In recent years, UNICEF has transferred $1 billion of cash/year to CSOs.

In the first 5 months of 2020, UNICEF has transferred more cash to CSOs than any other recent year.

The cash transferred to CSOs in recent weeks is for both new COVID-19 programme interventions, as well as pre-existing programmes adjusted to be sensitive to the new context.
UNICEF Cash Transfers to CSO Partners

- In the 12-week period beginning 15 March and ending 6 June, UNICEF transferred $246M to CSO partners in 2019 and $220M in 2020.

- UNICEF is aware of liquidity concerns within the civil society sector. UNICEF will monitor cash transfers to CSOs to ensure that programming and collaboration is maintained and strengthened—not diminished—in the COVID-19 response.
Utilization of HAC Appeal Funds

- To date, $494 million has been received against the COVID-19 HAC Appeal, of which $144 million has been utilized (29%)
- Most (54%) of the HAC funds utilized to date were to procure supplies and commodities for transfer to health authorities, CSOs, and other partners
- 17% of the HAC funds utilized to date were for cash transfers to CSO and Gov’t partners.
  - However, a narrow focus on HAC funds does not give a full picture of UNICEF partner engagement.
  - UNICEF has likely been making “Changes of Funding Source,” and shifting payment from newly-created HAC Appeal Funds to those grants with recent and/or rapidly approaching expiration dates.
  - Additionally, UNICEF is amending some of the 2,000 partnership agreements already active when the pandemic struck. These partnership agreements were signed and funded prior to the launch of the HAC Appeal and are thus not captured in HAC-only analysis.

Breakdown of $144M Utilized from HAC Appeal Funds

- Supplies and commodities: 54%
- Transfers and grants to CSO partners: 11%
- Transfers and grants to government partners and UN agencies: 6%
- Cash Transfers to Beneficiaries: 12%
- Contractual services: 8%
- Other: 4%
- Staff and other personnel costs: 5%