

UNICEF SUPPLY

UNICEF's Supply Function:
Achieving results
for every child, every day

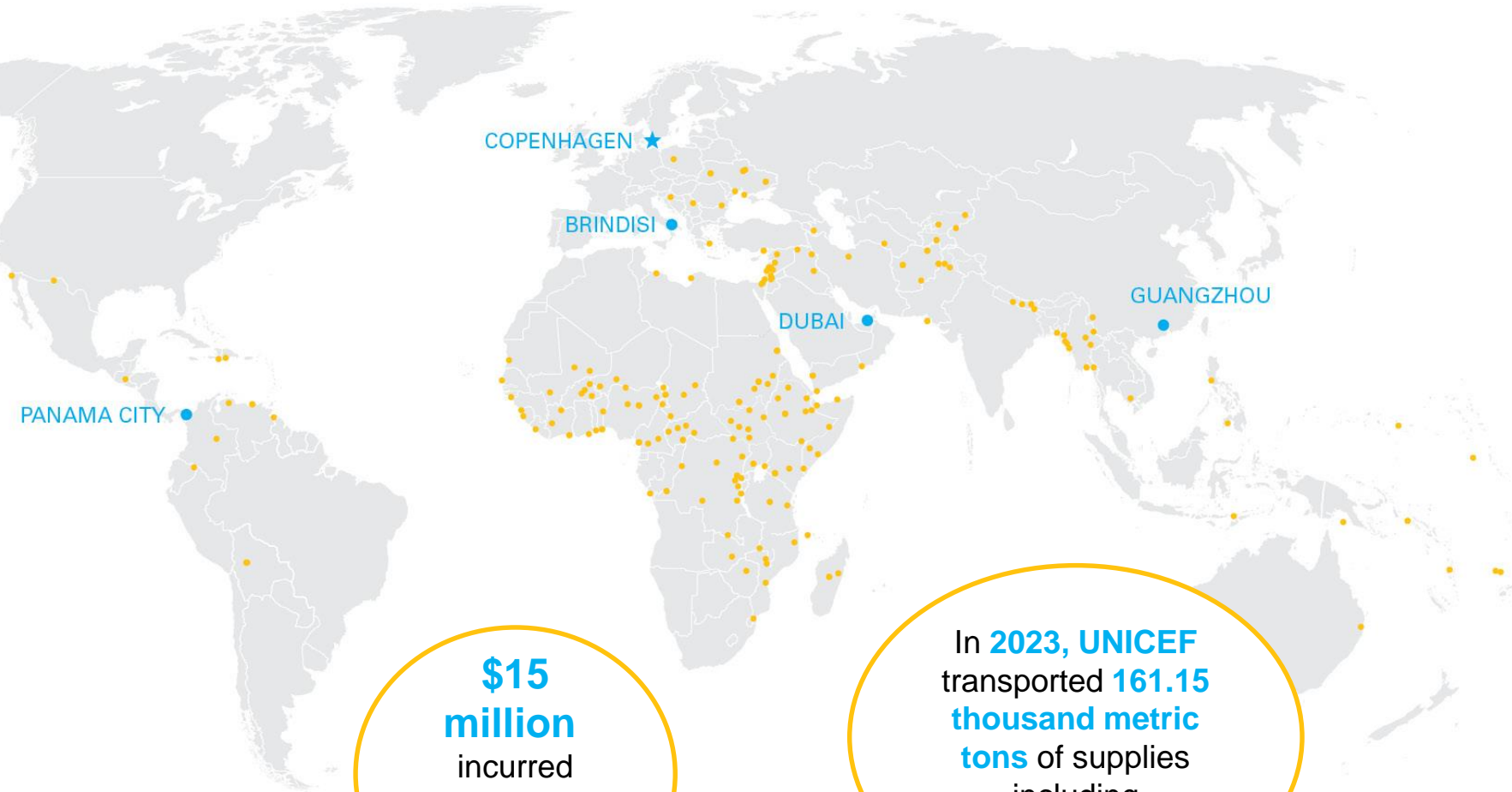
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UNICEF: ENSURING DELIVERY OF ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES

- UNICEF's procures goods and services **in 162 countries and areas in response to the growing needs of children.**
- In 2023 UNICEF organized **13,133 shipments** responding to **30 emergencies.**
- Strategic locations ensure emergency deliveries within **72 hours** – wherever they are needed.
- **Demurrage:** \$15M globally since 2021(during and post Covid)
- **Average Leadtime for Ocean Transport: from** gate in and gate out: 84 days



\$15 million
incurred globally by UNICEF in D&D

In **2023, UNICEF** transported **161.15 thousand metric tons** of supplies including emergency airlifts

DUTY EXEMPTION LANDSCAPE

- Commodities procured by UN agencies, including UNICEF, for health and humanitarian initiatives are **generally duty-free under agreements** with host countries.
- **Implementation** of the duty-free exemption processes **vary by country** and is based on specific conditions set by each Government.
- UN duty-free **privileges can differ** between agencies and NGOs based on **bilateral host agreements** and **type of commodities**.





\$50M

UNICEF research shows that supply chain **inefficiencies in the import process cost the development, aid, and relief sectors** over USD 50 million **annually** in unplanned expenses, further straining already underfunded health budgets.




HEALTH SUPPLIES
MUST HAVE
UNINTERRUPTED
ACCESS TO
ENSURE CHILDREN
THRIVE.





CURRENT ACHIEVEMENTS

UNICEF is mapping **more than 131 country health importation processes**, designing short- and long-term mitigation measures such as:

- Negotiated **extended free times** with some **partner carriers** through **HTLA**:
   
- **Identified and mapped high risk priority countries** where proposals from consignee for flexible delivery terms can be reviewed and implemented on case-to-case basis.
- **Support national systems strengthening** workplans working with internal and external stakeholders
- Capacity improvements of national systems focal ministries, improve and optimize processes, **digitalize** while promoting single-window systems.

UNICEF's work is conducted together with **key partners** such as:



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Accelerated Delivery of Essential Products Together

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ADEPT OBJECTIVES

01.

Improve and digitalize countries' importation systems and processes.

02.

Strengthen coordination processes for government entities and other stakeholders to avoid administrative delays.

03.

Enable global understanding of the importance of investing in improved customs policies and processes for humanitarian and development supplies.



PROJECT ROLLOUT

Step 0: successful pilot in Mozambique

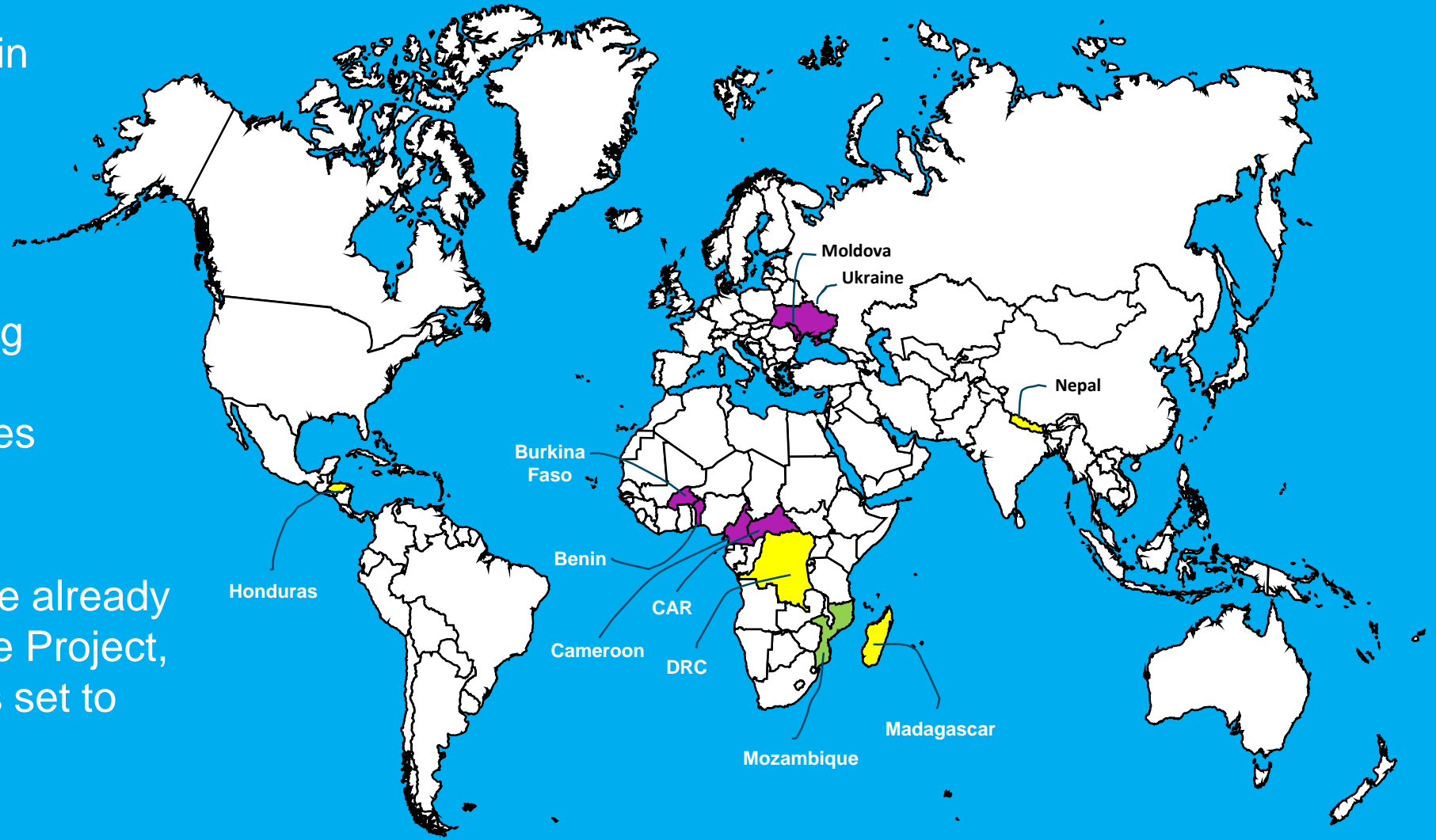


Result: **Reduction of import lead times** by avg 10 days and **nearly full digitalization** of processes



Outcome: 4 countries have already been implemented into the Project, with 6 additional countries set to join over the coming year.

Country allocation will remain **flexible** to address emergency needs and geopolitical contexts.



WAYS FORWARD



FAST TRACK PROCESS
exploring an annual duty
exemption instead of a
case by case



**CHANGE THE ENABLING
ENVIRONMENT**
to foster discussions
between Ministries
involved instead of
physical financial
transactions



Organizing a meeting
between WCO, ADEPT,
UNCTAD, WEF and IMF
to try to harmonize the
processes

DIGITALIZATION

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Thank You



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