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SWITZERLAND AND THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND (UNICEF)

FACTS AND FIGURES

Type of organisation
Fund financed through voluntary contributions.
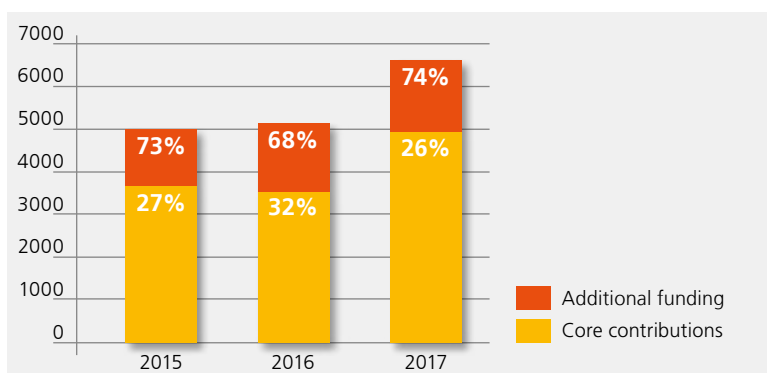
Institution
- Head of organisation: Executive Director Henrietta H. Fore (USA)
- Headquarters: New York
- Number of country offices: 155 (plus 7 regional offices and 36 National Committees)
- Number of staff (December 2017): 11,600 (12% of whom work at headquarters)
- Established in: 1946
- Board: Executive board with 36 rotating members.

Switzerland (2017)
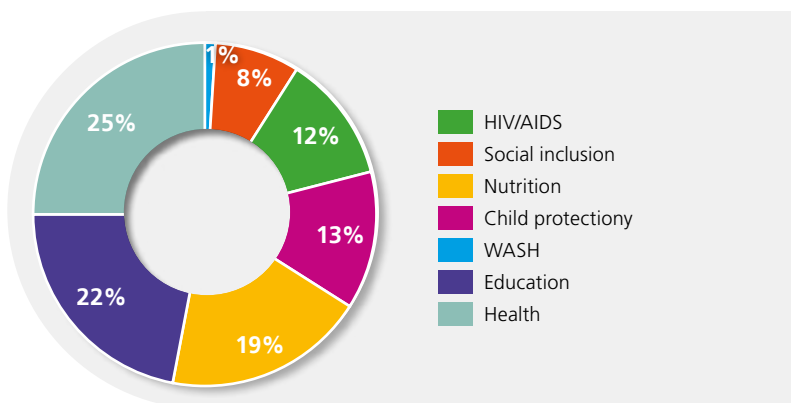- Annual financial contribution:
  - Government:
    Core contribution: CHF 22 million
    Additional funding: CHF 16.9 million
  - Swiss National Committee:
    Approximately CHF 22.6 million
    The National Committees are an integral part of UNICEF's global organisation and a unique feature of the Fund. Each is established as an independent local non-governmental organisation. Their responsibilities is to raise funds for UNICEF and advocate for the rights of the child.
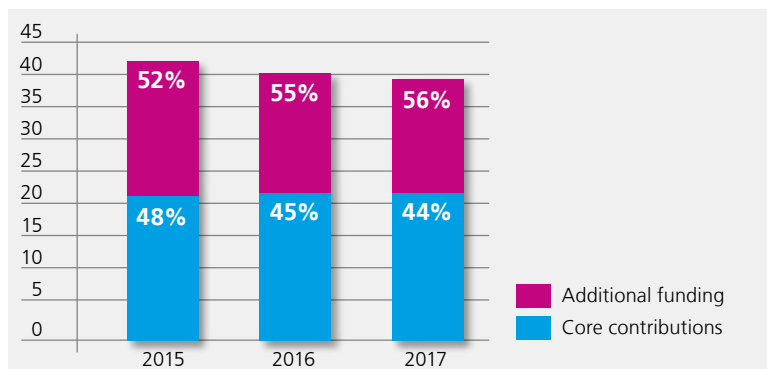- Number of Swiss staff: 21

Website: www.unicef.org

UNICEF total revenues (in million CHF)

Additional funding
Core contributions

	2015	2016	2017
Additional funding	73%	68%	74%
Core contributions	27%	32%	26%

UNICEF expenditures by focus area (2017)

- HIV/AIDS
- Social inclusion
- Nutrition
- Child protection
- WASH
- Education
- Health

1%, 8%, 12%, 13%, 19%, 22%, 25%

Switzerland's contribution (in million CHF)

Additional funding
Core contributions

	2015	2016	2017
Additional funding	52%	55%	56%
Core contributions	48%	45%	44%

UNICEF

Mandate

UNICEF is mandated by the United Nations General Assembly to promote children's rights, as outlined by the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Its vision is that all children should have an opportunity to survive, thrive and fulfil their potential, without discrimination, bias or favouritism.

UNICEF is one of the UN's largest development and humanitarian organisations. It works to ensure favourable conditions for children's development, and plays a special role in protecting children in conflicts and emergencies. In its capacity as a global advocate for children, UNICEF also mobilises political will and resources for the promotion of children's rights.

Objectives

UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2018–2021 consists in obtaining real results for children, especially the most disadvantaged, through efforts aimed at breaking the vicious circle of inequality. The plan focuses on the five following objectives:

- Every child survives and thrives: Children are born safely at health facilities, are treated for severe acute malnutrition, receive early childhood development packages promoting early stimulation and responsive care- up.
- Every child learns: Out-of-school children gain access to early learning, primary or secondary education. Girls and boys are provided with individual education or early learning materials.
- Every child is protected from violence and exploitation: Children receive legal identity through free and universal birth registration.
- Every child lives in a safe and clean environment: Children gain access to safe drinking water sources and do not practice open defecation.
- Every child has an equitable chance in life: children stop living in extreme poverty.

SWITZERLAND

UNICEF is Switzerland's most important partner in the promotion of children's rights in developing countries and humanitarian contexts. In both areas of work, its activities and priorities are aligned with Switzerland's goals for international development. Switzerland particularly values UNICEF's ability to link humanitarian response with development cooperation, and to respond to evolving challenges in protracted and post-conflict situations.

Switzerland's medium term objectives

For 2018–2020, Switzerland is focusing its efforts on the following issues:

- Enhancement of UNICEF's capacity for the protection and education of children, at both humanitarian and development level;
- Reinforcement of UNICEF assessment capacities, UNICEF engagement with the private sector and the promotion of gender equality;
- Active contribution of UNICEF contributes to the reforms of the UN's development system and improves the coherence of its action at national level.

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