



Honduras
Over the past decade, UNICEF's "Football for Life" program has provided access to sport, education and health care for more than 40,000 children in the most vulnerable neighbourhoods of the capital.



Brazil
Sport has the power to heal – as proven by this UNICEF sports program in Brazil where children are able to be children again. The program offers soccer and cultural activities to former child labourers.



Colombia
UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador Danny Glover attends the opening ceremony for the inaugural 'El Golombiao' – The Game of Peace Tournament for children affected by armed conflict. 60,000 youth across the country are participating in the initiative, which uses soccer to counter violence, build community and prevent children's recruitment into armed groups.



Azerbaijan
UNICEF is using the power of football to communicate with boys and girls across Azerbaijan. Through innovative soccer programs in the country, we are raising awareness and promoting positive behaviour change – helping to ensure this generation of youth, and the next, have greater chances to change their lives and their communities.



Pakistan
UNICEF responds to nearly 300 emergencies each and every year where children are always the most vulnerable. We know that sport – soccer – can help children recover from trauma, and provide them with a sense of hope and normalcy. It creates a safe environment enabling children to express their feelings and build up self-confidence and trust.



Namibia
UNICEF's Galz & Goals program reaches Namibian girls by using soccer to promote social responsibility. Most importantly, the program teaches them that no goal is too far out of their reach.



Kenya
UNICEF tackles HIV by creating awareness about the risks of HIV and AIDS among young people by using soccer as a platform. The tournament, "Kick AIDS Out of Garissa", engages girls from marginalized communities who are at high risk of contracting the virus.



Bangladesh
UNICEF promotes gender equality through the "Adolescents' Journey" soccer program. The program reaches over 600,000 Bangladeshi youths and is working to break down cultural barriers for girls.

GLOBAL REACH

Soccer is the universal language of millions of children around the world. Children play in narrow, urban alleyways. They play in refugee camps. They play in war zones, on street corners – and wherever they play, UNICEF is there.

Every day, 11,000 UNICEF workers equip themselves to go as far as necessary to save children's lives.

One of the most important ways we equip ourselves is with what matters most to children – the power of play, the power of sport.

Here are just a few examples of the impact we have had around the world – through sport:

Latin America and the Caribbean

Antigua and Barbuda
Argentina
Barbados
Belize
Bolivia
Brazil
British Virgin Islands
Chile
Colombia
Costa Rica
Cuba
Dominica
Dominican Republic
Ecuador
El Salvador
Grenada
Guatemala
Guyana
Haiti

Honduras
Jamaica
Mexico
Montserrat
Nicaragua
Panama
Paraguay
Peru
Saint Kitts and Nevis
Saint Lucia
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Suriname
Trinidad and Tobago
Turks and Caicos Islands
Uruguay
Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of

Eastern and Southern Africa

Angola
Botswana
Burundi
Comoros
Eritrea
Ethiopia
Kenya
Lesotho
Madagascar
Malawi
Mozambique
Namibia
Rwanda
Seychelles
Somalia
South Africa
South Sudan, Republic of
Swaziland

Tanzania, United Republic of
Uganda
Zambia
Zimbabwe

West and Central Africa

Benin
Burkina Faso
Cameroon
Cape Verde
Central African Republic
Chad
Congo
Congo, Democratic Republic of the
Côte d'Ivoire
Equatorial Guinea
Gabon
Gambia
Ghana

Guinea
Guinea-Bissau
Liberia
Mali
Mauritania
Niger
Nigeria
São Tomé and Príncipe
Senegal
Sierra Leone
Togo

Middle East and North Africa

Algeria
Bahrain
Djibouti
Egypt
Iran, Islamic Republic of
Iraq
Jordan

Kuwait
Lebanon
Libya
Morocco
Occupied Palestinian Territory
Oman
Qatar
Saudi Arabia
Sudan
Syrian Arab Republic
Tunisia
United Arab Emirates
Yemen

Central and Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States
Albania
Armenia

Azerbaijan
Belarus
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Bulgaria
Croatia
Georgia
Kazakhstan
Kosovo, Republic of
Kyrgyzstan
Macedonia, the former Yugoslav Republic of
Moldova
Montenegro
Romania
Serbia
Tajikistan
Turkey
Turkmenistan
Ukraine
Uzbekistan

East Asia and the Pacific

Cambodia
China
Cook Islands
Fiji
Indonesia
Kiribati
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of
Lao People's Democratic Republic
Malaysia
Marshall Islands
Micronesia, Federated States of
Mongolia
Myanmar
Nauru
Niue
Palau

Papua New Guinea
Philippines
Samoa
Solomon Islands
Thailand
Timor-Leste
Tokelau
Tonga
Tuvalu
Vanuatu
Viet Nam
South Asia
Afghanistan
Bangladesh
Bhutan
India
Maldives
Nepal
Pakistan
Sri Lanka