



Dining for Women/UNICEF Partnership FAQs

1. Where will the funds for these projects come from?

We will be raising funds for these two projects throughout the remainder of this year and into next year. All donations to DFW – whether it is your monthly chapter donation or your one special gift to the 13th Month annual appeal – go towards funding all of DFW programs, including the two UNICEF projects.

2. Can I designate my donation specifically to the UNICEF projects?

No, all donations to DFW go into one pot to fund all our programs (Grants, Partnerships, Member Education and Engagement, Advocacy) and our administrative expenses. This includes the two UNICEF projects.

3. Can I just donate directly to UNICEF?

Donating through DFW allows you to support the specific Jordan and South Sudan projects. In addition, the Jordan project will not happen without the seed funding from DFW.

4. Is there a timeline or deadline for raising the funds?

We want to get these projects funded as soon as possible. The Jordan project will not happen without the seed money from DFW, and the needs in South Sudan are increasing daily.

5. How did this partnership come about? Did UNICEF apply for this grant?

Over the past year, we have met with and considered partnerships with many different organizations. This is something that we do on an ongoing basis. We determined that the UNICEF projects align well with DFW's mission, while allowing us to make a significant impact on the greatest humanitarian crisis of our time.

6. Was this partnership grant screened and vetted?

Yes, it was rigorously screened, vetted, and approved by our volunteer Grants & Partnerships Oversight Committee and our Board, as per our Impact Partnership Policy.

7. Why is this partnership a good fit for Dining for Women?

Partnering with UNICEF allows us to fund projects and issues that we would not normally be able to support. For instance, we would not normally fund projects in conflict areas such as South Sudan. Our partnership also allows us to cost-share these projects with other funders so we can make our dollars and our impact go even further. UNICEF will also help us further our global citizen education by offering us educational materials, and insights into the plight of Syrian and South Sudanese refugee women.

8. How much of our donations will actually reach the women and children on the ground?

As with all our grants, our funds go directly to the projects on the ground. We do allow a small percentage of all grants (about 10%) to be used to fund the administrative side of the projects.

9. Will any of the funds be used to address basic needs such as food?

By offering employment opportunities for Syrian refugee women, we will help them provide their families with basic needs such as food and shelter. With the South Sudan project, we are funding critical initiatives to prevent and respond to gender-based violence, which then frees up funds for food and other basic needs.

10. What portion of UNICEF USA's budget is spent actually helping their beneficiaries? Is the organization a good steward of our donated funds? I have seen some emails/social media posts that concern me.

According to UNICEF USA, nearly 90 percent of donations go directly toward the work of helping children. Of every dollar that it spends, 90 cents goes toward helping children; only 7 cents per dollar is spent on fundraising costs, and 3 cents per dollar is spent on administration. UNICEF USA receives the highest rates for transparency, accountability, and administration from [Charity Navigator](#). It is also recognized for its excellent stewardship of donor funds by the Better Business Bureau, which gives it a Gold Seal for meeting all 20 of their standards for charity accountability. UNICEF USA's [financial documents](#) are readily available on their website.

11. Will there be educational materials similar to what we have for our monthly featured grantees?

Yes, we will be providing educational materials on an ongoing basis through our website and newsletters. This will include blogs, videos, webinars or Google Hangouts, etc.

12. How will we know that the \$100,000 for each project is used as promised? What accountability is in place?

As with all our grants, UNICEF will provide us with regular reports on how the funds have been used.

13. Does UNICEF have other partners for these projects?

Yes, DFW will be cost-sharing these projects with other funders, which will make our donated dollars and impact go even further. With the Jordan project, we have a unique cost-sharing agreement with NextGen who have also pledged \$100,000. NextGen is a group of young professionals in their 20s and 30s who support UNICEF projects.

14. How will this partnership benefit DFW?

This partnership allows our members to contribute to the greatest humanitarian crisis of our time. UNICEF will also provide us with educational materials that will give us all insights into the plight of refugee women and children in Jordan and South Sudan. In addition, through our cost-sharing with NextGen, we will be able to increase awareness of DFW to a group of young philanthropists.

15. What are DFW members asked to do as part of this partnership?

We ask you to continue to contribute to DFW, both through your monthly chapter donations and your one special gift to our 13th Month annual appeal. Your donations will be used to fund all DFW programs, including the Jordan and South Sudan projects.

16. Will DFW members be solicited by UNICEF?

No. All donations will go through DFW.