



SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION

Working to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, for every child

South-South cooperation (SSC) – the exchange of knowledge, solutions, know-how and resources – can accelerate the progress of developing countries towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals for children, reduce inequities, and safeguard the rights of vulnerable children.

In 2023 UNICEF co-organized exchanges between developing countries in maternal and newborn child health; early childhood development; disaster risk reduction, water, sanitation, and hygiene; and climate change. Over 600 participants from 31 countries benefited. UNICEF also worked with the Rural Sanitation Clinic SSC training facility to build capacity in climate-resilient, inclusive, and rights-based international norms and practices. This work benefited professionals from China and 14 other developing countries.

UNICEF worked with the China International Development Cooperation Agency (CIDCA) to prioritize children in CIDCA’s programmes. In 2023 CIDCA provided support to Timor-Leste, and a new project in Afghanistan has been approved. UNICEF initiated two other water, sanitation and hygiene pilot projects with Cambodia and South Africa.



19 countries have benefited from CIDCA’s Global Development and South-South Cooperation Fund (total 25 million USD):

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| Somalia | Lebanon | DR Congo |
| Ethiopia | Kenya | Niger |
| Nigeria | Sierra Leone | Sudan |
| Zimbabwe | Malawi | Mozambique |
| South Sudan | Cameroon | Ghana |
| Liberia | Senegal | Timor-Leste |
| Afghanistan | | |



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Above: Germaine, a neonatology student at the Beroua regional hospital in Cameroon, holds a premature baby wearing an electronic bracelet that sends an alert if there is a drop in body temperature.
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UNICEF and China are supporting children in 15 African countries

