

### Responding to the impact of COVID-19 with speed and agility

The Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) and Country-based Pooled Funds (CBPFs) played an important role in the delivery of emergency aid following the outbreak of COVID-19. The Funds responded to the primary impact of the pandemic with speed and agility, focusing on health and water/sanitation services. The Funds also addressed the secondary impacts of the pandemic, focusing on broader needs such as food insecurity, protection and gender-based violence. While responding to the COVID-19 emergency, the Funds were able to sustain critical humanitarian responses around the globe.



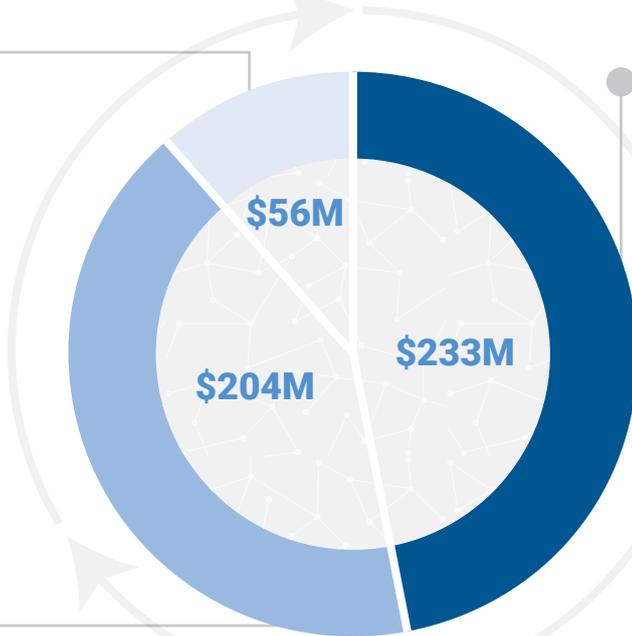
#### SUPPORTING LOGISTICS AND COMMON SERVICES

The pandemic severely disrupted international supply chains. CBPFs and CERF allocated **\$56M** to ensure critical supplies could reach those in need. This funding enabled WFP and other humanitarian partners to expand logistic and support services, including the transportation of supplies and flights for emergency workers.



#### SUPPORTING THE HEALTH AND WATER/SANITATION RESPONSE

Together, OCHA-managed pooled funds allocated **\$233M** to scale up the health and water/sanitation response. Humanitarian partners served remote, vulnerable communities with essential health care and protective equipment, and increased access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene. Partners also raised awareness about the spread of COVID-19.



#### ADDRESSING THE SECONDARY IMPACTS OF THE PANDEMIC

CERF and CBPFs provided **\$204M** to meet critical humanitarian needs that arose as a result of COVID-19. Over \$113M was provided to address **food insecurity** and restore livelihoods – including through distribution of food parcels, agricultural inputs and cash transfers. In response to increasing **risk and exposure to GBV**, OCHA Pooled Funds made targeted allocations to strengthen prevention and response – with some \$30M allocated by CERF and \$6.6M allocated by CBPFs to scale up GBV prevention and response. The Pooled Funds also prioritized **broader protection needs**, with an additional \$20M provided to benefit the most vulnerable people impacted by the pandemic.



### Innovating to respond to COVID-19

CBPFs introduced flexibility measures in the use of budgets and adapted monitoring arrangements while maintaining sound accountability and oversight. UN agencies were granted maximum flexibility on where to use CERF funding. CERF also introduced innovative allocation approaches to channel funding to where it was needed most, and to remain in step with the evolving nature of the pandemic.

TOTAL ALLOCATION (US\$)

**\$493M**

CERF ALLOCATION (US\$)

**\$241M**

CBPF ALLOCATION (US\$)

**\$252M**

**48**  
COUNTRIES

CERF  
PEOPLE TARGETED

**69.2M**



OF WHICH

Men 19.3M  
Women 20.1M

Boys 15.1M  
Girls 14.8M

CBPF  
PEOPLE TARGETED

**44.8M**



OF WHICH

Men 12.1M  
Women 13.5M

Boys 9.4M  
Girls 9.8M

## Channeling resources to NGOs for front-line response

The CERF and CBPFs provided \$226 million to international and national NGOs, Red Cross/Red Crescent National Societies and other local partners. These resources were channeled directly or by way of subgrants.

**CBPFs allocated some 63% of total resources to NGOs.** Of total funding, 32 per cent (\$80 million) benefited local and national actors specifically.

**CERF disbursed \$58 million to NGOs and partners**, including by way of sub-grants from UN agencies. This includes an innovative allocation of \$25 million specifically to international and national NGOs in six countries. One third of all NGOs supported under this allocation were national or local NGOs.

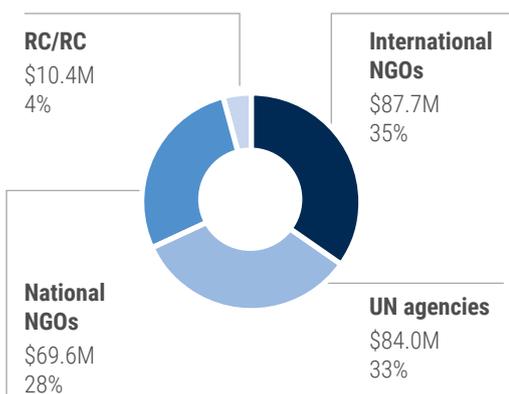
### CBPF

#### ALLOCATION PER PARTNER TYPE

NO. PARTNERS	NO. PROJECTS
<b>283</b>	<b>765</b>

#### TOTAL ALLOCATION (US\$)

**\$252M** TO NGOs **67%**



### CERF

#### ALLOCATION PER UN AGENCY (US\$) \*

UN AGENCY	TOTAL ALLOCATIONS
WFP	114.0M
UNFPA	20.2M
WHO	20.0M
UNICEF	16.0M
FAO	9.0M
UN Women	8.0M
UNHCR	6.9M
UNDP	3.2M
IOM	2.8M
UN-Habitat	0.05M

NGOs via IOM 25.0M

\* The \$241M allocated by CERF includes \$15.6M in reprogramming from existing projects.

## Measuring the impact and reach of Pooled Fund investments

<p>Access to <b>safe drinking water</b> and clean water for 4 million people. 3.7 million people received <b>hygiene and sanitation kits</b></p>	<p>Support to <b>2,000 medical facilities</b> (ICU, isolation rooms, mobile clinics). 3.5 million people benefited from <b>health care services</b></p>	<p>22 million people reached through <b>health awareness campaigns</b> and hygiene promotion activities</p>	<p>Essential <b>protection services</b> for 692,000 people, including psychosocial support, legal assistance and protection awareness campaigns</p>	<p>Among them around 343,000 people benefited from <b>GBV prevention and response activities</b></p>
<p>Over 23 million units of <b>personal protective equipment</b>, health kits and medical supplies delivered</p>	<p>54 humanitarian hubs established to facilitate <b>cargo movement</b>. 4,834 cargo flights operated</p>	<p>500,000 people received <b>cash assistance</b> for household essentials including food, water, medicines, utilities and rent</p>	<p>5 million children supported with <b>distance or home-based learning</b></p>	<p><b>Livelihood support</b> including agricultural and livestock inputs and skills-development training for 130,000 people. 615,000 people received shelter and other items for <b>early recovery</b></p>

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