



UNICEF, the United Nations Children's Fund, works in 157 countries around the world, working with others to overcome the obstacles that poverty, violence, disease and discrimination place in a child's path.

In 1953, UNICEF became a permanent part of the United Nations System and its name was shortened from the original United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund but it has continued to be known by the popular acronym based on this old name. Headquartered in New York City, UNICEF provides long-term humanitarian and developmental assistance to children and mothers in developing countries.

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