Committee: UNICEF

State: Sweden

Topic: Covid-19 And Its Impacts On Children

Before expressing Sweden’s views regarding “children’s rights and inequalities around the World” and suggestions to overcome these inequalities, we as Sweden would like to make some remarks on global inequality, particularly devastating effects of covid 19 pandemic on inequality

First, we will refer to a recent document prepared by UN, Annual report of 2021 by UNICEF. Named as “Protecting Child Rights in time of Crisis”

According to the Convention on The Rights of Children which is signed on 20 November 1989 and comprised of 54 articles, each of them specifying some certain aspects of Children Rights overcoming inequality among children is one of the main pillars children rights.

Article 24 envisages that, “ Governments should provide money or other support to help children from poor families.”

However, unfortunately as mentioned before, the inequality between children has been exacerbated ( got worse, deepened, deteriorated ) during pandemic.

**Effects of Covid-19 pandemic on inequality**

The annual report of UNICEF, highlights some basic facts regarding the devastating effects of Covid pandemic on inequality .Here are some figures from the report.

*“The COVID-19 pandemic pushed an estimated 100 million additional children into multidimensional poverty. The crisis significantly increased the vulnerability of women and girls, putting an additional 10 million girls at risk of child marriage, on top of pre-pandemic projections of 100 million more child brides by 2030.”*

*More than 1 billion children worldwide now suffer at least one deprivation in critical areas of their rights.*

**How Sweden reacted in order to help UNICEF eliminate inequality**?

Sweden has long demonstrated its commitment to children. Together, we deliver results for children through UNICEF's development and humanitarian programs across the globe.

In 2020, Sweden was the eighth largest, public sector partner, providing [core resources](https://www.unicef.org/partnerships/funding/core-resources-for-results) that enabled UNICEF to allocate resources where they are most needed. In response to the deep inequalities exposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, with devastating impact to children, Sweden’s flexible funding was enabled UNICEF to respond quickly and deliver services to provide essential services for children in the poorest countries and communities. In Lebanon, core resources addressed COVID-19 and following the August 2020 blast at the port of Beirut, ensured the immediate replenishment of lifesaving medical supplies.

Additionally, Sweden provided lifesaving [thematic funding](https://www.unicef.org/partnerships/funding/thematic-funding) to child protection and water sanitation and hygiene programmers and contributed US$43 million to 19 UNICEF programmes, including the global COVID-19 appeal, several large-scale emergencies including those that are underfunded. To sum up, Sweden contributed 213 million US Dollars to UNİCEF in 2020.

**Sweden’s solution proposals**

Switzerland's solution proposal for this situation is that first all countries should establish a committee to explore the causes of inequality. This committee must be consisted of experts from member countries,various international organizations,,NGOs .And finally an aid fund must be established and countries must donate money to this fund, and the aid should be made from this fund.