It has 72 field offices in all parts of the world which administer national as well as regional programmes aimed at child health, nutrition, education and social services for children. While its assistance is directed primarily towards longer-term programmes for children in developing countries, UNICEF also reacts swiftly to meet the needs of children and mothers in emergency situations such as in the Kampuchean relief programme where it was the United Nations' lead agency for humanitarian assistance.

UNICEF's income, which depends entirely on voluntary contributions, amounted to some \$311 million (US) in 1980 of which the Canadian government made a contribution of \$9 million to the core budget and the Canadian Committee for UNICEF contributed approximately \$8 million.