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## # 67 Million Children Missed Routine Vaccination due to COVID Outbreak: UNICEF

Some 67 million children partially or fully missed routine vaccines globally between 2019 and 2021 because of lockdowns and healthcare disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, according to the United Nations. More than a decade of hard-earned gains in routine childhood immunisation have been eroded, read a new report from the UN's children's agency, UNICEF, adding that getting back on track will be challenging. UNICEF has called on governments to double down on their commitment to increase financing for immunisation with special attention on accelerating catch-up vaccination efforts for those who missed their shots.