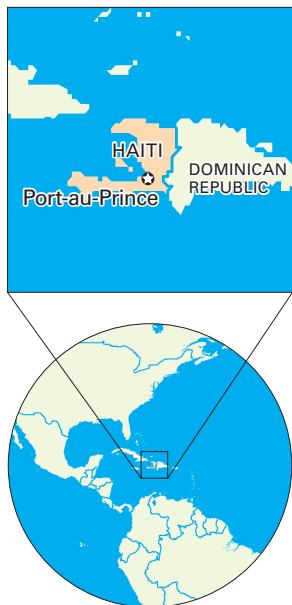

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Two years after the devastating earthquake in Haiti, our hearts and minds are solidly aligned with the children who were affected.

This report documents the stories of Haiti's children and UNICEF's efforts to help them heal and thrive. We believe this is the birthright of every child—to grow to their full human potential.

None of the work described in this report would have been possible without support from our donors.

On behalf of the U.S. Fund for UNICEF, our colleagues in Haiti, and the children you hold dear, thank you for your enduring support. To learn more about our work and how you can be involved, please visit www.unicefhaiti365.org

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Hait: A child and her grandmother pose outside a tent in Place Boyer camp in Port-au-Prince. © UNICEF/Marco Dormino

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Haiti: Students attend a class at the St. Gerard school. Containers that host over 50 students are used as classrooms while they waiting for the new school to be ready. St. Gerard school, which collapsed during the earthquake taking the lives of 27 students and teachers, is one of the 37 schools that UNICEF is preparing in Port-au-Prince. © UNICEF/Marco Dormino



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The outlook at the start of 2012 appears bright. The country begins 2012 with a long-awaited new Government and national budget. New Ministers, including those critical to the survival and development of children, have been appointed, bringing energy and optimism to the scene.

Keeping children safe, healthy and learning is a universal goal, one shared by parents, teachers, partners, religious organizations, and the new government. It is also a goal shared by states in Haiti's close proximity and by individuals in countries far from the Caribbean Sea. A wide range of compassionate humanitarians like you are working together to innovate, solve problems, and generate momentum to enable these seeds to take a firm root and grow.

UNICEF's Programmatic Achievements

Experienced technical experts, strong operational capacity, and the support of donors enabled UNICEF to achieve substantive results for children. Over the two years following the earthquake, UNICEF raised more than \$351 million from individual donors, foundations, corporations, and governments.

Here are some of the programmatic successes UNICEF and its partners have been able to achieve thanks to the global outpouring of so many generous donors:

Education

UNICEF played a critical role in restoring the operating capacity of Haiti's Ministry of Education following the collapse of its department buildings and loss of senior staff and teachers during the earthquake. UNICEF remains a leader in the education sector, re-building schools, training teachers, and providing technical expertise. In addition, due to the efforts of UNICEF and its partners, never before have so many children in Haiti received educational materials, thereby reducing an indirect barrier to school attendance.

- More than 80,000 children are now learning in 193 semi-permanent schools constructed by UNICEF since the earthquake.
- Some 750,000 children and more than 15,000 teachers in 2,500 schools received learning and teaching materials during the October 2011 Back-To-School campaign.
- Nearly 1.5 million children in 5,760 schools received hygiene promotion materials and soap to protect against cholera.

Nutrition

Over the past two years, UNICEF has supported an unprecedented expansion of preventative and curative nutrition services for children and women. There is evidence that services can be sustainable if firmly rooted in communities, and UNICEF has, therefore, prioritized local programs.

- 290 out-patient treatment units and 24 nutrition stabilization units screened some 393,000 children and treated over 15,300 for acute malnutrition in 2011.

- Some 500,000 mothers and their babies were provided with nutrition counseling and breastfeeding coaching in 198 baby-friendly centers.
- Over 500,000 women received iron-folic acid tablets in 2011 to prevent anemia.
- Over 775 health professionals were trained in community management of acute malnutrition and infant and young child feeding.

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Haiti: A mother and her baby wait for treatment in a baby tent in Caradeux, a camp for displaced people in Port-au-Prince.
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Health

In 2011, UNICEF helped to launch the 'Reach Every District' approach by providing vaccines, 170 solar-powered refrigerators, and specific financial and technical assistance to 36 communities with the lowest vaccine coverage rates. As a result, overall immunization coverage has increased from 58 percent in 2005 to over 79 percent in 2011, and in some communities coverage rates have increased from as low as 0 percent to at least 60 percent.

- Some 800 HIV positive pregnant women gained access to prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT) services at 11 new medical sites.
- 37 trainers and 115 service providers received the skills and tools necessary to implement PMTCT.
- Almost 170,000 children were protected against vaccine-preventable diseases as the routine immunization coverage increased from 58 percent to almost 80 percent.
- UNICEF provided medicine, equipment and technical support to obstetric clinics for at-risk pregnant women.

Child Protection

In the area of child protection, the government of Haiti has taken the major step to strengthen its legal framework for institutionalized children. Prior to

the earthquake the government did not know how many children were living in institutions—or even where they were. Now, with UNICEF’s support, the first ever Directory of Residential Care Facilities has been launched; so far more than half of the country’s 650 centers have been assessed, and more than 13,400 children—out of an estimated 50,000 living in residential care—have been registered. The government has also signed the Hague Convention on Inter-Country Adoption, which protects the rights of children, birth parents, and adoptive parents by establishing minimum standards for adoptions.

- Over 120,000 children are benefiting from structured activities in 520 child friendly spaces.
- Nearly 9,000 separated children have been registered, and over 2,770 reunified with their families since the earthquake.
- 336 residential care centers have been evaluated with standardized tools and a directory of all centers has been launched.

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Haiti: A student washes her hands at the Lycée de Bois Greffin in Port-au-Prince. © UNICEF/Marco Dormino



Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)

Efforts by UNICEF and its partners have raised the importance of sanitation on a national level and have led to the formation of a National Alliance for WASH in schools. With support from UNICEF, the Ministry of Health at the departmental level also strengthened its capacity to respond to emergencies such as cholera.

- In response to the continuing cholera outbreaks in 2011, UNICEF and its partners provided hygiene and cholera supplies for an estimated 2.2 million people.
- In 2011, 600,000 people received safe sanitation and enhanced water management services.
- The first human waste disposal site was established for Port-au-Prince.

The Way Forward

The January 2010 earthquake was an unprecedented emergency, unique in its magnitude, depth and scope. While the death toll and destruction were unmatched in modern times, the technical, material, and financial resources mobilized in the wake of disaster were also exceptional. Together they present a once a lifetime opportunity to set Haiti on a course that arrests and reverses decades of decline.

Rebuilding Haiti is by no means an easy task. But significant progress has been made by committed national and international stakeholders from both the public and private sectors.

UNICEF, in the last year of its transitional program for earthquake recovery, continues to implement a mix of humanitarian relief, training, advising, and advocacy in order to address both acute and chronic challenges that prevent the realization of child rights. However, funding gaps still remain. In 2012, UNICEF is appealing for \$24 million for immediate humanitarian needs to support vulnerable children through five key programs in health, nutrition, water and sanitation, education, and child protection. Another \$30 million is needed for longer-term development assistance.

The reconstruction of Haiti is moving forward. Our commitment to the children of Haiti is in full force. We remain champions for children even when faced with adversity.

Thank you for investing in our commitment to save Haitian children's lives. The way forward is hopeful, and the power of your investment in the U.S. Fund for UNICEF is unmatched.

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UNICEF is at the forefront of efforts to reduce child mortality worldwide. There

has been substantial progress: the annual number of under-five deaths dropped from more than 12 million in 1990 to 7.6 million in 2010. But still, 21,000 children die each day from preventable causes. Our mission is to do whatever it takes to make that number zero by giving children the essentials for a safe and healthy childhood.

Believe in zero. | ~~21,000~~