The Bridge Fund is an innovative financial tool created by UNICEF USA to fast-track lifesaving assistance to children in need around the world.

Our impact
An investment in the Bridge Fund is an investment in UNICEF. Our investors enable UNICEF’s lifesaving work to continue seamlessly around the world when the speed or continuity of humanitarian programming is essential. Below are illustrative examples of the Bridge Fund’s impact since its inception in 2012.

Health
- Social mobilization work immunized more than 200 million children against polio during 59 mass immunization campaigns.
- More than 17 million women of reproductive age received one or more series of tetanus immunizations on schedule to complete or work towards full immunization.

Education
- An estimated 886,600 out-of-school children affected by the crisis in Syria provided with equitable access to education.
- 150 early reading digital books piloted to foster inclusive learning environments for children with disabilities.

Water
- Water borehole rehabilitated on the Syrian/Jordanian border to provide over 10,000 Syrian refugees with safe, clean water.
- 5 million children and adolescents in Brazil provided with safe, clean water in the Legal Amazon as a result of community capacity building.

Humanitarian Emergencies
- 50,000 Ebola prevention kits fast-tracked to Liberia to arrest the spread of the virus.
- Emergency supplies, such as water purification units and therapeutic foods, deployed to Haiti following Hurricane Matthew where 6 million children were in need of assistance.

Market Influence
- $10 million saved for UNICEF through a 3-year purchase guarantee with the largest oral polio vaccine supplier.
- Support provided for the pre-financing activities of UNICEF Supply Division, one of the largest purchasers of humanitarian supplies for children.

Bridge Fund Activity by Geographic Region, Since 2012

- Latin America and the Caribbean: 1%
- East Asia and the Pacific: 1%
- West and Central Africa: 51%
- Eastern and Southern Africa: 20%
- Middle East and South Africa: 7%
- South Asia: 21%
- Middle East and South America: 21%
The Bridge Fund has been recognized for generating measurable social impact and financial returns for the third straight year by inclusion in the Impact Assets 50.

**How to Participate**

The Bridge Fund is a tool that accelerates cash to UNICEF to bridge the gap between when a pledge is made and the cash comes in.

**Contribute to the Equity Pool**

Equity contributions to the Bridge Fund are permanent grants that establish the foundation of our capital structure and provide collateral for our loan pool. The Bridge Fund can borrow up to 3.5 times the amount of the equity pool.

**Invest in the Loan Pool**

Investors provide fixed-rate, fixed-term loans in return for a low-risk, high impact social investment. The loan pool accelerates cash to UNICEF to maximize the impact of a donor’s pledge and revolves throughout the year as pledges are fulfilled and the Bridge Fund is replenished.

**Accelerate Your Donation to UNICEF**

Whether you are pledging support for emergency funding or providing a multi-year commitment, the Bridge Fund can accelerate your pledge to UNICEF. This acceleration could enable UNICEF to:

- Speed up the purchase and delivery of critical supplies
- Prevent interruption of programmatic activity stalled by lag in receipt of funds
- Optimize purchasing terms with cash up front

The United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) works in more than 190 countries and territories to put children first. UNICEF has helped save more children’s lives than any other humanitarian organization by providing health care and immunizations, clean water and sanitation, nutrition, education, emergency relief and more. UNICEF USA supports UNICEF’s work through fundraising, advocacy and education in the United States. Together, we are working toward the day when no children die from preventable causes and every child has a safe and healthy childhood.

To learn more, please visit our website at unicefusa.org/bridgefund or contact:

Edward G. Lloyd
COO and CFO, UNICEF USA
elloyd@unicefusa.org

Gabriella Morris
Senior Vice President, Bridge Fund
gmorris@unicefusa.org
212-922-2579

Erin Egan
Director, Bridge Fund
eegan@unicefusa.org
212-922-2571