

CHILD NUTRITION FUND

2025 Annual Report | Snapshot

“Together, we must push forward with speed, scale and accountability to ensure that every woman and child has access to the nutrition they need to live healthy lives.”

Catherine Russell
Executive Director, UNICEF

Global progress on nutrition is under pressure. Declining aid and constrained national budgets are limiting the scale-up of proven solutions – while needs continue to rise. This is where the Child Nutrition Fund (CNF) comes in.

By bringing together governments, donors and partners, the CNF coordinates financing to turn proven solutions into large-scale action – supporting countries to strengthen their nutrition programmes, expand access and reach those most at risk of undernutrition.



From financing to results

How the CNF supports country-led action for children and women

At its core, the CNF is about one thing: ensuring that all children and women have access to the nutrition they need to survive, grow and thrive.

The CNF does this through three complementary approaches:



Matching domestic investments



Directing grant funding where needs are greatest



Unlocking innovative financing solutions

But reaching scale requires more than funding alone. It requires the right financing approaches designed to support countries, strengthen systems and deliver results.

The CNF aims to support global efforts to reach **320 million children and women** annually by 2030.

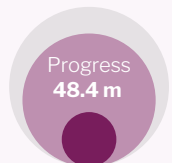
Progress towards 2030 targets

Despite shrinking aid budgets and growing global crises, countries continued expanding nutrition services in 2025. With support from the CNF, governments reached millions of children and women with essential nutrition interventions. Sustained investment, stronger systems and government leadership remain critical to accelerating progress against undernutrition.



MATERNAL NUTRITION
(+1.3 million women from 2024)
(MMS or IFA) n=44

Target: **70 million**

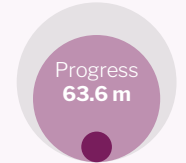


CNF contribution: **8.1 m**



BREASTFEEDING
(-3.3 million caregivers from 2024)
n=46

Target: **100 million**

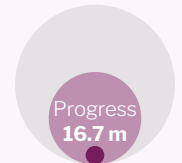


CNF contribution: **3.7 m**



COMPLEMENTARY FEEDING
(+138,000 children from 2024)
(MNPs or SQ-LNS) n=39

Target: **50 million**



CNF contribution: **0.6 m**



MICRONUTRIENT SUPPLEMENTATION AND DEWORMING
(-14.1 million children from 2024)
n=48

Target: **230 million**

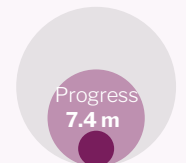


CNF contribution: **6.1 m**



TREATMENT OF CHILD WASTING
(-546,000 children from 2024)
n=47

Target: **20 million**



CNF contribution: **1 m**



CNF contributions

2025 was a year of enormous pressure for global nutrition efforts, but countries continued pushing forward to protect children and women from the devastating effects of undernutrition. Working alongside governments and partners, the CNF helped expand the reach of nutrition services across some of the world's highest-burden communities – supporting countries to scale prevention, strengthen frontline services and deliver life-saving treatment.

8.1 million women
 reached with MMS
 and IFA
 (Of the 8.1 million women
 reached, 7.6 million
 received MMS)

MATERNAL NUTRITION **(+5.2 million women from 2024)**

Maternal undernutrition and anaemia continue to place millions of women and newborns at risk, contributing to poor birth outcomes, illness and impaired child development. In 2025, the CNF supported countries to expand access to multiple micronutrient supplementation, iron-folic acid, nutrition counselling and other services as part of delivering a comprehensive package of maternal nutrition services through antenatal care and community platforms.

3.7 million caregivers
 reached with
 counselling support

BREASTFEEDING **(+2.2 million caregivers from 2024)**

Breastfeeding gives children the healthiest possible start in life, supporting survival, growth and cognitive development. The CNF continued supporting countries to expand counselling on breastfeeding and other optimal feeding and care practices for infants and young children (0–23 months) through health facilities, community outreach and frontline health workers.

579,000 children
 reached with home
 fortification

COMPLEMENTARY FEEDING **(+360,000 children from 2024)**

As children grow, they need more nutrients than breastmilk alone can provide. But in many communities, families still struggle to access diverse and nutritious foods for young children. In 2025, the CNF supported countries to expand the delivery of micronutrient powders and small-quantity lipid-based nutrient supplements, helping improve diets and reduce nutrient deficiencies during early childhood.

6.1 million children
 reached with vitamin A
 supplementation and/or
 deworming

MICRONUTRIENT SUPPLEMENTATION AND DEWORMING **(+5.2 million children from 2024)**

Vitamin A supplementation and deworming remain among the most widely delivered nutrition interventions for children worldwide. CNF-supported programmes helped countries scale up delivery through campaigns, integrated child health services and community outreach.

1 million children
 reached with wasting
 treatment support

TREATMENT OF CHILD WASTING **(+453,000 children from 2024)**

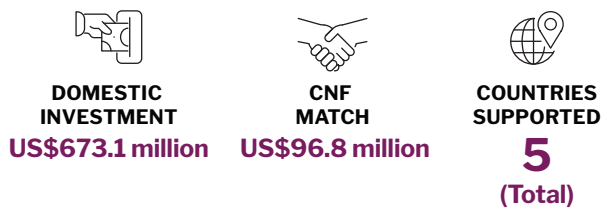
Child wasting remains one of the deadliest forms of undernutrition, but early detection and timely treatment can save lives. Last year, the CNF continued helping countries to expand screening, strengthen community-based care and improve access to ready-to-use therapeutic food.

Matching domestic investments for programmes and supplies

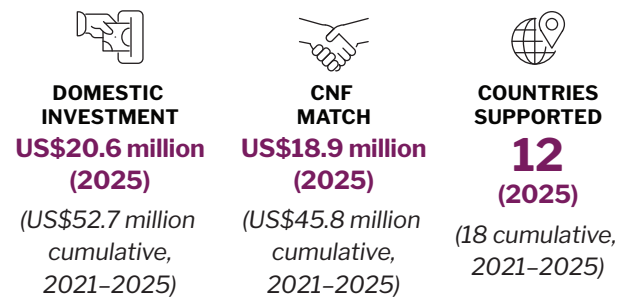
In 2025, the CNF established multi-year partnerships with five countries – Bangladesh, Benin, Indonesia, the Lao People’s Democratic Republic and the Philippines – helping governments scale nutrition programmes through longer-term, coordinated financing approaches.

At the same time, the CNF continued to match investments to expand access to essential nutrition supplies for millions of children and women.

Match for programmes



Match for supplies



Financial results snapshot

2025 marked a major year of growth for the CNF, as support accelerated despite tightening aid budgets and rising humanitarian needs. The CNF received nearly **US\$266 million** from public and private donors.

By December 2025, the CNF had secured **US\$939 million** through formal agreements – nearly halfway towards its **US\$2 billion** financing target for 2030. Of this, **US\$478 million** had been received to support nutrition services, supplies and stronger systems for children and women in high-burden countries.

Progress towards \$2 billion fundraising target

