



Global Humanitarian Overview 2021

FUNDING REQUIRED

\$35.10B

PEOPLE IN NEED

235.1M

PEOPLE TARGETED

159.9M

The Global Humanitarian Overview (GHO) for 2021 was launched on 2 December 2020 in Geneva, with subsequent presentations on the same day in Berlin, Brussels, London and Washington D.C. The 2021 GHO requirements - \$35 billion – are the highest ever. The UN and partner organizations aim to help 160 million of the 235 million most vulnerable people who face hunger, conflict, displacement, and the impacts of climate change and the COVID-19 pandemic in 56 countries.

This year, the GHO is presented on a dedicated and **interactive website**. The full document, as well as abridged versions in Arabic, English, French and Spanish, can be downloaded [here](#). The full website content in Arabic, French and Spanish will be available shortly.



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Global Humanitarian Overview 2020 ¹

FUNDING REQUIRED

\$38.61B

FUNDING RECEIVED

\$17.86B

COVERAGE

46%

TOTAL HUMANITARIAN FUNDING ²

\$25.66B

The requirements for the Global Humanitarian Overview (GHO) 2020 were \$38.61 billion for 64 countries at the end of December.

This is a decrease of \$687 million since the last GHO Monthly Update published at the end of October.³ The change in requirements since last month is due to decreases in the requirements for Ethiopia and Lebanon, and the RRP for Burundi, DRC, the Horn of Africa and Yemen, and South Sudan. The Honduras Flash Appeal for \$69 million to assist 450,000 people was added to the GHO in mid-November following the passage of Tropical Storm Eta over Central America.

As of the end of December, funding for the plans included in the GHO had reached \$17.86 billion, or 46 per cent of total requirements. This is almost \$3 billion more than reported at the end of October. Notable new funding was reported for Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Iraq, Niger, Nigeria, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Syria HRP, Yemen, Lebanon FA, Syria 3RP, Venezuela RMRP and COVID Famine Prevention. Total 2020 GHO funding, including the GHRP, is

more than the amount recorded for 2019 at same time last year, i.e. end December 2019 (\$17.36 billion).⁴ The final figure is expected to grow as donors and recipients continue reporting on funding received in 2020.

Despite the high level of funding in absolute terms, humanitarian requirements grew significantly over the year, with the final requirement \$8.86 billion greater than the initial 2020 requirements specified when the GHO 2020 was launched in December 2019. The percentage of needs covered in 2020 (46 per cent) is lower than at the end of 2019 (63 per cent) and in 2018 (61 per cent).⁵ The gap between requirements and funding (\$20.75 billion) is larger than ever.

In 2020, an additional \$7.8 billion has been reported for activities outside the GHO or is awaiting allocation, bringing the total reported humanitarian funding to a record \$25.66 billion. This is \$870 million higher than the amount reported at the end of 2019.⁶

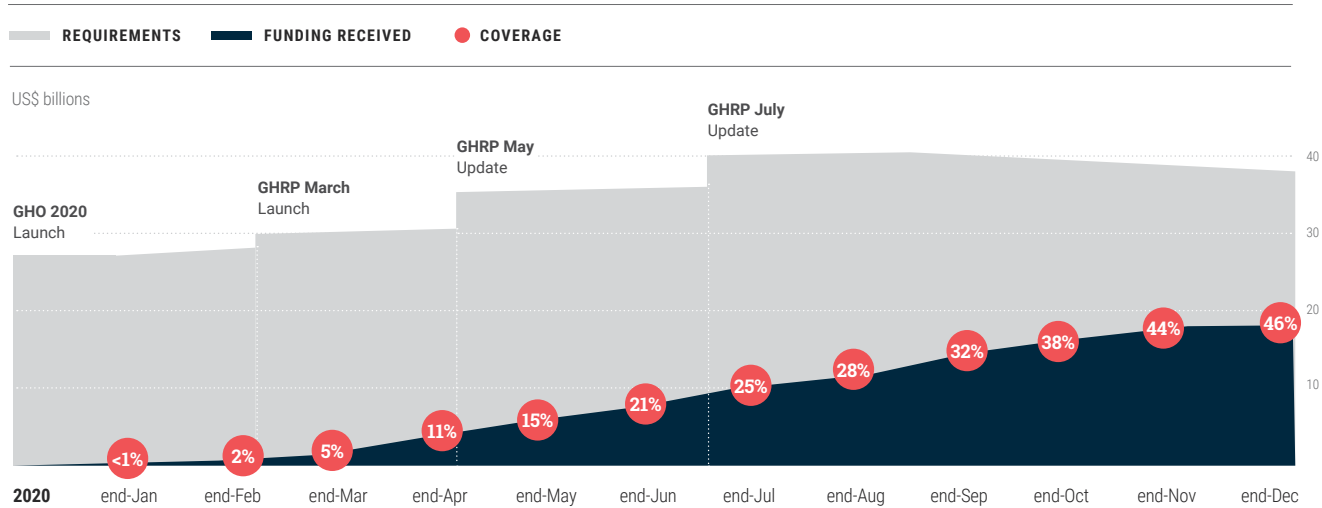
As of end December, the plans in the GHO, including the GHRP, aimed to provide assistance to 264.7 million of the 441.5 million people in need. Both figures increased – by 8.5 million people and 5.8 million people, respectively - over the end-October figures, mainly due to the Honduras Flash Appeal and changes in regional plans. This is almost triple the number of people in need at the end of 2020, and nearly one and a half times more than the people to receive assistance through the 2019 coordinated plans.

Gender-Based Violence Prevention and Response
Prevention and response to gender-based violence (GBV) remains a key priority for humanitarian agencies. This is particu-

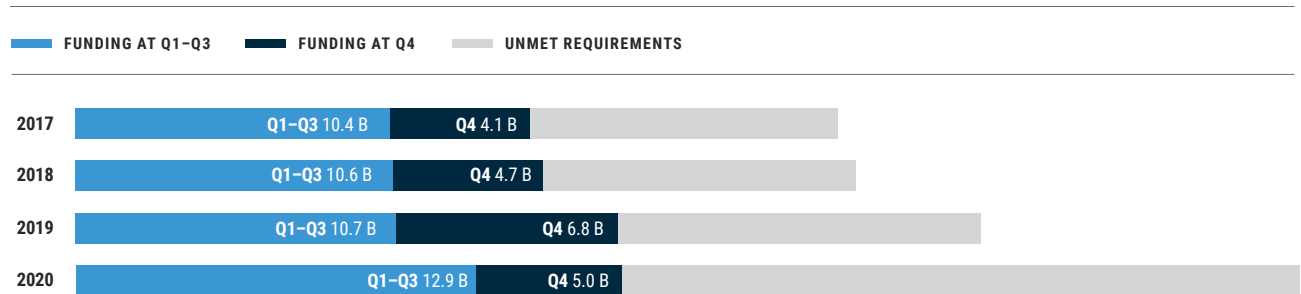
larly true in the context of COVID-19 which has deepened existing vulnerabilities and inequalities, yet the gap between requirements and funding remains large.

The final 2020 requirements for gender programming/GBV prevention and response in 18 plans / countries in the GHO were \$409.6 million.⁷ As of end December, funding against these requirements totaled \$58.4 million. An additional \$30.2 million for GBV has been reported for GHO countries / plans that have not specified requirements. Organizations receiving funds for GBV activities are strongly encouraged to report them directly to FTS at fts@un.org.

Monthly funding trend (January – December)



Funding per quarter (2017–2020)



¹ For a complete explanation of the calculation of headline figures for 2020, see page 20 of the GHO 2020.

² Global humanitarian funding includes support to organisations and activities in UN-coordinated plans, as well as reported funding for the Red Cross / Red Crescent Movement, in-kind assistance, bilateral funding and others.

³ In the context of COVID-19, there may be some funding reported as outside the GHRP because the necessary details regarding how it should be attributed have not been provided by donors or recipient agencies. It is expected that some of this funding will be counted against the GHRP requirements as more information is received.

⁴ Total 2019 funding grew to \$17.42 billion by the end of January 2020, and continued to grow as reports were received to the current total of 18.2 billion, or 63 per cent of 2019 GHO requirements.

⁵ These figures are from 31 December 2020 and are slightly higher than what was reported on 31 December 2019 and 31 December 2018.

⁶ Some of this funding may eventually be recorded as GHO funding when the necessary details regarding how it should be attributed have are provided by donors or recipient agencies. This includes COVID-related funding that maybe eventually be counted against the GHRP requirements.

⁷ This includes requirements for 18 countries / plans: Afghanistan, Cameroon, Chad, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Iraq, Kenya, Libya, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, oPt, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Syria, Ukraine, Venezuela, and Zimbabwe. While there is certainly gender/GBV programming in other GHO countries, not all of them have specified requirements in their coordinated plans. The requirements for Afghanistan, DRC and Ukraine are available in their Humanitarian Response Plans.

Global Humanitarian Overview 2020: as of 31 December 2020

INTER-AGENCY APPEAL	APPEAL TYPE	FUNDING REQUIRED (US\$)	FUNDING RECEIVED (US\$)	FUNDING COVERAGE (%)	PEOPLE IN NEED	PEOPLE TARGETED
Afghanistan	HRP	1.13 B	554.4 M	49%	13.9 M	11.1 M
Burkina Faso	HRP	424.4 M	242.4 M	57%	2.9 M	2.1 M
Burundi	HRP	197.9 M	79.0 M	40%	1.7 M	0.9 M
Cameroon	HRP	390.9 M	170.2 M	44%	6.3 M	3.4 M
CAR	HRP	553.6 M	364.9 M	66%	2.6 M	1.6 M
Chad	HRP	664.6 M	286.0 M	43%	6.4 M	3.8 M
Colombia	HRP	209.7 M	26.9 M	13%	10.4 M	1.7 M
DRC	HRP	2.07 B	713.5 M	35%	25.6 M	9.2 M
Ethiopia	HRP	1.25 B	696.0 M	56%	19.2 M	15.1 M
Haiti	HRP	472.0 M	93.9 M	20%	10.9 M	10.9 M
Iraq	HRP	662.2 M	609.1 M	92%	4.1 M	1.8 M
Libya	HRP	129.8 M	116.5 M	90%	1.0 M	0.4 M
Mali	HRP	474.3 M	223.8 M	47%	6.8 M	5.5 M
Myanmar	HRP	275.3 M	183.8 M	67%	1.0 M	0.8 M
Niger	HRP	516.1 M	311.7 M	60%	3.7 M	3.0 M
Nigeria	HRP	1.08 B	549.2 M	51%	10.6 M	7.8 M
oPt	HRP	420.4 M	249.2 M	59%	2.4 M	1.5 M
Somalia	HRP	1.01 B	826.4 M	82%	5.2 M	3.0 M
South Sudan	HRP	1.90 B	1.08 B	57%	7.5 M	7.4 M
Sudan	HRP	1.63 B	868.2 M	53%	12.2 M	8.8 M
Syria	HRP	3.82 B	2.11 B	55%	11.1 M	9.8 M
Ukraine	HRP	204.7 M	122.5 M	60%	3.4 M	2.1 M
Venezuela	HRP	762.5 M	151.8 M	20%	7.0 M	4.5 M
Yemen ⁹	HRP	3.38 B	1.69 B	50%	24.3 M	19.0 M
Zimbabwe	HRP	800.8 M	208.9 M	26%	7.5 M	6.0 M
Djibouti	FA	14.3 M	4.0 M	26%	0.2 M	0.2 M
Honduras	FA	69.2 M	8.2 M	12%	2.3 M	0.5 M
Lebanon	FA	196.6 M	154.2 M	79%	1.0 M	0.3 M
Lesotho	FA	33.7 M	13.7 M	41%	0.5 M	0.3 M
Burundi Regional ¹⁰	RRP	267.6 M	46.7 M	18%	2.8 M	2.8 M
DRC Regional ¹⁰	RRP	587.4 M	40.7 M	7%	2.2 M	2.2 M
Nigeria Regional ^{10,11}	RRP	-	-	-	-	-
South Sudan Regional ¹⁰	RRP	1.02 B	101.0 M	10%	3.8 M	3.8 M
Syria Regional ¹⁰	3RP	6.00 B	2.18 B	36%	9.5 M	9.5 M
Horn of Africa and Yemen	MRP	43.3 M	14.9 M	34%	0.2 M	0.2 M
Venezuela Regional	RMRP	1.41 B	649.6 M	46%	6.1 M	4.1 M

HRP Humanitarian Response Plan FA Flash Appeal RRP Regional Refugee Response Plan RMRP Regional Migrant and Refugee Response Plan

⁹ This figure estimates year-long requirements in Yemen, including for COVID-19 activities.

¹⁰ The RRP requirements and funding only include the countries not overlapping with HRPs tracked in FTS: for Burundi Regional, Rwanda, Tanzania, and Uganda are included; for DRC Regional, Angola, Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia are included; for South Sudan Regional, Kenya, Uganda, and Ethiopia are included. Funding for RRP is based on contributions reported by donors and recipient organisations. Updates are ongoing.

¹¹ The requirements for the Nigeria RRP are included in the Cameroon, Chad and Niger HRPs.

INTER-AGENCY APPEAL	APPEAL TYPE	FUNDING REQUIRED (US\$)	FUNDING RECEIVED (US\$)	FUNDING COVERAGE (%)	PEOPLE IN NEED	PEOPLE TARGETED
Bangladesh	Other	1.06 B	613.9 M	58%	1.8 M	1.8 M
Cabo Delgado	Other	35.5 M	45.4 M	100%	0.7 M	0.4 M
DPR Korea	Other	107.0 M	29.7 M	28%	10.4 M	5.5 M
Benin	COVID	17.9 M	3.3 M	19%	3.0 M	1.0 M
Colombia	COVID	283.9 M	35.3 M	12%	-	-
DPR Korea	COVID	39.7 M	3.5 M	9%	-	-
Iran	COVID	117.3 M	73.7 M	63%	40.1 M	25.0 M
Lebanon	COVID	136.5 M	91.2 M	67%	6.0 M	-
Liberia	COVID	57.0 M	7.5 M	13%	4.4 M	2.5 M
Mozambique	COVID	68.1 M	60.0 M	88%	-	-
Pakistan	COVID	145.8 M	88.5 M	61%	6.7 M	5.7 M
Philippines	COVID	121.8 M	20.6 M	17%	39.0 M	5.4 M
Sierra Leone	COVID	62.9 M	20.1 M	32%	-	1.8 M
Togo	COVID	19.8 M	5.2 M	26%	3.5 M	1.5 M
Bangladesh <i>Intersectoral</i> ¹²	COVID	205.9 M	59.7 M	29%	20.2 M	7.5 M
Djibouti <i>Intersectoral</i> ¹²	COVID	30.0 M	5.0 M	17%	1.2 M	0.6 M
Ecuador <i>Intersectoral</i> ¹²	COVID	46.4 M	19.5 M	42%	9.0 M	2.4 M
Jordan <i>Intersectoral</i> ¹²	COVID	52.8 M	18.6 M	35%	1.4 M	1.0 M
Kenya <i>Intersectoral</i> ¹²	COVID	254.9 M	62.0 M	24%	13.8 M	9.7 M
Rep. Of Congo <i>Intersectoral</i> ¹²	COVID	12.0 M	1.7 M	14%	1.7 M	0.4 M
Tanzania <i>Intersectoral</i> ¹²	COVID	158.9 M	19.0 M	12%	11.1 M	7.5 M
Uganda <i>Intersectoral</i> ¹²	COVID	200.2 M	27.6 M	14%	13.6 M	11.4 M
Zambia <i>Intersectoral</i> ¹²	COVID	125.6 M	13.2 M	11%	9.8 M	6.1 M
Famine prevention <i>Global</i>	COVID	500.0 M	80.0 M	16%	-	-
NGO envelope <i>Global</i>	COVID	300.0 M	6.0 M	2%	-	-
Support services <i>Global</i>	COVID	376.0 M	293.6 M	78%	-	-
Unspecified GHRP Funding		-	417.3 M	-	-	-
TOTAL		38.61 B	17.86 B	46%	441.5 M	264.7 M

Other Other Inter-agency appeals COVID COVID-19 appeals

¹² Intersectoral plans include the humanitarian component of existing intersectoral COVID-19 response plans in countries already included in the GHRP through a Regional Refugee Response Plan, a Regional Migrant Plan or a Joint Response Plan. This covers stand-alone plans for Bangladesh, Djibouti, Ecuador, Jordan, Kenya, Republic of the Congo, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia.

News from the CERF



Burkina Faso is one of the fastest-growing humanitarian crises in the world. Violence has forced one million people to flee their homes since early 2019. Women and children are the most affected. Conflict, displacement, food insecurity and COVID-19 have left 2.9 million people in need of assistance. OCHA/Maismont

Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF)

In December 2020, \$35.7 million was allocated¹³ from the Central Emergency Response Fund's rapid response (RR) window. RR allocations include \$18 million to support people affected by conflict in the Tigray region of Ethiopia (with \$13 million for assistance inside Ethiopia and \$5 million in Sudan); \$13.2 million for anticipatory action ahead of forecasted drought in Ethiopia; \$2 million for people affected by Tropical Storms Eta and Iota in Nicaragua; \$1.5 million to respond to locust infestations in Eastern Africa; and \$1 million to scale up UNHAS operations in the context of election-related violence in the Central African Republic.

Special Allocation for Food Insecurity

USG/ERC Mark Lowcock has allocated \$80 million to six extremely food-insecure countries across the globe: Afghanistan (\$15 million), Burkina Faso (\$6 million), the Democratic Republic of the Congo (\$7 million), Nigeria (\$15 million), South Sudan (\$7 million), and Yemen (\$30 million). An extra \$20 million has been set aside for anticipatory action in Ethiopia, which is also suffering from high levels of food insecurity and where droughts could exacerbate the already fragile situation. The release of funding has been accompanied by a warning from the USG/ERC that without immediate action, in the coming months famine could be declared for the first time since 2017, fueling conflict, triggering mass displacement and resulting in preventable casualties.

Special Allocation to Combat Gender-Based Violence (GBV)

USG/ERC Mark Lowcock has released \$25 million from CERF to support women-led organizations that prevent and respond to gender-based violence in humanitarian settings. The United Nations Populations Fund received \$17 million while UN Women

received \$8 million. The funding is allocated as global block grants to the two agencies and the countries that will receive funding is currently being decided. Both agencies will channel at least 30 per cent of funds to organizations run by women that prevent violence against women and girls, and help victims and survivors with access to medical care, family planning, legal advice, safe spaces, mental health services, and counselling. The special allocation directly responds to the needs of women, an area that continues to be overlooked and underfunded. This is particularly important as the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has helped reveal the full extent of gender inequality and women's needs.

Allocation for Anticipatory Action for Drought in Ethiopia

On 7 December 2020, the Ethiopia anticipatory action framework was activated and \$20 million was set aside when pre-agreed trigger thresholds for food insecurity and the probability of drought had been reached. The ERC allocated \$13.2 million for a first tranche of time-critical anticipatory actions in agriculture, education, nutrition, protection and water and sanitation. The ERC will release a second tranche of up to \$6.8 million from CERF in February 2021 if trigger thresholds are still being reached and based on more certain seasonal rainfall forecasts.

CERF High Level Pledging Event

On 8 December, over 50 donors announced pledges totaling more than \$370 million for 2021 – higher than those made at the pledging event a year ago for 2020. With top-ups for 2020 also announced at the event, overall funding for 2020 reached \$620 million. In 2020, CERF provided time-critical, innovative and life-saving assistance that benefited some 65 million people across 52 countries and territories for a total of close to \$900 million – the highest amount ever allocated by CERF in a single year.

¹³ Allocations endorsed by the Emergency Relief Coordinator

News from the CBPFs



Syria. A 13 year old displaced Syrian girl attends an online class in Dana district camp. After the closure of her school due to the spread of COVID-19, the Saed Charity Association provided distance learning solutions, funded by the Syria Cross Border Humanitarian Fund.

Country-based Pooled Funds (CBPFs)

By the end of December 2020, CBPFs had allocated around \$728.5 million to humanitarian partners, including \$231 million to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and its secondary impacts on vulnerable people. Another \$154.8 million are currently under finalization of contractual arrangements.

CBPFs disbursed \$81.6 million to humanitarian partners in 14 countries in December. Of this amount, around 87 per cent (\$70.9 million) went to NGOs, including \$24.4 million to 53 local and national partners, and \$0.3 million to one Red Cross/Red Crescent National Society. CBPF funds targeted approximately 3.7 million women and girls, representing over half of the expected recipients (7 million people) of live-saving assistance through CBPFs in December.¹⁴

CBPFs continue to be the largest direct source of funding for local and national partners on the front lines of emergency responses. In 2020, 38 per cent (\$273 million) of CBPF funding was provided to national and local NGOs, including \$63 million received as sub-implementing partners of other organizations. In addition, \$13.7 million was provided to Red Cross/Red Crescent National Societies.

Seven CBPF allocations were launched (or completed) by Humanitarian Coordinators in December

Democratic Republic of the Congo: \$2.2 million reserve allocation to develop and strengthen coordination platforms, including reinforcing the coordination capacity of cluster and regional coordination hubs, and improving the collection and analysis of information and data for the Humanitarian Response Plan. A \$3.7 million reserve allocation to scale up response for displaced people and host communities in the South Kivu region was also made

Ethiopia: \$12 million reserve allocation to support the emergency humanitarian response launched in the conflict-affected regions of northern Ethiopia.

Iraq: \$5.7 million reserve allocation to provide support to refugee camps that are unexpectedly closing, forcing residents to return to their region of origin or to be displaced for a second time.

Myanmar: \$5 million standard allocation to support the coordinated humanitarian response to displaced people and host communities in Chin, Rakhine, Kachin, Shan and Kayin States. The allocation includes a specific envelope to support inter-agency efforts on Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) through a joint program for awareness-raising and strengthening of community-based complaint mechanisms for PSEA.

Sudan: \$5.6 million reserve allocation for multisectoral response to the urgent needs of recently arrived refugees from Ethiopia. A \$1.1 million reserve allocation was also made to scale up the response in newly accessible areas in Jebel Mara and the Two Areas regions.

Syria Cross Border: \$13 million standard allocation to scale up humanitarian response in northwest Syria, particularly in relation to COVID-19 and to winterization needs.

Yemen: \$75.8 million standard allocation to address the risk of famine and the consequences of COVID-19.

Contributions to CBPFs

As of 31 December, donors had contributed \$860 million to OCHA-managed country-based pooled funds in 2020, including the top five fund recipients: \$155 million to the Syria Cross Border HF, \$98 million to the Yemen HF, \$73 million to the Sudan HF, \$66 million to the South Sudan HF, and \$61 million to the Ethiopia HF.

¹⁴ The number of people targeted and reached may include double counting as some people may receive assistance from multiple projects.

CERF Allocations

ALLOCATIONS IN DECEMBER ¹⁵

\$36M

ALLOCATIONS IN 2020

\$904M

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED IN 2020

\$623M

COUNTRY / REGION	APPEAL TYPE	MONTHLY ALLOCATION	OF WHICH: RR	UFE	PURPOSE OF ALLOCATION	TOTAL 2020 ALLOCATIONS
Eastern Africa		1.5 M	1.5 M	–	Locust infestations	1.5 M
CAR	HRP	1.0 M	1.0 M	–	Displacement	1.0 M
Ethiopia	HRP	26.2 M	26.2 M	–	Drought (Anticipatory Action); Conflict (Tigray)	32.2 M
Nicaragua		2.0 M	2.0 M	–	Tropical Storms Eta and Iota	2.0 M
Sudan	HRP	5.0 M	5.0 M	–	Displacement (Tigray refugees)	103.4 M

CBPFs Allocations

ALLOCATIONS IN DECEMBER ¹⁶

\$82M

ALLOCATIONS IN 2020 ¹⁷

\$729M

ALLOCATIONS IN 2020 BY ORGANISATION TYPE

International NGOs **40%** UN Agencies **29%**
National NGOs **29%** RC/RC **2%**

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED IN 2020 ¹⁸

\$860M

POOLED FUND	APPEAL TYPE	MONTHLY ALLOCATION (US\$)	ALLOCATIONS IN 2020 (US\$)	TOTAL ALLOCATIONS UNDER APPROVAL (US\$) ¹⁹
Afghanistan	HRP	10.8 M	74.3 M	2.5 M
CAR	HRP	5.0 M	26.8 M	4.3 M
DRC	HRP	5.1 M	64.8 M	5.0 M
Ethiopia	HRP	9.3 M	34.1 M	23.3 M
Iraq	HRP	2.1 M	16.6 M	0.4 M
Jordan	3RP	0.4 M	8.3 M	–
Lebanon	3RP	–	16.2 M	–
Myanmar	HRP	–	11.0 M	5.2 M
Nigeria	HRP	1.2 M	21.2 M	2.3 M
oPt	HRP	8.8 M	32.2 M	2.0 M
Pakistan		–	9.7 M	–
Somalia	HRP	2.3 M	36.2 M	4.0 M
South Sudan	HRP	7.7 M	49.4 M	–
Sudan	HRP	8.0 M	60.5 M	11.6 M
Syria	HRP	5.8 M	60.2 M	8.2 M
Syria Cross border	3RP	14.9 M	179.9 M	2.7 M
Ukraine	HRP	0.1 M	3.8 M	6.9 M
Yemen	HRP	–	23.3 M	76.4 M

¹⁵ Final projects approved by the Emergency Relief Coordinator. / ¹⁶ Total amount of projects approved from 1 December to 31 December. / ¹⁷ Total amount of projects approved in 2020. / ¹⁸ Includes both contributions and pledges. For a full breakdown, see: pfbf.unocha.org / ¹⁹ Total amount of projects being approved. /

For more information and full breakdown of allocation and contributions, please visit:

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