

# About Country-Based Pooled Funds



INVESTING IN HUMANITY

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Country-Based Pooled Funds (CBPFs) enable humanitarian partners operating in countries affected by natural disasters and armed conflict to deliver timely and effective life-saving assistance to people who need it most. They allow Governments and private donors to pool their contributions to support specific emergencies.

## HOW CBPFs WORK

CBPFs are established by the UN Emergency Relief Coordinator (ERC) when a new emergency occurs or when an existing humanitarian situation deteriorates. They are managed locally by the Humanitarian Coordinator (HC) in consultation with the humanitarian community.

Contributions—mainly from Governments—are collected into single, unearmarked funds to support local humanitarian efforts.

Money is allocated through an inclusive and transparent process in support of priorities set out in coordinated Humanitarian Response Plans. This ensures that funding is available and prioritized at the local level by those closest to people in need.

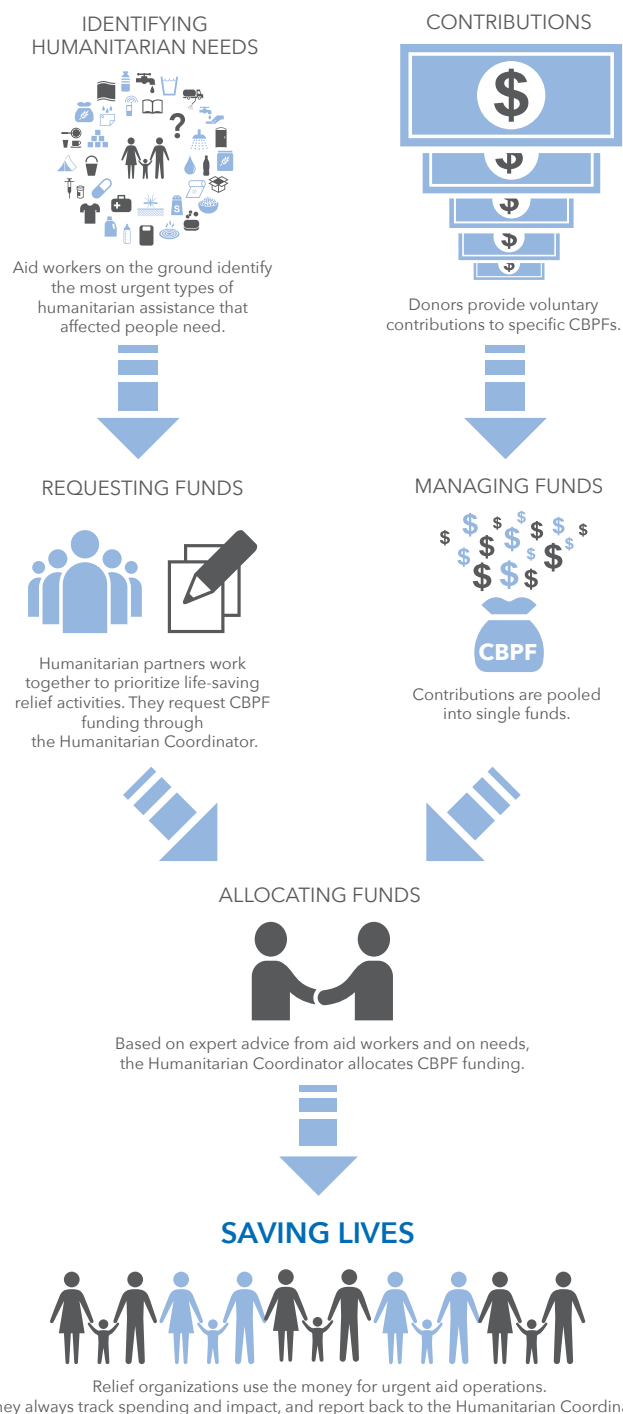
There are currently 18 active CBPFs. They have received a combined total of US\$706 million for 2016.

## AN INVESTMENT IN HUMANITY

CBPFs help in-country relief organizations to reach the most vulnerable people and use available resources more effectively and efficiently:

- **CBPFs are inclusive and promote partnership.** Funds are directly available to a wide range of relief partners. This includes national and local non-governmental organizations (NGOs) who often have better local knowledge and access to hard-to-reach areas.
- **CBPFs are timely and flexible.** They support the delivery of an agile response in fluid emergency situations.
- **CBPFs are efficient and accountable.** They minimize transaction costs and provide transparency and accountability. Recipient organizations are thoroughly assessed; relief projects are monitored with regular reporting on achievement.

Following the 2016 World Humanitarian Summit, the UN Secretary-General put forward his Agenda for Humanity. He stressed the critical role of CBPFs, and he called on donors to increase the proportion of humanitarian appeal funding channelled through CBPFs to 15 per cent by 2018. At current levels, that would translate to more than \$1.9 billion per year.



## FUNDING RECIPIENTS

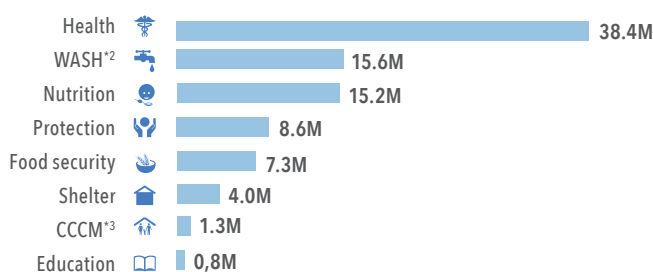
Funding from CBPFs is directly available to UN agencies, national and international NGOs and Red Cross/Red Crescent organizations.

In 2016, CBPFs allocated more than \$721 million to 630 partners in 17 countries to support 1,280 critical humanitarian projects. These projects targeted millions of people with healthcare, food aid, clean water, shelter and other life-saving assistance.

Some two thirds of that amount went to NGOs with almost 18 per cent going directly to national NGOs, making CBPFs their largest source of direct funding.

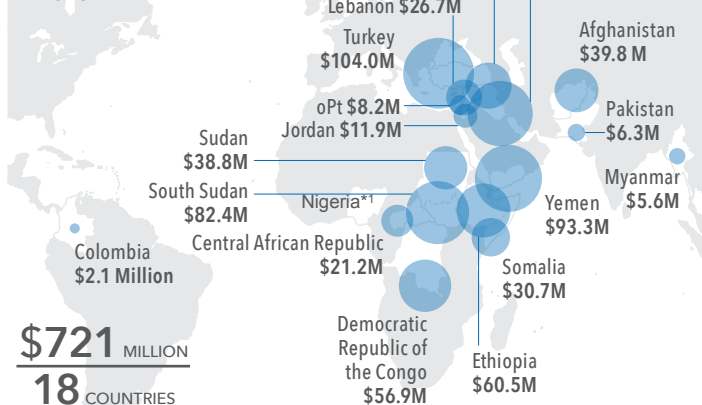
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M= MILLION



CBPFs also supported Coordination services, Emergency Telecommunications, Early Recovery, Logistics and Multi-cluster.

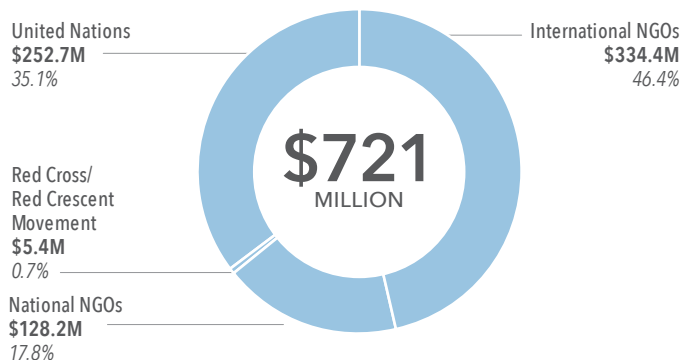
### RECIPIENTS BY COUNTRY IN 2016



**\$721** MILLION  
**18** COUNTRIES

### RECIPIENTS BY PARTNER TYPE IN 2016

M= MILLION



## CBPF CONTRIBUTORS

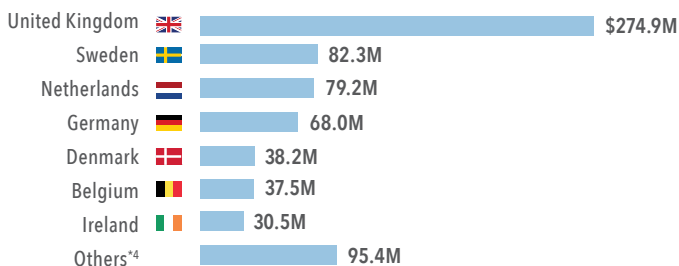
CBPFs are funded by voluntary contributions from Governments and private donors.

### CONTRIBUTIONS IN 2016

**\$706** MILLION | **21** MEMBER STATES & OTHER DONORS

### TOP DONORS IN 2016

M= MILLION



## CBPF MANAGEMENT

CBPFs are locally managed by the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) under the leadership of the HC. An Advisory Board oversees the management of CBPFs, providing advice on key decisions, and ensuring that they are efficiently and effectively managed in compliance with policies and standards.

At the global level, the Pooled Fund Working Group brings together key stakeholders (representing donors, NGOs and UN agencies) to provide policy guidance.

OCHA's Funding Coordination Section provides support and guidance to OCHA country offices and HCs on matters related to management of CBPFs including policy, operations, finance and administration, and oversight and compliance.

## HOW TO CONTRIBUTE



### 01.

Member States, observers and other authorities that wish to contribute to CBPFs can contact the OCHA Donor Relations Section at [ocha.donor.relations@un.org](mailto:ocha.donor.relations@un.org)

### 02.

Individuals, corporations and foundations can visit [www.unfoundation.org/how-to-help/donate/support-unh-erf.html](http://www.unfoundation.org/how-to-help/donate/support-unh-erf.html) to contribute directly to CBPFs.

### 03.

For general information about CBPFs, please contact Tomas de Mul in OCHA's Funding Coordination Section at [demul@un.org](mailto:demul@un.org), or visit: <http://bit.ly/1GjS6oq>

<sup>\*1</sup> Nigeria: established in 2017 | <sup>\*2</sup> Water Sanitation Hygiene | <sup>\*3</sup> Camp coordination/management | <sup>\*4</sup> Australia, Canada, Cyprus, France, Iceland, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Norway, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Switzerland and the United States