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# UNICEF vs. UNICEF USA

## What's the Difference?

### Mission

- To advocate for children's rights, help meet their basic needs and expand their opportunities to reach their potential.
- To ensure special protection for the most disadvantaged children — victims of war, disasters, extreme poverty, all forms of violence and exploitation, and those with disabilities.
- To promote the equal rights of women and children and to support their full participation in the political, social and economic development of their communities.

### Background

- Founded as the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund in 1946 to meet the emergency needs of children in post-WWII Europe and China, UNICEF's mandate was broadened in 1950 to address the long-term needs of children and women in developing countries. UNICEF became a permanent part of the UN system in 1953.
- UNICEF is non-partisan and its cooperation is free of discrimination. The most disadvantaged children and the countries in greatest need have priority.

### Impact

- UNICEF views the survival, protection and development of children as universal imperatives, integral to human progress.
- UNICEF helps countries mobilize the political will and resources to form policies and deliver services for children.
- UNICEF works towards the attainment of the sustainable human development goals and vision of peace and social progress enshrined in the UN Charter.
- UNICEF responds in emergencies to protect the rights of children. In coordination with UN partners and humanitarian agencies, UNICEF makes its unique rapid response facilities available to provide care for children and relieve their suffering.

### Mission

- To work for the survival, protection and development of children worldwide through advocacy, education and fundraising for UNICEF's work.
- To increase the engagement of all Americans who care about the well-being of children. Our vision is a better world for children everywhere.

### Background

- UNICEF USA is one of 34 organizations, called national committees, around the world that secures crucial financial support and government funding for UNICEF.
- Together, the national committees, including UNICEF USA, raise approximately 30% of the operational budget of UNICEF.
- UNICEF USA is headquartered in New York and has regional offices in Boston, Washington, D.C., Chicago, Atlanta, Houston, Dallas, Los Angeles, and San Francisco.

### Impact

- Since its inception, UNICEF USA has provided UNICEF and various NGOs with \$6.8 billion in cash and gifts-in-kind.
- In fiscal year 2016, 426,558 individuals as well as 10,458 partner corporations, foundations, NGOs, schools and clubs made our work possible by generating more than \$568 million in support of UNICEF's work.
- UNICEF USA successfully advocated for Congress to direct the U.S. Government to allocate \$132.5 million to UNICEF in fiscal year 2016 and fiscal year 2017.

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