Every child is born with fundamental human rights: To healthcare and education, the right to be treated equally and protected from harm. Unicef is the unifying force that helps to build a world where these rights are realized for every child. Yet today, conflict, disease, exploitation, poor education, keep millions of children from reaching their potential. When children are held back, so is our world. Unicef’s mission is to create a better world by advocating for the protection of children’s rights. We bring people together. Governments, donors, humanitarian agencies, businesses, and the children themselves.

Health, education, equality, protection, this is what we do.

Child survival is the cornerstone of our mission. Unicef works to make sure mothers get the healthcare they need, so their children get the best start in life. To survive and thrive, children must be well nourished, and protected against preventable diseases. We deliver vaccines to immunize more than 100mil children every year. To prevent the spread of deadly illnesses, we make sure communities have basic sanitation, and safe drinking water. When children are healthy and well nourished, they are ready to learn.

Educating every boy and girl is the key to breaking the cycle of poverty, yet more than 120n million children are left out of school, most are girls. Bringing down the barriers that keep girls out makes education more accessible to everyone. Unicef works with governments to abolish school fees, and train teachers. We developed school in a box to keep children learning in times of wars and disaster. An educated child becomes a healthier and more productive citizen. Without education, there can be no equality.

Regardless of ethnic origin, gender or religion, or physical or learning disability, all children should have equal rights. But many are marginalized, forgotten or discriminated against. Unicef reaches out to the un reached, and counts the uncounted, and everything we do, we promote the participation of all children in family and community life. We encourage children to speak out and adults to listen. Please stop the war for the sake of the children....

In times of war children are forced to fight. Driven from their homes. Many are wounded or killed. Unicef is there to help before, during and after an emergency. But war is not the only time when children are at risk. Everyday, 1000s are trafficked into sex trade, or forced to work long hours in dangerous conditions. Unicef trains police and border guards, and lobbies for tough laws to stop exploitation.

We support children who have lost parents to AIDs, keeping them in school, and out of harm’s way. We provide treatment to prevent transmission of HIV from mother to child, and we give young people the knowledge they need to stop the spread of AIDS.
Today Unicef is the most influential advocate for children in the world, yet we are funded entirely by voluntary contributions from everyone: Governments, people like you...We do not do everything, but we work with everyone who is committed to the well-being of children. We are UNICEF. United nations' children fund. Join us, and help create a better world for every child.