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UNICEF Humanitarian Action Study **2017**

A synthesis of UNICEF's response

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UNICEF Annual Results Report – Humanitarian Action

Democratic Republic of the Congo, 2017
Children carry water collected from a source built by UNICEF in Tshibambula, a village in the Kasai Region of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

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Global response in 2017

In 2017, 102 country offices[i] responded to 337 humanitarian situations. Since 2010, UNICEF has responded to an average of over 305 humanitarian situations in nearly 93 countries each year. The number of situations in 2017 was the second largest since tracking began in 2005.[ii]

FUNDS RECEIVED
US$1.97 BILLION[iii]

US$553 MILLION[iv]
SUPPLIES PROCURED

TOTAL DEPLOYMENTS
599

TOTAL EXPENSE
US$2.1 BILLION[v]

UNICEF humanitarian situation responses, 2005–2017

[i] *Does not include responses where UNICEF does not have a country office, such as in parts of Europe.*

[ii] *Data based on country office annual report questionnaires for 2010–2017. Many of these are handled by UNICEF offices building off preparedness measures undertaken and using existing resources, highlighting the importance of UNICEF's presence before, during and after a crisis.*

[iii] *This figure represents other resources – emergency funds received (cash) in 2017, which is different from other resources – emergency revenue, which represents the contribution signed during a specific year, including multi-year contributions.*

[iv] *This is emergency supplies procured, and of this US$257.8 million is from other resources – emergency.*

[v] *Expenses exceeded contributions received in 2017 due to actual utilization of funds received in the same year plus funds carried forward from 2016 which were utilized in 2017. This is especially true in the case of multi-year funding agreements.*

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Type of response in 2017

96
Natural disasters
(hydro-meteorological)

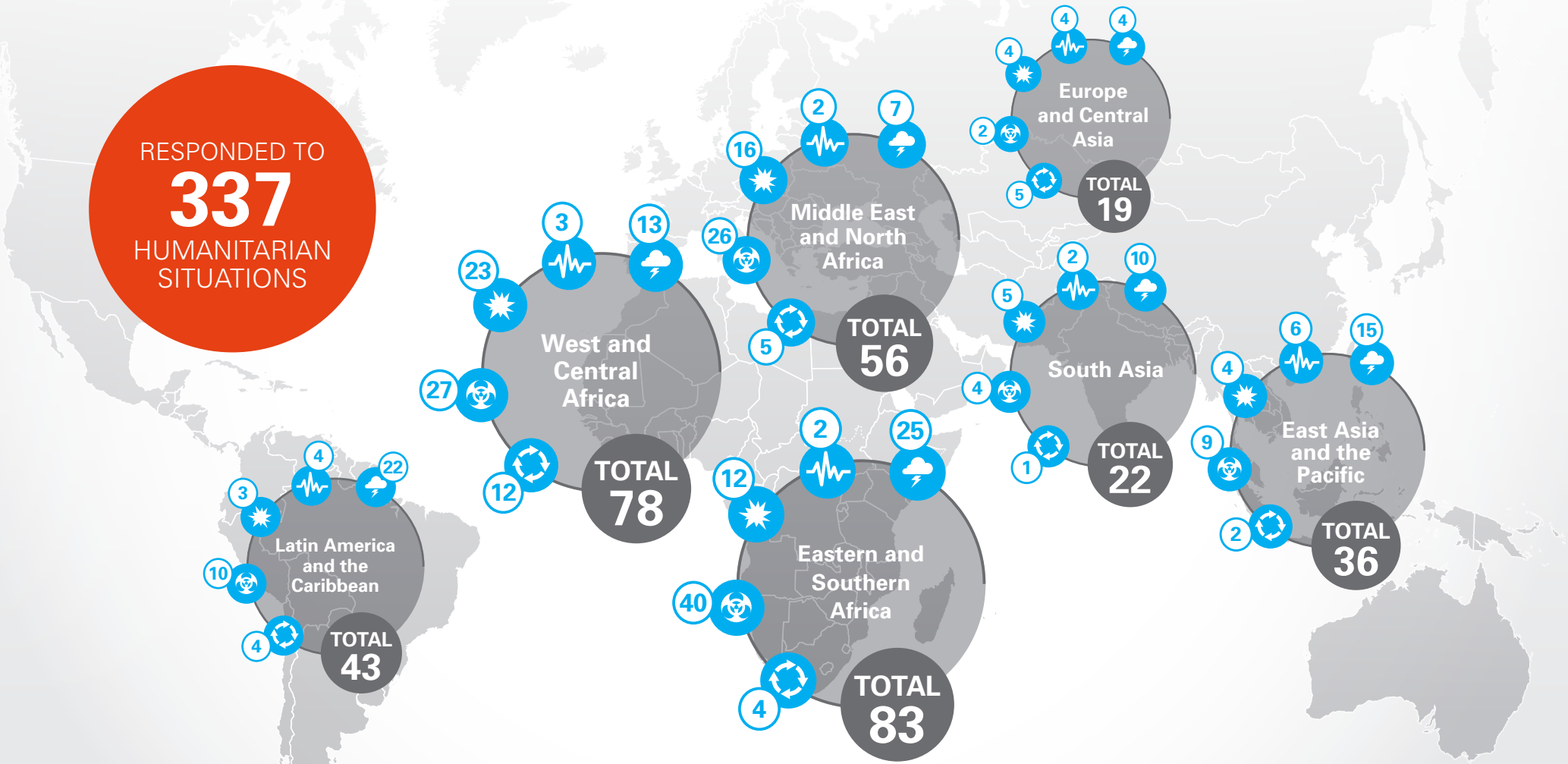
23
Natural disasters
(geo-physical)

118
Health crisis
(acute nutritional crisis, epidemic, influenza-human pandemic)

67
Socio-political crisis
(acute economic crisis, conflict/civil unrest, human rights crisis)

33
Other humanitarian situations[i]

RESPONDED TO
337
HUMANITARIAN
SITUATIONS



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[i] *Including but not limited to refugee response.*

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Delivering humanitarian results for children

These are some of the key humanitarian results achieved against targets for children by UNICEF and partners in 2017. In some contexts, achievements were constrained by limited resources, including across sectors; inadequate humanitarian access; insecurity; and challenging operating environments.

32.7 million

people accessed sufficient quantity of water of appropriate quality for drinking, cooking and personal hygiene

95% of the 34.4 million targeted

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

3.0 million

children aged 6–59 months with severe acute malnutrtion (SAM) admitted to treatment programmes

83% of the 3.6 million targeted

NUTRITION

3.5 million

children accessed psychosocial support

89% of the 4 million targeted

CHILD PROTECTION

18 million

children aged 6 months to 15 years vaccinated against measles

74% of the 24.4 million targeted

HEALTH

8.8 million

children accessed formal or non-formal basic education (including pre-primary schools/early childhood learning spaces)

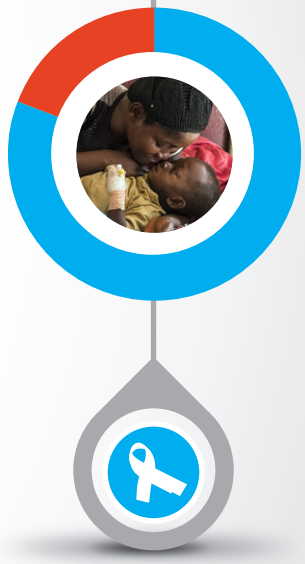
73% of the 12 million targeted

EDUCATION

46,000

HIV-positive pregnant women continued antiretroviral therapy

81% of the 57,000 targeted



HIV/AIDS

CASH-BASED TRANSFERS

1 million

people benefited from humanitarian cash tranfers/ cash-based support

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Key results from humanitarian responses

The map below highlights the key results achieved by UNICEF and partners in some of the major humanitarian responses in 2017.

Refugee and migrant crisis in Europe:
Nearly **18,000 at-risk children** were identified through screening by outreach teams and child protection support centres in Greece, Italy, Serbia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey (exceeding the target of 10,000).

Iraq:
Nearly **850,000 children** accessed formal or non-formal basic education (exceeding the target of 726,000).

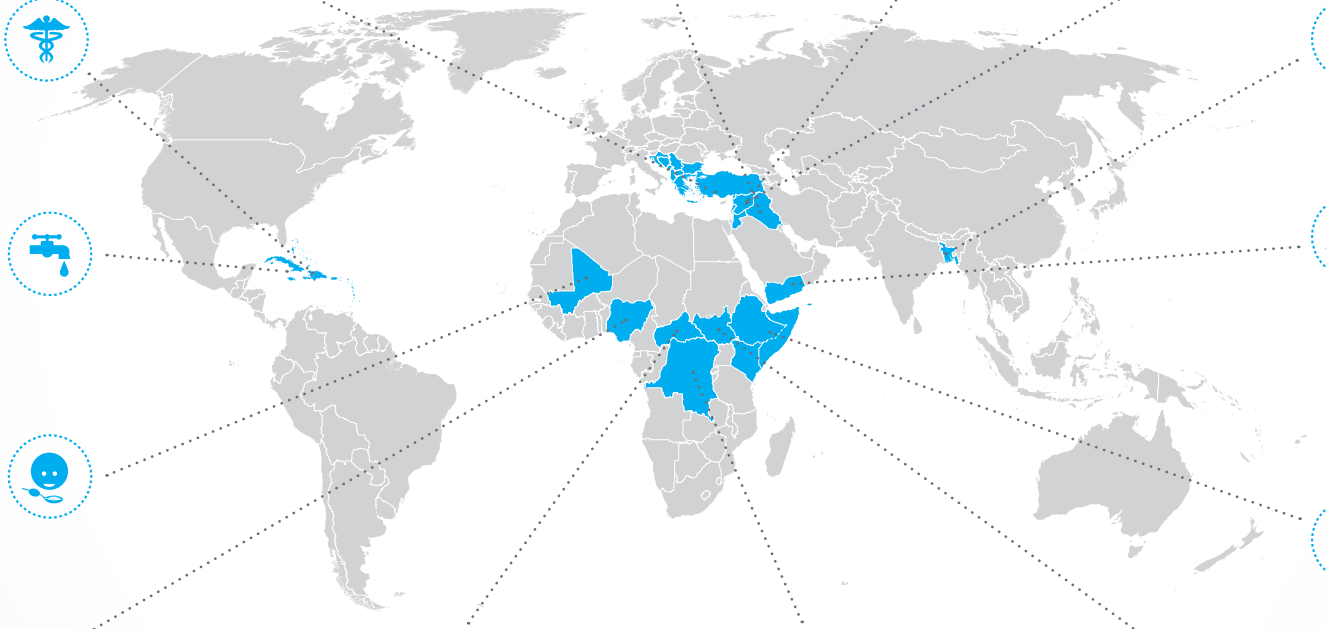
Syrian refugees:
More than **1 million Syrian refugee** children in Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey were enrolled in formal education (exceeding the target of 882,000).

Syrian Arab Republic:
Nearly **5.9 million people** gained access to safe water through the repair, rehabilitation or augmentation of water and sanitation systems (exceeding the target of 4.9 million).

Haiti:
87% of all cholera cases were identified and responded to within 48 hours (exceeding the target of 75%).

Caribbean hurricanes:
Nearly **39,000 people** gained access to safe water in the immediate aftermath of the emergency (exceeding the target of 37,000).

Mali:
More than **120,000 children** aged 6–59 months suffering from severe acute malnutrition received treatment (exceeding the target of 107,000).



Bangladesh:
Nearly **900,000 affected people** reached with cholera vaccination (99% of the 900,000 targeted).

Yemen:
More than **2.3 million children** aged 6–59 months were screened for acute malnutrition and over **226,500 children** suffering from severe acute malnutrition received treatment (70% of the 232,000 targeted).

Horn of Africa:
Nearly **706,000 children** aged 6–59 months suffering from severe acute malnutrition in Ethiopia, Kenya and Somalia received treatment (95% of the 745,000 targeted).

Nigeria and the Lake Chad basin:
More than **4.4 million children** affected by the ongoing crisis in north-east Nigeria, Cameroon, Chad and the Niger received measles vaccination (exceeding the target of 2.3 million).

Central African Republic:
Nearly **83,000 acutely vulnerable people** received appropriate WASH assistance through the Rapid Response Mechanism following a shock (exceeding the target of 80,000).

Democratic Republic of the Congo:
More than **271,000 people** received unconditional cash grants (74% of the 366,000 targeted).

South Sudan:
Nearly **320,000 school-aged children** accessed education in emergencies (exceeding the target of 300,000).

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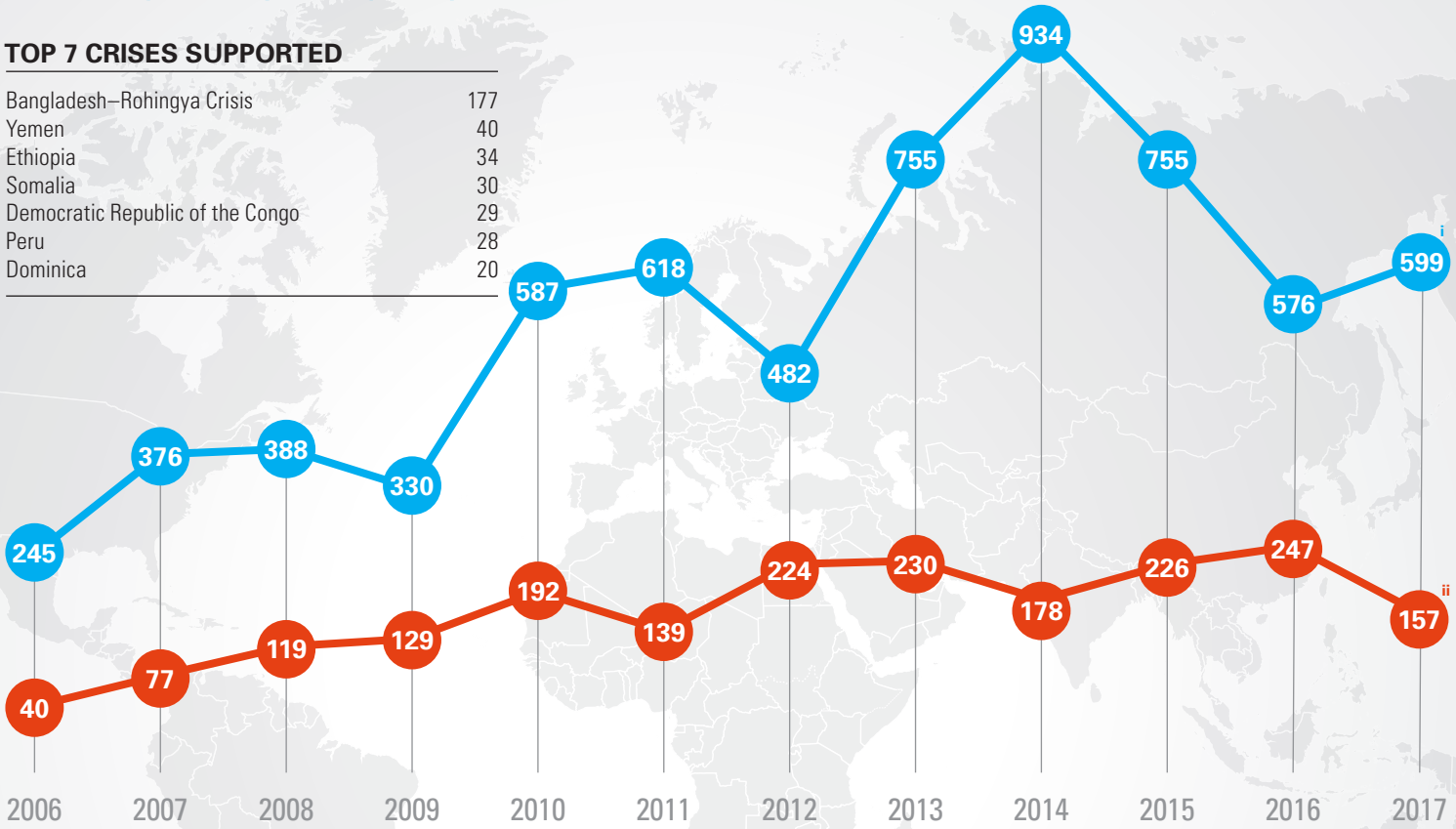
Emergency deployments

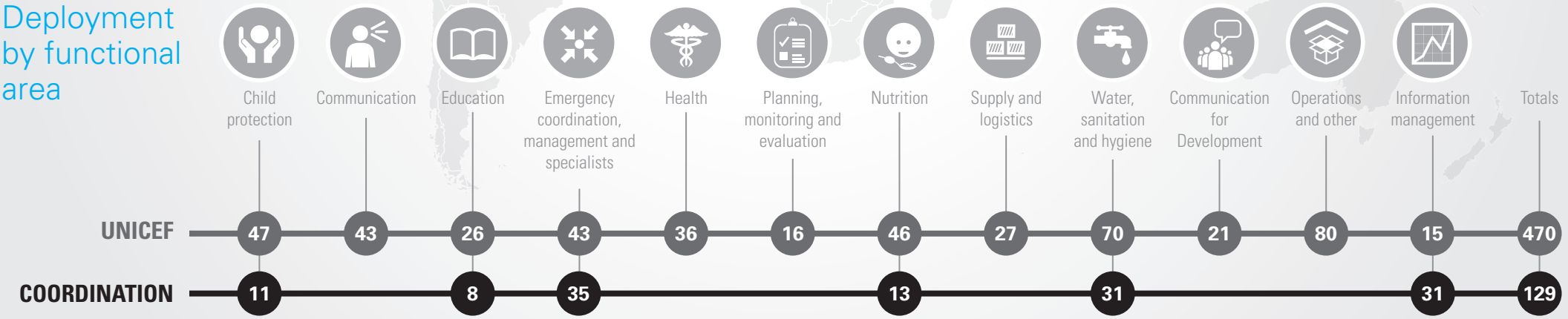
TOP 7 CRISES SUPPORTED

Bangladesh–Rohingya Crisis	177
Yemen	40
Ethiopia	34
Somalia	30
Democratic Republic of the Congo	29
Peru	28
Dominica	20

STANDBY PARTNERS AND RAPID RESPONSE TEAM



Deployment by functional area

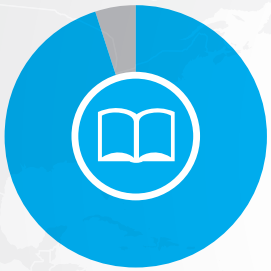


[i] This includes 157 standby partners and rapid response team deployments and does not include 23 standby partner deployments in support of emergency preparedness.

[ii] This includes 115 standby and 42 rapid response team members deployed to the field to deliver on UNICEF's programme, cluster and operational commitments.

Coordination

Countries where cluster coordination mechanism meets CCC standards[i]

	EDUCATION	WASH	CHILD PROTECTION	NUTRITION
	95%	100%	85%	100%
				
Met standards:	18 OF 19	20 OF 20	11 OF 13	13 OF 13
Number of country offices leading/ co-leading sector/ cluster	70	69	64	58

[i] *Core Commitments for Children in Humanitarian Action standards for coordination are defined as: convening partners; establishing terms of reference for coordination; establishing cluster operational strategy/action plan; performance management system in place; sector coverage known from cluster reporting.*

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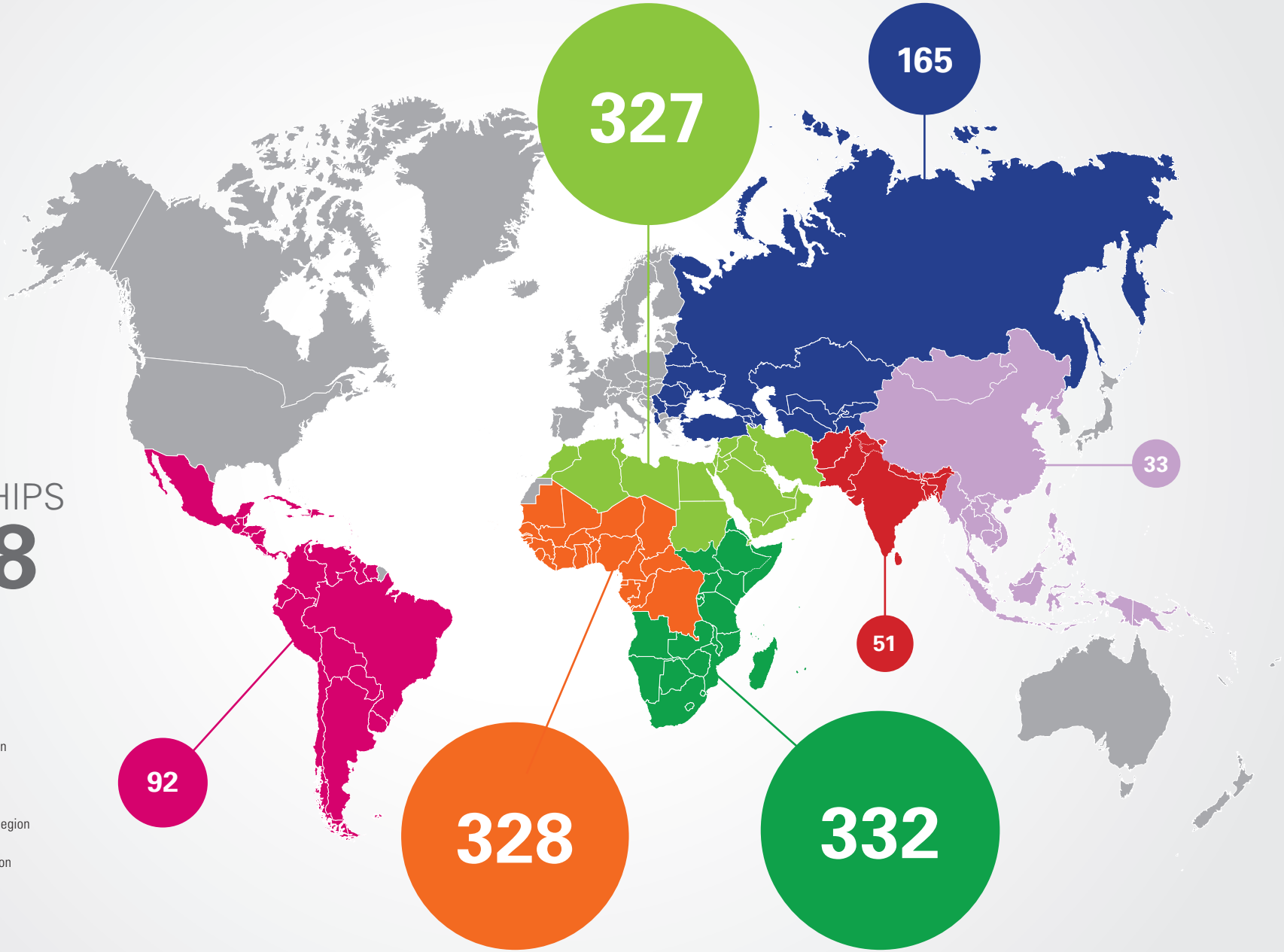
Partnerships

In 2017, UNICEF worked with 1,328 civil society partners for humanitarian programming, nearly 63% of which were national partners.



TOTAL PARTNERSHIPS

1,328

- East Asia and the Pacific Region
- Eastern and Southern Africa Region
- Europe and Central Asia Region
- Latin America and the Caribbean Region
- Middle East and North Africa Region
- South Asia Region
- West and Central Africa Region

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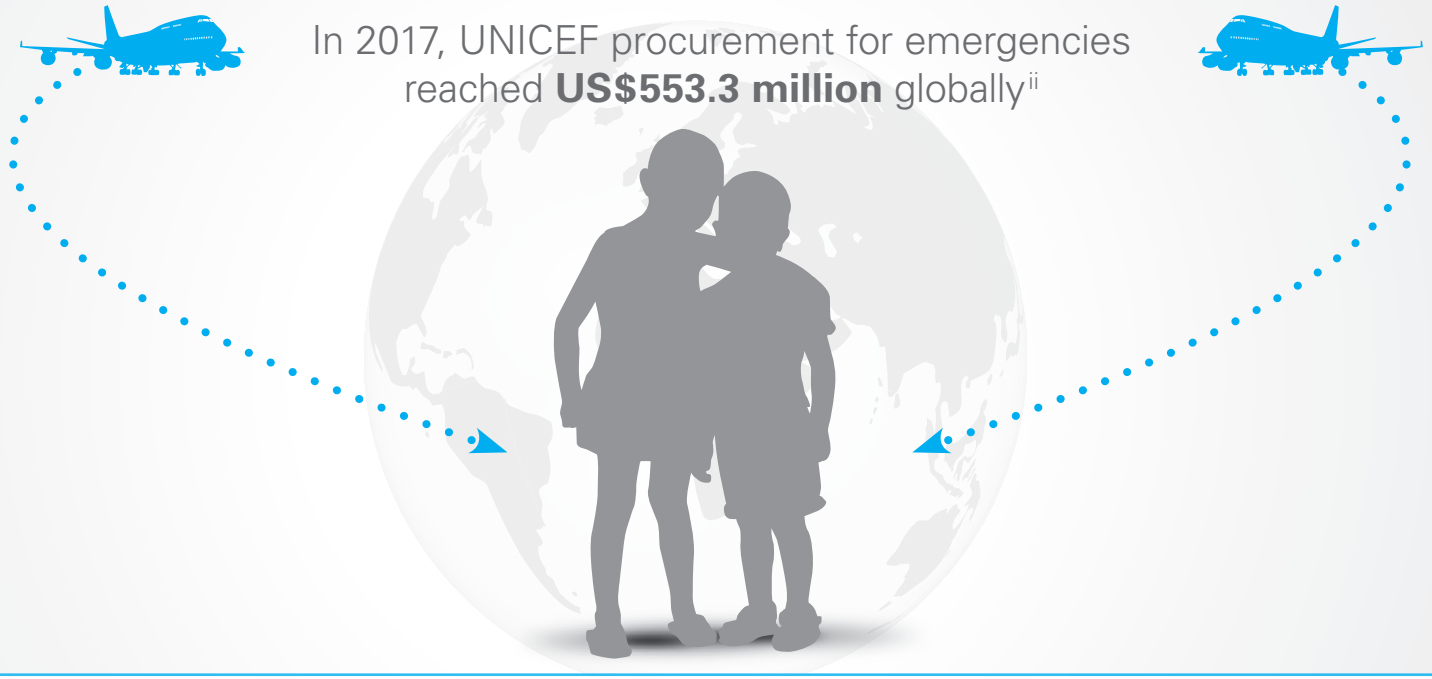
Emergency supplies

Grand Total: US$553 MILLION[i] for 61 COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES

In 2017, UNICEF procurement for emergencies reached **US$553.3 million** globally[ii]



Top five countries/crises

Horn of Africa
US$47.6 million
of ready-to-use therapeutic food

Yemen
US$30.9 million
of ready-to-use therapeutic food

Syria Arab Republic and Syrian refugee hosting countries **US$5.7 million**
of fortified spread, high energy biscuits and micronutrient powder

Nigeria
US$24.8 million
of ready-to-use therapeutic food

Bangladesh
US$1.2 million
of ready-to-use therapeutic food

UNICEF procured a total of **US$112.2 million** worth of nutrition products, making it the largest component of total UNICEF emergency supplies by value in 2017.

[i] *This is emergency supplies, of which US$257.8 million is other resources – emergency.*
[ii] *Includes all funding types and is based on an improved methodology by the Supply Division to better represent the actual emergency supply response to all crises.*

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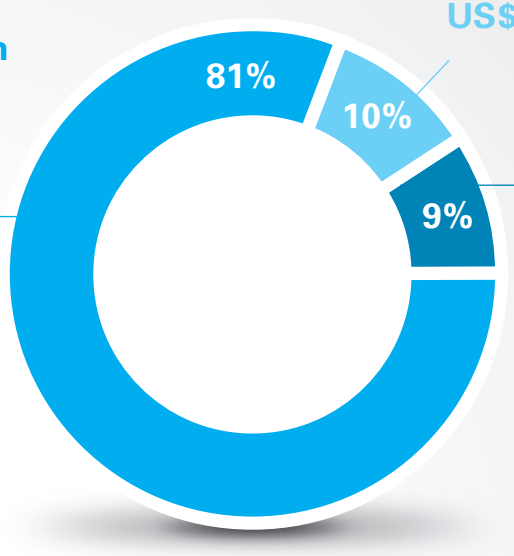
Resource mobilization

2017 total other resources – emergency funds received by type of donor.

Total humanitarian funds received:[i] US$1.97 billion



Top 20 resource partners

Top 20 resource partners to humanitarian action, 2017.

	Donor	Total (US$)
1	United States of America	518,608,623
2	United Kingdom	264,241,103
3	Germany	234,232,625
4	European Commission	215,178,120
5	Central Emergency Response Fund (United Nations)	108,902,994
6	Japan	73,157,216
7	Norway	59,749,793
8	Canada	48,680,511
9	Country-Based Pooled Funds	48,298,725
10	U.S. Fund for UNICEF	44,259,215
11	Sweden	40,255,300
12	German Committee for UNICEF	35,226,650
13	Netherlands	24,673,336
14	France	21,748,296
15	Australia	20,193,444
16	Denmark	18,415,224
17	United Kingdom Committee for UNICEF	18,369,624
18	Japan Committee for UNICEF	12,800,033
19	Italy	10,975,532
20	Switzerland	10,943,474

Top GHTF resource partners

Sources of global humanitarian thematic funding (GHTF), 2017.

	Donor	Total (US$)
1	Netherlands	18,143,010
2	Swedish Committee for UNICEF	4,525,836
3	Republic of Korea	1,666,667
4	U.S. Fund for UNICEF	1,288,581
5	Denmark	1,148,106
6	UNICEF Thailand	1,000,418
7	UNICEF China	143,075
8	International online donations	99,207
9	Finnish Committee for UNICEF	98,722
10	Belgian Committee for UNICEF	37,387
11	Canadian Committee for UNICEF	25,066
12	Norwegian Committee for UNICEF	18,491
13	New Zealand	5,108
14	Australian Committee for UNICEF	3,383
	Grand Total	**28,203,056**

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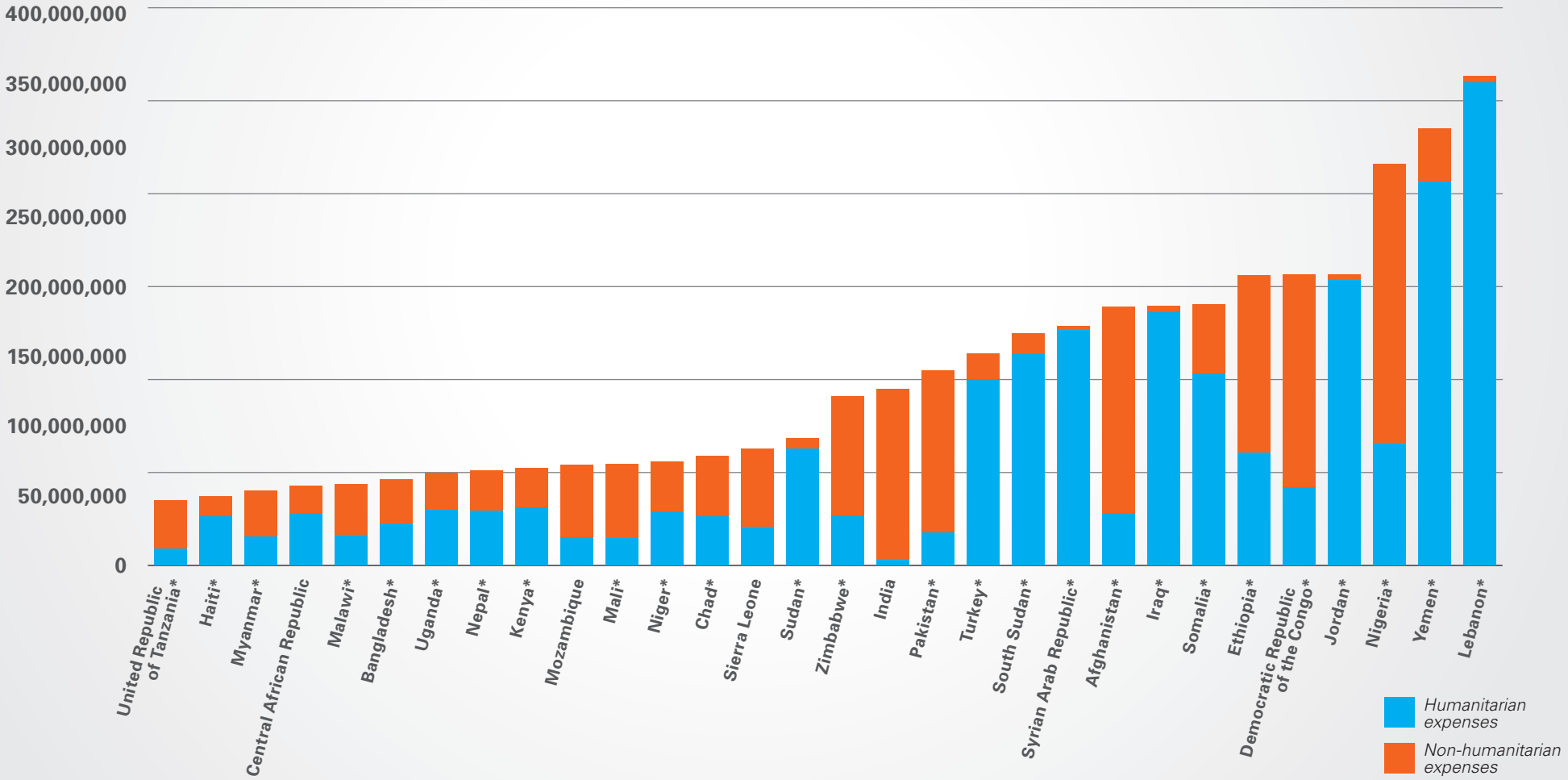
Expenses

Top 30 country offices in total expenses, 2017.

Humanitarian expenses[i] were 55% of all country-level expenses.

Total other resources – emergency expenses increased to US$2.1 billion in 2017 from US$1.8 billion in 2016.



[i] *Humanitarian expenses are defined as the sum of all expenses including other resources – emergency and other resources – regular and regular resources that are tagged as humanitarian, including Emergency Programme Funds.*

**UNICEF country offices with Humanitarian Action for Children appeals in 2017.*