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A girl receives ready-to-use therapeutic food in a nutrition center in North Darfur. ©UNICEF Sudan/Florine Bos

OVERVIEW

In the past 30 years, malnutrition rates have not improved in Sudan, and worse still, the number of children who are stunted (too short for their age) and wasted (too thin for their height) has actually increased since 1987, especially in Sudan's conflict-ridden Darfur region and in the eastern states.

Three million children under-five years of age currently suffer from acute malnutrition in Sudan. Of these 3 million children, and with food insecurity on the rise in Sudan, UNICEF and partners estimate 650,000 children under-five will be suffering from severe acute malnutrition (SAM) in 2022. Without treatment about half of all children suffering from SAM will not survive. Investing simultaneously in preventing and treating malnutrition is not only a moral obligation, but also a smart investment: studies show that every USD 1 invested in reducing stunting generates USD 10 in economic returns.

2022 HIGHLIGHTS*



137,000 children under-five years of age suffering from SAM treated through outpatient therapeutic programme centres



285,000 mothers/caregivers reached with infant and young child feeding counselling services



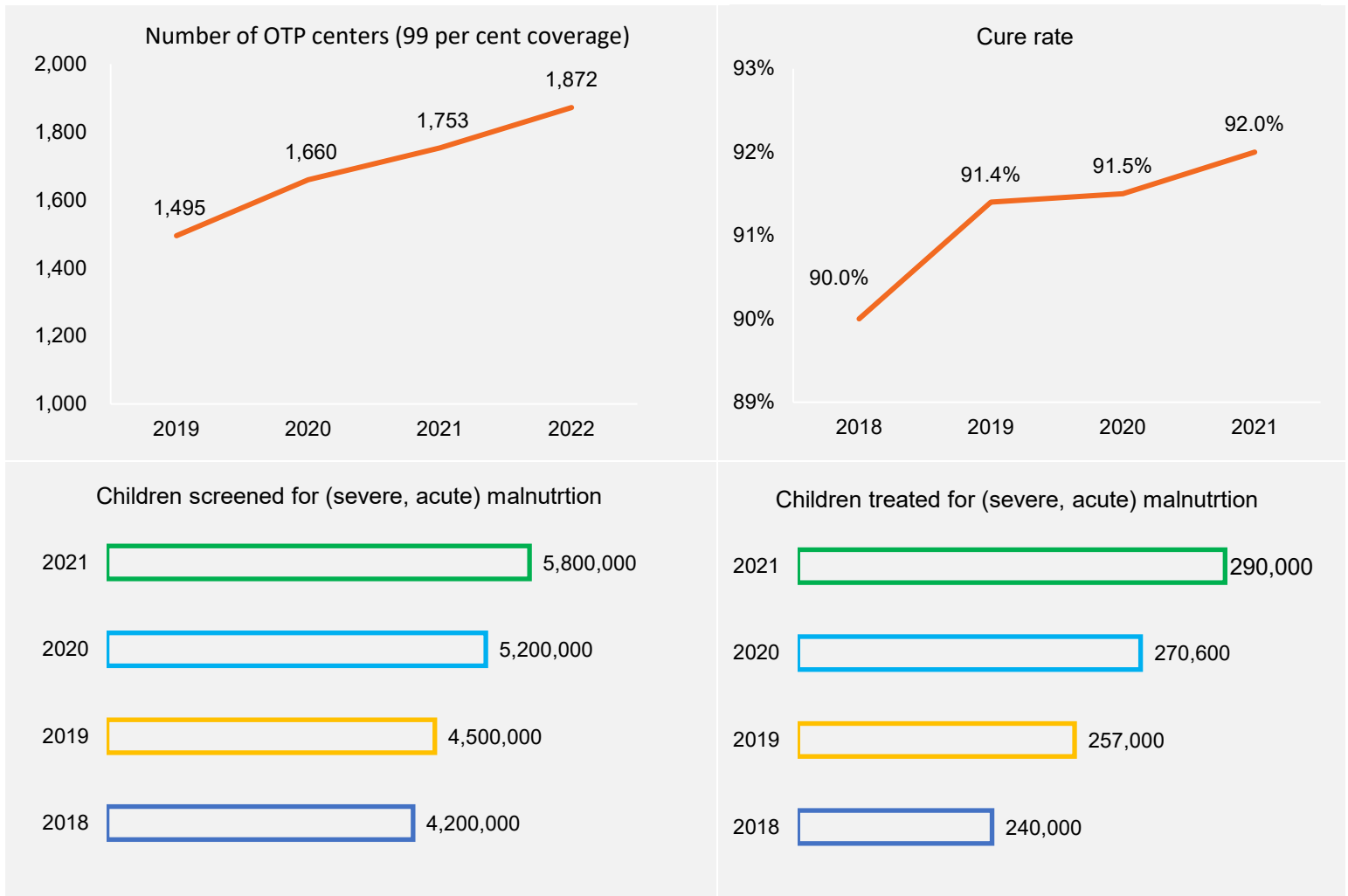
92% cure rate for community management of acute malnutrition

*Data as of September 2022.

ACHIEVEMENT

Thanks to the generous support of our donors, UNICEF Sudan and its partners supported the treatment of about 290,000 children suffering from severe acute malnutrition in 2021, and 137,000 children in 2022 so far. This was achieved through support to 1,872 out-patient therapeutic treatment centers and 7,700 mother support groups. This is the highest admission figure in the history of the 'community management of acute malnutrition' programme in Sudan. With additional resources, UNICEF Sudan could save the lives of significantly more children, with the aim of reaching every child suffering from severe acute malnutrition in Sudan with therapeutic food and care.

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