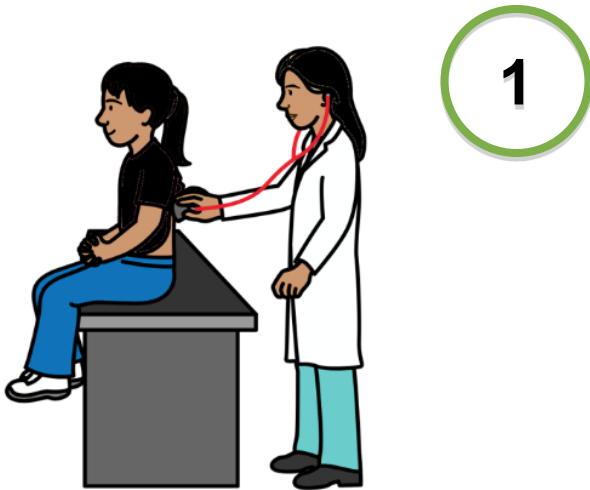
## The main things we worked on in 2022



We worked with many people to make the things in this report happen.

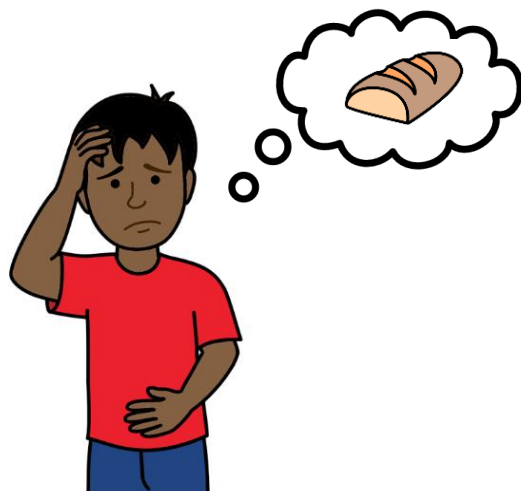
Like children, young people, governments, businesses and organizations.

They also gave us money and support to do our work.



### **1 Making sure that every child is healthy and has the best start in life**

That means making sure that all children have the health care, food and support they need.

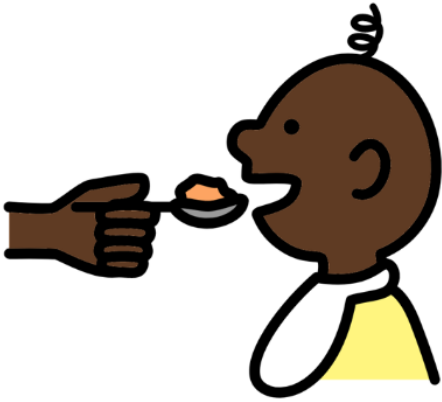


### **The main things we worked on**

Many children in the world do not get enough healthy food to eat.

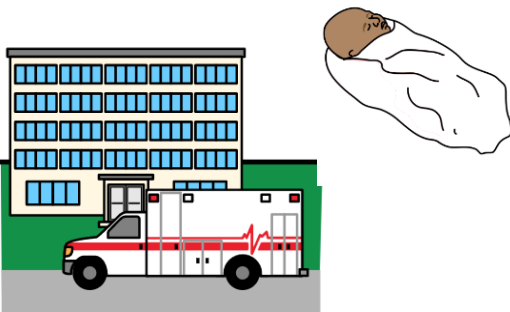
This can make them very ill.

For example, some children do not grow enough or weigh enough.



We helped to stop more young children from getting these health problems.

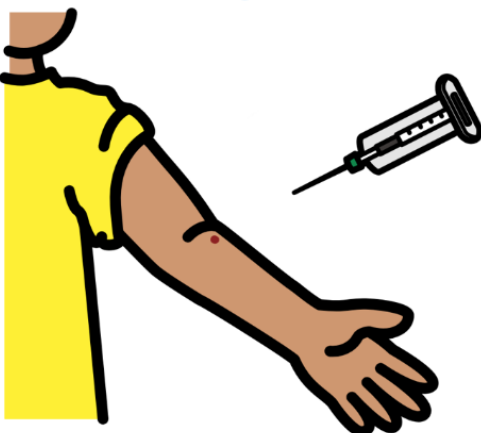
For example, by making sure they had health care and enough healthy food to eat.



And we made sure that more young children got health care quickly if they did not have enough to eat.



We also helped to keep many children safe from serious illnesses like measles and Covid-19.



We helped many children to get **vaccines** to help stop these illnesses.

People can get vaccines from their doctor or nurse.

And they usually get the vaccines by having a needle in their arm.

We supported 143 countries to give children vaccines for Covid-19.

We will also help many children to get a vaccine for an illness called malaria.

This is the first vaccine in the world for malaria.

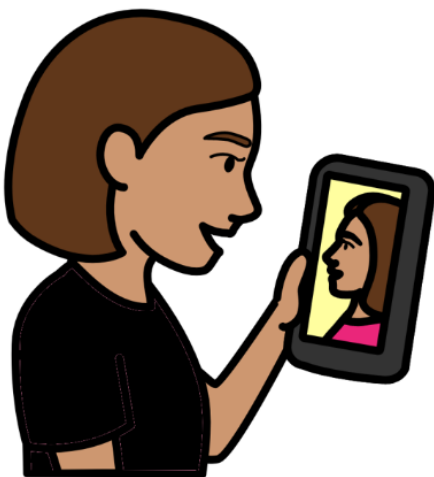
It could help to save many lives.

We have helped to get better mental health care for more children, young people and parents.

That includes mental health care in schools and on the internet.

Mental health care can help people if they feel very sad or worried.

For example, people can talk to a mental health worker about how they feel.



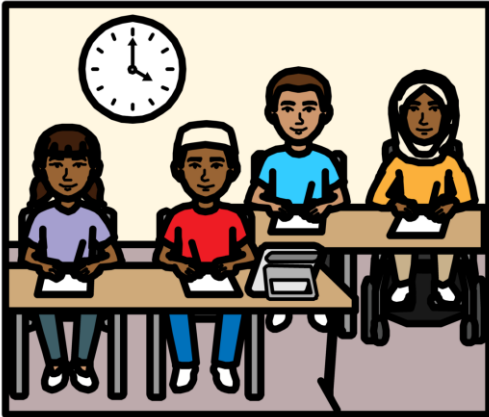
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# Making sure that every child can learn and get the right skills for the future

## The main things we worked on

We supported many children and young people to go to school if they were not at school already.

That includes many girls and children with disabilities.



We made sure that many children had books and other things to learn with.

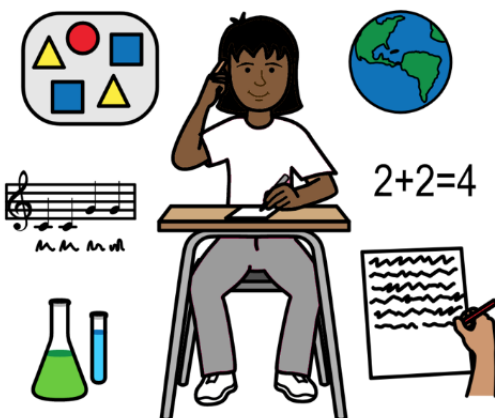


We are helping countries to make education better after Covid-19.

That includes, making sure that every child is in school.

And helping children to catch up with their learning and do well after Covid-19.

Many children had to miss a lot of school because of Covid-19.



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## Making sure that every child is safe from violence and other bad things that can happen to them

### The main things we worked on

We helped many children in different countries to get support if someone was violent to them.

That includes health care or help from the police and courts.



Some violence happens more to women and girls.

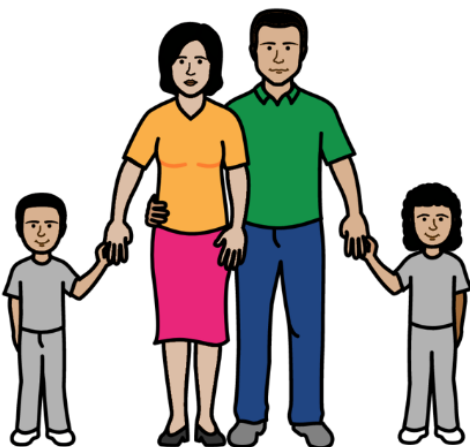
That includes forcing girls to get married when they are very young.

And cutting or hurting some girls in private parts of their bodies.



We gave more women, children and parents support to help stop this violence.

For example, by helping people to know their rights and where to get help.

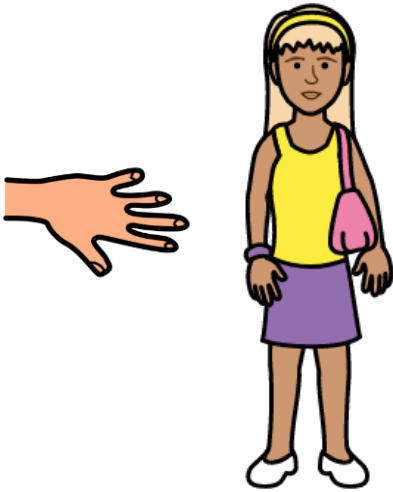






Women and girls are often hurt or treated badly because of unfair ideas that people have about them.

We worked with local communities to help them know how to treat women and girls more fairly.



Many children and adults now have a safe way to ask for help if someone has forced them to have sex or do sexual things.



We made a plan about how to include children with disabilities in our work.

That has helped us to do more to keep children and young people with disabilities safe.

For example, by getting better information to show what they need.

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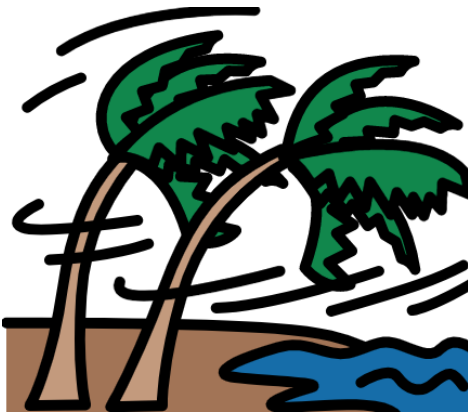
## Making sure that every child lives in a safe and clean place



### The main things we worked on

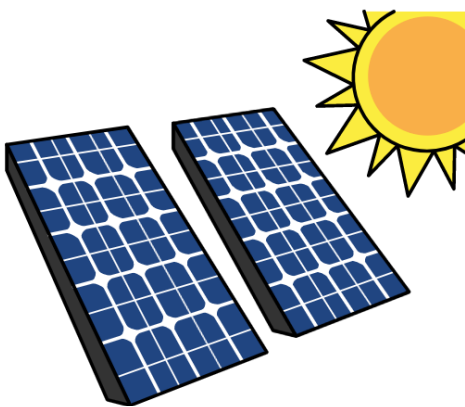
We helped many people to have the basic things they need to keep clean.

Like toilets, clean water, soap and places to wash.



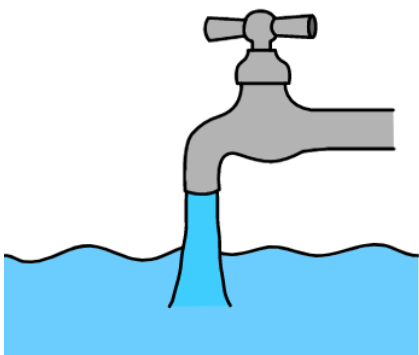
We helped many people to get toilets and clean water that they can still use during climate change problems.

Like storms, floods and too much heat.



We helped many local people to get safe water and electricity using power from the sun.

This can also help to stop climate change.



We started a project to find more water for people in some parts of Africa.

The water comes from the ground.

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## Making sure that every child has a fair chance to do well in life

### The main things we worked on

Many more children and families are poor now.

We helped many children and their families to get money to buy things they need.

That includes more children with disabilities and women and girls.

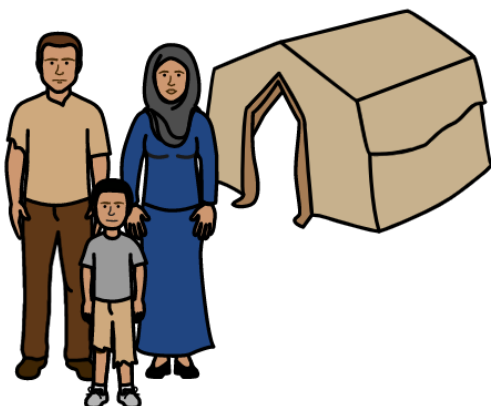
It also includes children in countries where there are big problems, like war or floods.

The money that people get comes from the government.

Many children and their families have to leave their countries because of war or violence.

They are called refugees.

We worked to help more children like this to get the support they need.



## Other work we have done

We worked to get better information about children and what they need.

For example, we asked children and families in 77 countries about their health, education and lives.

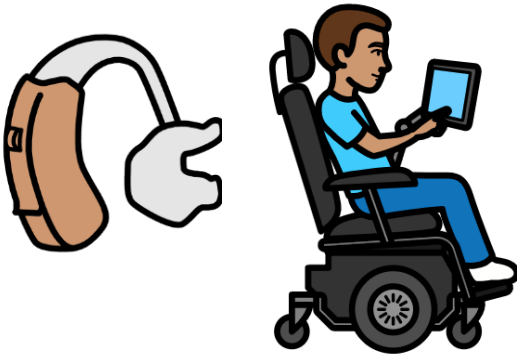
That helped us to know what we should do to make their lives better.



We worked on exciting new ideas to make life better for children.

For example, we worked with companies to get more things that children with disabilities need.

Like wheelchairs and hearing aids.



We worked more closely with children, young people and communities on our projects.

We also supported more young people to speak up about things that are important to them.





That includes young people in countries where there is war or other problems.

Like Ukraine and Venezuela.

For example, we have something that young people can use to have their say.

It is called **U-Report**.

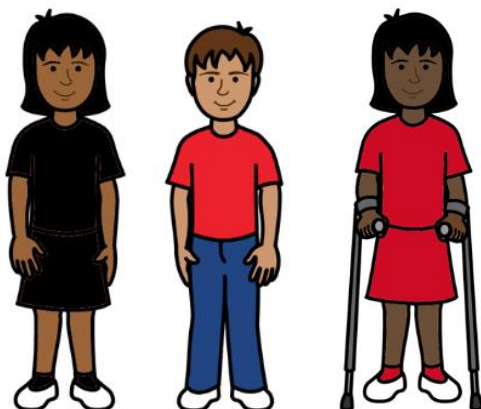
This is when young people can answer questions on their mobile phones to say what they think.

More young people are using this now.



We helped countries to see why it is important to work with young people to help stop climate change.

That is because young people are important and can really help to change things.



All this work will help to make the world better and fairer for all children.